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OF THE

SEVENTH SESSION

OF THE

BAPTIST CONVENTION

OF

NOVA SCOTIA, NEW BRUNSWICK,

AND

PRINCE EDWARD ISLAND,

HELD AT SACKVILLE, N. B.

SEPTEMBER 18TH, 20TH AND 21ST.

SAINT JOHN, N. B.

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SACKVILLE, September 18, 1852.

The Baptist Convention of Nova Scotia, New Brunswick, and Prince Edward Island commenced Seventh Annual Session at the Baptist Meeting House of the Second Sackville Church, on Saturday afternoon. After a Discourse from the Rev. W. Hall, the Rev. Charles Tupper, as senior President (present) of the Convention, called the Meeting to Order. The Rev. W. Hall was chosen Secretary *pro tem*.

The Rev. Dr. Maclay and Brother Arthur Crawford were invited to take a seat with the Convention. The names of Delegates were then announced and received.

DELEGATES.

Scotia Western Association—Rev. Charles Tupper, G. Strong, J. Park, and James Parker.

Scotia Central Association—J. W. Barss, M. Beckwith, Ferguson, and David Lyons.

Scotia Eastern Association—Brother Elisha B. Cullen, Deacon McKenzie, John King, and Job Seaman.

Brunswick Eastern Association—Brethren F. Sears, James Peterson, S. Mineo, E. Reed, Edwd. Bowes.

Brunswick Western Association—Rev. Thos. Magee.

College—Dr. Cramp.

Church—Simon Fitch.

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- Union Society*—S. C. Tupper, Brother A. Marsters.
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1st Yarmouth Church—Rev. W. Burton.
1st St. George Church—Rev. G. F. Miles, and Brother Seelye.
Fredericton Church—Brother Hughes.
Windsor Church—Brother Hall.
2nd Sackville Church—Rev. Wm. Coleman, Brethren Harper, Titus, Hicks, John Thompson, Michael Cole.
2nd Liverpool Church—Brethren T. Jacobs, James R. DeWolf and Bentley.
Brussels Street Church—Rev. S. Robinson, from Church, and Rev. E. N. Harris, from Union Society.
Portland Church—Rev. R. Thomson.
1st Sackville Church—Brethren Marshall and J. Anderson.
Buctouche Church—Brother McPhail.
Returned Missionary—Brother Burpe.
1st Moncton Church—Brethren James Newcomb and Thomas Truman.
Pugwash Church—Brother Amos Eaton.
Germain Street Church—Rev. I. E. Bill.
2nd Salisbury Church—Brother James Herritt.

Voted, That the Revs. Wm. Chipman, Wm. Burton, and Brother H. E. Seelye, be a Committee to nominate the Officers and Boards for the ensuing year.

The following Committees were appointed:

- On Union Societies and Quarterly Meetings*—Revs. John Chipman, R. Burpe, G. F. Miles, and H. E. Seelye.
On Religious Publications and Colportage—Rev. G. Armstrong, Emmerson, Elisha Cullen, Eliphalet Reed, and McPhail.
On Sabbath Schools—Brethren Wallace, Park, Hughes, and Thompson.
On Bible Distribution—Rev. Dr. MacLay, John Francis, Brother Beckwith, S. Fitch, and Newcomb.
To examine Reports of Treasurer—Brethren James DeWolf, Emmerson, and Job Seaman.
On the state of the Denomination—Revs. Dr. Cramp, Billingson, Miles and Ferguson.

Voted. That Brother William Jacobs be Treasurer of this Convention for Nova Scotia, and Brother Wallace for New Brunswick.

Resolved, That the immediate objects of this Convention—Education, Foreign Missions, and Superannuated Ministers'—be taken up and discussed before any other subject is brought before this meeting.

Voted, That Brethren Dr. Cramp, MacLay, and Thomson be a Committee to prepare a Memorial of our departed brethren.

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Adjourned, to meet on Monday morning, at 10 o'clock. Prayer by Br. Parker.

Monday, 10 o'clock, a. m.

The Introductory Sermon was preached by the Rev. George Armstrong, of Port Medway, from John, 17th chap.

A Collection was then made for the purposes of the Convention. After Prayer by the Moderator, Rev. Charles Tupper, the Rules of Order were read.

The following Delegates were then reported: From Onslow Church, Rev. David Dimock; the following Brethren also took their seats as members of the Convention:

Nathan Lawrence, L. Lawrence, Edward Kinear, Caleb Estabrooks, Thomas Anderson, Maccan Church, Rev. John Rowe, and James Atkinson.

Rev. Maynard Parker, Rev. John Chase, Rev. Willard Parker, Isaiah Wallace, Bro. John Wood, delegate from Maccan Church, Brother Joseph [?], from Minudie, were invited to take a seat with the Convention, as qualified members, according to the Rules of the Convention, also Br. John [?], and Br. Gaius Lewis, were invited to take seat, and all other members qualified to vote.

A very free discussion took place in the Committee to nominate Officers, report as follows:

The Committee appointed to nominate Officers and Boards for the ensuing year, would beg to make the following recommendation:—

To supply the vacancies in the Board of Governors of Acadia College, Brethren Charles Tupper and G. F. Miles.

- President and Vice President, to remain as last year.
 Auditor, J. W. Barss.
 Secretaries, Revs. I. E. Bill and Wm. Hall.
 Board of Directors, Rev. James Parker, Asa Coy, J. W. Nutting.
 Board of Foreign Missions, Rev. Samuel Robinson, Abram Stronack, and John Ferguson, Simon Fitch, M. D.
 To control funds for Superannuated Ministers, Revs. R. Thomson, John King.

WM. CHIPMAN, Chairman.

Resolved, That in future all Delegates to the Convention report themselves to the Secretary on the first day of the Session.

The Committee of Arrangement report that they recommend that Bro. Bill preach this evening at 7 o'clock. Adopted.

Educational Report read, received, and left open for further discussion.

Report on the state of the denomination, read and adopted. (Appendix A.)

Adjourned until half-past Two o'clock, to meet in the Meeting House of the First Baptist Church. Prayer by Bro. Robinson.

AFTERNOON SESSION.

Bro. Robinson in the Chair.

Prayer by Bro. R. Thomson.

Dr. Cramp again read the Report of Academe College. A very free discussion took place in regard to the management, necessities, and present position of the Institution, in which many of the Brethren took an active part, giving full expression to their views in relation to the whole question.

Report Adopted. (Appendix B.)

Adjourned to meet at 7 in the evening.

EVENING SESSION.

Met according to adjournment.

Preaching by Bro. Bill, from Phillipians i. 27 :

“Striving together for the faith of the Gospel.”

After the Sermon the Meeting was called to order. After which Dr. Cramp read a series of Resolutions in reference to Acadia College. (See Appendix C.)

Addresses were delivered by Dr. Maclay, Brethren Cutten, Burton, Blinkhorn, Seelye, Robinson, Thomson, Harris, Tupper, Bill, Francis, and Bentley, &c. &c. The meeting was full of interest and the Endowment Fund considerably increased.

Adjourned to meet at 6 o'clock to-morrow morning.

Prayer by Bro. Bill.

Tuesday, 6 o'clock, a. m.

Met according to adjournment. Bro. Robinson on the Chair.

Prayer by Bro. E. N. Harris.

Resolved, That the time for closing the Endowment be the 1st January next.

Resolved, That Dr. Cramp and Brethren Francis, Cutten, Parmenters, Beckwith, Dr. S. Fitch, and Hunt, be a Committee to examine an Agency to complete the Endowment plan, and that the Committee superintend such Agency.

Adjourned until 10 o'clock a. m.

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Met according to adjournment. Prayer by Bro. Francis.

Resolved, That the time for commencing the next College

Term, came up in due form for discussion, during which the Brethren fully expressed their sentiments, whereupon the following Resolution passed:

Resolved, That the opening of the College be postponed until the 20th January next.

The question of providing additional Professors for the College, next came up for consideration, and the following Resolution passed with the utmost unanimity:

Resolved, That this Convention entertain for Dr. Crawley the most profound respect, as it regards his talents and his piety, and we take this opportunity of expressing to him our gratitude for his valuable services to this denomination, especially in his connection with the Educational interests of this country, and we beg to assure him of our unanimous wish, providing the proposed endowment be raised, that he become associated with Dr. Cramp in the management and instructions of Acadia College; and that the arrangements respecting the position these gentlemen are to occupy, be referred to the Board of Governors.

Adjourned until 3 o'clock p. m.

AFTERFOON SESSION.

Met according to adjournment.

Resolved, That this Convention hold its next Annual Session at Nictaux,

Resolved, That Rev. G. F. Miles preach the Introductory Sermon, and that Brother Robinson be his Alternate.

The Committee on Agency for Endowment Fund, reported as follows:

Resolved, That it be recommended to the Convention to continue the services of Dr. Maclay, for as long a period as he may be willing to remain in the country; and that Brother Francis be requested to accompany Dr. Maclay, in Nova Scotia, and Brother Wallace in New Brunswick, and that Brother Wallace remain at the Agency afterwards, under the direction of the Committee

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2. *Resolved*, That Dr. Maclay be instructed to visit the churches of Cumberland and Colchester, N. B., and Westmoreland and Albert, N. B.

3. *Resolved*, That the Brethren Robinson and Bill be requested to visit the County of St. John, and the Churches on the River St. John, and Kennebecasis, as far as Fredericton.

4. *Resolved*, That Brethren Newcomb and Hunt be requested to visit King's and Queen's Counties.

5. *Resolved*, That Brethren Emmerson, Saunders, and Todd be requested to visit the Churches on the St. John, commencing with Fredericton.

6. *Resolved*, That Brethren Miles and A. D. Thompson be requested to visit the Churches in Charlotte County.

7. *Resolved*, That Brother Dimock be requested to visit Stewiac, Musquidoboit, and the County of Halifax.

8. *Resolved*, That Brother Francis L. Martell be requested to visit the Churches in Colchester County and the Island of Cape Breton.

9. *Resolved*, That Dr. Cramp be requested to visit the Churches in Hants County, and the City of Halifax.

10. *Resolved*, That Brethren Tapper and Parker be requested to visit the Churches in Annapolis County.

11. *Resolved*, That the Brethren Cunningham, Randall, and J. Morse, be requested to visit the Churches in Digby County.

12. *Resolved*, That the Brethren Burton, Davis, and James Abbott, be requested to visit the Churches in the Counties of Yarmouth and Shelbourne.

13. *Resolved*, That Brethren James Parker, Armstrong, Taylor, and Bentley be requested to visit the Churches in the Counties of Queen's and Lunenburg.

14. *Resolved*, That the Brethren Hobbs and Wallace be requested to visit the Churches in Prince Edward Island.

15. *Resolved*, That the Travelling Expenses of the above Brethren be paid, and that the Churches visited by them be requested to make Collections for the object during their visit.

Report adopted.

Resolved, That Brother S. Fitch, M. D., of Wolfville, be appointed Treasurer of Acadia College.

Subscriptions opened to pay Balance due Professors of Acadia College. The sum of £50 was raised in a few minutes.

Resolved, That the request of the Western and Central Associations of Nova Scotia, in reference to the Infirm Ministers' Fund

be complied with, and in accordance with the view presented by these Associations, would recommend that the Fund be controlled in future by the respective Associations in the two Provinces; and further, that the monies now in the hands of Treasurers be divided justly amongst the Associations in the Provinces in which they have been collected.

The Committee on Periodicals and Colportage,
reported as follows :

The Committee on Religious Publications and Colportage, Report with pleasure, the enlarged circulation to which the Christian Messenger and Christian Visiter have attained during the past year. We form a high estimate of the value of these periodicals, to the interest and welfare of the Baptist Denomination in these Provinces, and desire that each in its respective sphere of operation may have still more enlarged and increasing success.

The Committee rejoice in the success which has attended the Colportage enterprize in New Brunswick, and hope that similar efforts in Nova Scotia will meet with encouragement from the Churches. We commend to the confidence and sympathy of our people the Brethren who have engaged in disseminating throughout our land, Publications fraught with the precious doctrines of Divine truth. All of which is respectfully submitted.

GEO. ARMSTRONG, Chairman.

Report adopted.

Report on Sabbath Schools :—

The Committee on Sabbath Schools report, That they are pleased to learn from the Minutes of the different Associations composing this body, that the subject of Sabbath Schools has received increased attention during the past year.

They would urge the importance of establishing Schools in our Churches, and also of having the same well supplied with Bibles, &c., which may be had in great variety at the Depositories of Brethren J. F. Marsters, at St. John, and J. Chase, at Westville.

I. WALLACE, Chairman.

Adopted.

Report on the Bible Cause read and adopted :

The Committee on the Bible Cause beg to report, That as Scriptures are given by the inspiration of the Almighty, and designed for the benefit of the whole human family, and as God has resolved to magnify his word above all his name, by making it the instrument of his power in the conversion of sinners, and in

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ca, by their Missionaries have translated the Sacred Scriptures into
languages spoken by more than one half of the population of the
globe, and as considerable sums have been raised by the Churches
paid in the circulation of these versions through the Union Society,
and agents from the United States, it is hoped that a Spirit of liber-
ty will be continued to be evinced by the Churches in promoting
this noble cause.

J. FRANCIS, Chairman.

Adjourned to meet this evening, a Foreign Mis-
sionary Meeting.

Prayer by Bro. Francis.

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EVENING SESSION.

Prayer by Bro. Magee.

The Report of the Foreign Missionary Society
is read by the Secretary, and is as follows :

The Board of Foreign Missions, in presenting its Annual Report,
to inform the Convention that the operations of the denomina-
tion in this department of labour during the past year have been
fully limited.

It will be remembered that at our last annual meeting in Wolf-
sprung several resolutions were passed by this body, and appended
to the report of that year. The first related to Mr. Burpe's health,
the probability of his being enabled to return to the field of his
labour, the board at that time not having such professional
advice as would warrant, on this subject, an opinion or conclusion
important to Mr. Burpe himself, as well as to the entire deno-
mination.

We again have to state that brother Burpe's health continues
feeble, though the kind injunction of the above named resolution
has been carefully regarded. Yet, notwithstanding this feebleness
of health, brother Burpe has been enabled to devote a portion of
the past year to the interest of the Union Society, and the results
of his labours have been most advantageous to the several objects
contemplated by the Union. The Board, however, trusts that ere
long a more favourable state of health will enable our esteemed
brother to devote himself wholly to ministerial labour, if not in the

foreign field, among our Churches at home, many of which at the present time are calling loudly for pastoral aid.

It will also be remembered that at the last annual meeting, brother Arthur Crawley, whose proposal for engagement in the Foreign Missionary service had been for a length of time before the Denominational Convention, was accepted by this Convention as their future Missionary. In June last Mr. Crawley finished his course of study at Newton Theological Institution, and now awaits the action of this Board. The course to be pursued by the Convention in reference to Mr. Crawley, demands most serious and patient inquiry, and should be the most prominent feature in our deliberations. For a length of time we have declared our conviction that a single missionary should in no case be sent to labour alone in a foreign land; that two at least should be engaged by this Board to occupy unitedly our sphere of Missionary exertion. A knowledge of this determination, and of the extreme improbability that brother Burpee's health will ever permit his return to India, surrounds brother Crawley with serious anxiety—an anxiety increasing with a growing desire to be fully designated to his long wished for ministry to the heathen world. The attention of brother Crawley, and that of his friends, must be fixed upon our deliberations and decision at this meeting with intense solicitude,—they are to shape the course of his future life. The question prominent in the mind of brother Crawley doubtless is, who is to be his associate in labour. The question with the Board is, where are the funds for sustaining an enlarged mission? These inquiries are each important. In reference to the first, we hesitate not in expressing our opinion that a devoted and qualified man can be secured as soon as the funds of the society will justify our efforts in seeking him. This Board cannot without advice and direction from the Convention, in its responsibilities, to meet which funds are not in hand, or pledged. At a meeting of this Board, held in Horton, April 9th, 1854, the prospects and finances of the society were carefully considered, and the plan of connecting ourselves with the American Baptist Missionary Union, often suggested previously, received mature deliberation, and the following resolution was unanimously passed:

- “ That in the opinion of this Board it is highly desirable that Foreign Missionary operations should be conducted in connection with the American Baptist Missionary Union, whereby inconveniences will be avoided, and considerable advantages realized, especially in regard to the location of Missionaries, their co-operation with those already in the field, and that the Secretary be requested to correspond with the Secretary of the American Baptist Missionary Union, with a view to ascertain whether such an arrangement can be carried into effect.”

The hopes that called forth the above resolution were not realized, as the American Union could not admit us in the relation supposed

without such a modification of their organization as would effect too materially the Constitution of the Union. We are, therefore, thus far, without a prospect of the affiliation sought by the above resolution. It therefore remains for the Convention to put into operation such means as will enable this Board to carry out the already declared resolution of this denomination. The Treasurer's account will show the sum of £460 in hand. We however must express our firm persuasion that when the claims of the Missionary cause are presented to the Churches, there will be such a response as will enable us once more to possess a field of Christian labour in Burmah, and again rejoice in the success of faithful labourers from our own favoured land.

Our report must appear barren of interest, while the labours of the society remain so circumscribed. The only encouragement we have, is that which results from a view of the past, and the provision making for the future. The past is before the world, and it gives us in our hope for time to come.

The Board would seek to impress upon our Churches a knowledge of the connection between our efforts and success, and their Christian liberality. If contributions are withheld, our ministrations to the wants of the dying heathen must fail also. The benevolent efforts of our Churches must be the standard by which to measure the amount of labour put forth to enlighten the habitations of cruelty and death. We would ask those who love God, and who pray for the salvation of the heathen, are our streams of mercy to fail at this important crisis, when God is opening a door to the vast Burman empire—when almost the whole heathen world is before, as a field whitening for the harvest—when Missionaries with a growing vehemence the demand, “come over and help us”—when thousands who have tasted the Word of God, and are partially instructed in the Law of the Lord, implore with an increased intensity of desire, that they may have the Word of God in their own language, and the voice of the living teacher to unfold their soul-saving doctrines? At this important period, when every age in the history of our times invites to Missionary labour, are our Churches to fall in the pledges they have made? Must this Society yield up its existence as a Missionary organization? Must we declare to the world that fifty thousand Baptists are utterly unused or unwilling to carry forward a work of the most sublime and glorious character, to which they have devoted their energies in love and fear of God.

Let our Churches consider well this momentous subject. Our work is associated with the world's history—with the progress of the Church in distant lands—with the well-being of unborn generations—with the salvation of thousands of immortal souls.

Since our last annual meeting an infinitely wise God has taken from our most valued members from their toils and cares below, their rest in heaven. We deeply lament this painful stroke. It fills our hearts as we look upon their vacant places. But

we desire to submit to the wise arrangement of Him who doeth all things well. Our dear departed brethren were devoted men. Their meat and drink was to do the will of God. May this bereavement be sanctified in the raising up of many to fill their places.

We desire to acknowledge our dependence on Almighty God and in all our ways would acknowledge His ruling power and unchanging love.

The Board met this day, and had under their consideration the case of our esteemed brother Burpe, and also that of Brother Arthur Crawley. In reference to the former they passed the following preamble and resolution :

Whereas, The health of Brother Burpe yet continues extremely delicate, and the Board is compelled, though reluctantly, to abandon all intention of his return to his Missionary labour in India. The Board, however, recognizes the claims of brother Burpe and his family upon the Convention for support, until the kind Providence of God shall again restore him to health.

Therefore Resolved, That for the future Brother Burpe receive from this Board for his support the sum of one hundred pounds annuum, until otherwise ordered by the Convention,, and that the Board relinquish all claim upon brother Burpe's services, leaving him in entire freedom to devote his time so as to secure in the best possible way his own personal comfort and health. The Board desires to express to our esteemed brother their deep and heartfelt sympathy in the painful Providence that forbids his return to a scene of labour so dear and beloved by him.

Lively and eneregetic addresses were made by Brethren Francis, Thomson, Hunt, Bill, Arthur Crawley, Harris, Bentley, and Armstrong. The interest of the Meeting was much enhanced by the presence and remarks of our beloved Brother Arthur Crawley, who presented himself before us, as a living sacrifice, upon the *altar of Christian Missions*, in effect saying, "Here am I, send me."

Report adopted.

Some touching remarks made by Bro. Bentley in respect to his own feelings, in relation to his personal duty to the Foreign Missionary enterprise, induced the Convention to appoint a Committee to confer with Bro. Bentley, upon the subject of his engaging as a Foreign Missionary in connection with Brother Crawley. Breth

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Bill, Hunt, and Armstrong were charged with this duty. May God direct our young Brethren in the path of duty!

Resolved, That Brothers Park and Tupper, together with the Deacons of the Nictaux Church, constitute a Committee of Arrangement for the Convention next year.

Resolved, That one thousand copies of the Minutes of the Convention be published, and that Brethren Bill and Thomson superintend the printing.

Resolved, That the Hon. J. W. Johnson, and Brothers William Johnson and Hall be a Committee on the subject of holding Baptist property.

Resolved, That the cordial thanks of this Convention be given the friends of Sackville for their marked hospitality to the Ministers and Delegates of this Session.

Adjourned to meet at Nictaux, the third Saturday in September next, with the Baptist Church Nictaux, at 2 o'clock p. m.
Prayer by Dr. Cramp.

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REPORT ON THE STATE OF THE DENOMINATION.

The Committee on the state of the Denomination present the following Report :

The number baptized in the three Provinces during the past year was 750. The number reported at the last Convention was 1280. The average proportion of baptisms to churches appears in the subjoined statement :

N. S. Eastern Asso'n,	45 Churches.	131 Baptisms,	3 to each chrch.
Central	31	123	4
Western	37	114	3
N. B. Eastern	41	230	between 5 and 6
Western	41	152	not quite 4.
Total,	195	750	not quite 4.

The net increase of the body during the year was only 118, being 100 in Nova Scotia and Prince Edward Island, and 96 in New Brunswick. This is but three-fourths per cent; last year the net increase was six and a half per cent.

The Churches represented in this Convention contain 16,298 members, being in proportion to the entire population as one to thirty. This is a somewhat larger proportion than exists in the United States, where the number of Baptists to the population is as one to thirty-two. It is to be observed that these estimates relate to members only, their households and families not being included. Owing to a deficiency of information respecting the contributions raised in the Churches for various religious objects, your Committee is not able to furnish satisfactory details. They are inclined, however, to the conclusion that on the whole the benevolence of the denomination is on the increase, although it requires to be developed and directed by the employment of judicious agency. The Committee commend to the notice of all the Churches the following resolution, passed at the recent meeting of the Western Association of Nova Scotia :

That the Association recommend to the Churches to furnish in their letters a statement of all sums contributed by them for religious and other purposes, including, in addition to the contributions

made through the Union Societies, the cost of erecting and repairing meeting houses, the sums paid for the support of Ministers, donations for educational purposes, &c."

New Meeting Houses have been opened during the year in the following places, viz :

Oct. 5,	1851.	Wallbrook, Horton, N. S.
Nov. 8,	"	Dawson Settlement, Hillsborough, N. B.
Jan. 11,	1852.	River Hebert, N. S.
"	"	Harvey, (Roshee,) N. B.
Feb. 1,	"	Newport, N. S.
Mar. 21,	"	Prince William, N. B.
June 13,	"	Butternut Ridge, N. B.
" 20,	"	Hantsport, N. S.
July 23,	"	Jegoggin, Yarmouth, N. S.

Several other Meeting Houses are in course of construction.

Four brethren have been ordained since the last meeting of Convention :

Sept. 17,	1851.	S. Thompson, at West Brook.
Nov. 23,	"	S. N. Bentley, at Liverpool.
Jan. 13,	1852.	Robert Morton, at Nictaux.
July 28,	"	R. H. Emmerson, Manguerville, N. B.

Three new Churches have been constituted, viz :

Nov. 9,	1851.	Upper Londonderry, N. S.
" 17,	"	Second Falls, St. George, N. B.
		Aroostook, N. B.

Reviewing the whole, the Committee observe—

1st. That notwithstanding the small increase of the denomination during the past year, there is much cause for thankfulness to God, and great encouragement to effort. Baptist principles are generally regarded with favour in these Provinces; and there are numerous districts in which the labours of our ministers would be welcomed, if their engagements would allow them to enter new fields. Nor must it be overlooked that the Churches are for the most part in a state of happy exemption from division and discord.

2nd. That the want of ministers is at the present time deeply felt in these Provinces. Not only are missionaries needed in remote districts, but many Churches have lost their pastors, by death or removal to other places. Serious consequences will ensue unless these deficiencies are not soon supplied.

3rd. That in view of the above-mentioned facts, and of the distressing calamity by which so many valuable lives were taken away in June last, it behoves the Churches to be humbled before God, and to implore his mercy, that vacant posts may be again occupied, and the number of faithful labourers greatly increased.

4th. That it is especially incumbent on the Baptists of these Provinces to maintain unbroken union, and to combine their

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gies for all denominational purposes; that in order to the accomplishment of these results it is indispensable that the pastors of the Churches should be perseveringly zealous in the support of our Institutions, and unremitting in their endeavours to guide and stimulate the people; and that unless pastors and people, throughout these lands, act with promptitude, and vigour befitting the occasion, symptoms of decay will soon be visible.

5th. That the solemn observance of the first day the year, as a day of prayer and thanksgiving, as well as the regular attendance on quarterly meetings, is well adapted to consolidate union and revive drooping energies.

J. M. CRAMP, Chairman.

[P.] ACADIA COLLEGE REPORT.

In presenting a report of their proceedings, and of the affairs of the College, during the past year, the Board of Governors will begin by placing before the Convention a statement which has already appeared in the periodicals of the denomination. It is as follows:

Report of the Studies of the Year ending June 4, 1852.

The Session was opened on Tuesday, Sept. 2, 1851. Sixteen students have attended the Classes during the year.

CLASSICS. In Greek, the senior class have read the *Medea* of Euripides, from the 908th line to the end—a portion of the fifth book of Homer's *Odyssey*—and ninety-five sections of the Oration of Demosthenes "*on the crown.*" The junior class have read in the *Iliad* of Homer throughout the Term.

In Latin, the senior class have read the "*Agricola*" of Tacitus, from Chap. 19 to the end, the whole of the "*Germania,*" and thirteen chapters of Cicero de *Officiis*. The junior class have read *Caesar's* *Catiline*, from chap. 26 to the end, and twenty of the *Odes* of Horace, selected from his third and fourth books.—This class was also been regularly exercised in Greek and Latin composition.

MATHEMATICS. Classes have been instructed in Geometry, Algebra, Trigonometry, plane and spherical, Navigation, Surveying, and Nautical Astronomy. In Geometry, the text-book has been Davies Legendre, nine books; in Algebra, Davies' Bourdan, the Theory of Logarithms; in Trigonometry, Davies, plane and spherical, to the end; in Navigation, Surveying, and Nautical Astronomy, Hackley to the end. The subjects have been studied theoretically and practically, combined.

MENTAL PHILOSOPHY. The Class in Mental Philosophy have gone through Upham's *Treatise on the Intellect* as a text-book, with extended comments.

MORAL PHILOSOPHY. A class chiefly composed of senior students, was formed immediately after the opening of the Fall term. Dr. Wayland's *Moral Philosophy* was used as a text-book;

EVIDENCES OF CHRISTIANITY. Having contemplated the course of Moral Philosophy, the above-mentioned class proceeded to the study of the Evidences of Christianity. Dr. Paley's well known treatise (Religious Tract Society's edition) was the text-book employed, and lectures were delivered, embracing many topics which are but slightly discussed, or altogether omitted, in that work.

RHETORIC AND ELOCUTION. Blair's Lectures have been the basis of the instruction in Rhetoric, and once a week exercises have been conducted in reading or declamation.

ESSAYS. The students have written essays on various subjects, literary, historical, &c., which have been examined and criticised, with a view to improvement in composition. Seventy-six essays have been prepared during the Terms; twenty-eight by the senior class, and forty-eight by the junior.

THEOLOGICAL DEPARTMENT. The President regrets that so little has been done in this Department. Having been compelled to undertake the duties of the Classical Professor, he has been unable to give attention to theological instruction, except to a very limited extent. This evil, it is hoped, will be speedily corrected.

An exegetical exercise on the Greek Testament has been attended to once a week, in which all the students have shared. Matthew ii.—xxvi. inclusive has been thus studied.

A Hebrew class has been formed. After studying Gesenius's Grammar (a portion of which has been recited twice,) the class commenced translation, first in the Reading Book, and then in Genesis, of which book the first three chapters, and chapters 4 to 11 inclusive, have been read.

Sermons or skeletons of sermons have been prepared every week by the theological students, and submitted for examination.

Lectures on preaching and church government have been delivered, but Theology and Ecclesiastical History have been entirely neglected, for the reason above mentioned, with the exception of the delivery of an introductory Lecture.

The Greek Testament has been read at morning prayers, from Peter to the end of the Testament, and from Matthew i.—xvi.

Four Quarterly examinations of the classes on the branches above mentioned have been conducted, in the presence of the Governor and other friends of the College.

A public literary exhibition took place on the part of six of the senior students, at the close of the first Term of the Collegiate year, and nine of the students delivered orations or essays on Anniversary day, at the close of the second Term.

During the year also, public lectures of a miscellaneous character have been delivered monthly by the undersigned, intended to interest the students and others in various branches of knowledge.

The undersigned have great pleasure in stating that the diligent and persevering attention of the students to their respective studies, as well as the general propriety of their conduct, have been highly gratifying.

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It may be added that several of the Theological students have been engaged on Lord's days in preaching the gospel at various stations in this vicinity, and that their labours have proved very acceptable.

J. M. CRAMP,
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Acadia College, June 5, 1852.

While the Board are entirely satisfied with the internal engagement of the College, they have to express their deep regret at the state of the finances. The annual subscriptions, which form almost the sole source of supply, cannot be collected without great expense and difficulty, and even if they were wholly reliable would not yield a sum sufficient for the maintenance of an adequate number of Professors. It must be obvious to all reflecting persons, that unless the educational wants of the age are met by the appointment of well-qualified instructors in the various branches of literature and Science, the Institution cannot prosper. The Board are desirous of making such arrangements in this respect as will be fully satisfactory to their friends and the public, but the want of funds presents an insuperable obstacle. Without a permanent income it does not appear possible to carry their plans into effect, and they know not how to secure that object except by raising an endowment fund. Having endeavoured to consider the case in all its connexions and bearings, they have come to the conclusion that the continued success, nay, the very existence of Acadia College depends on the accomplishment of such a purpose. The subjoined resolution, passed at a meeting held at Wolfville on the 25th of March last, express their views :

"That however desirable it may be, for various reasons to obtain support for the College by Annual Subscriptions, it has been found by experience that the funds derived from that source are precarious and insufficient, and that the uncertainty of collection, and consequent irregularity in the receipts, produce manifold inconveniences, which are seriously detrimental to the successful working of the Institution, while it is manifest, that the enlarged income required for an increased number of Professors cannot be reasonably looked for without a change in the pecuniary arrangement,

That in order to place the College on a permanent foundation by securing an adequate amount of annual support, it is desirable to raise the sum of not less than £10,000 for an Endowment, to be invested in approved securities, the interest of which, £600 per annum, together with tuition fees, the proceeds of the Union Societies, applicable to Theological Education, and any voluntary subscriptions which may continue to be realized, will suffice to provide for the appointment of a suitable number of Professors.

That in the opinion of this Meeting the Baptists of these Provinces are fully able to raise the sum of £10,000 for the Endowment

of Acadia College, and that the object may be accomplished in the following way, viz :—

(1.) Individuals may found scholarships, by the payment of £100 currency each, to be held by their sons and descendants, or by such other persons as they or their heirs may appoint, who will be exempted from tuition fees while holding them, in conformity with the notice issued by the Governors in June, 1851.

(2.) Two persons may unite for such purpose, nominating holders of the Scholarships in succession, as may be agreed on by themselves.

(3.) Scholarships may be founded by Churches, the requisite sum being collected in what manner they please.

(4.) Two Churches may join for such an object.

(5.) Subscriptions to any amount may be contributed by those who are unable to found Scholarships, or to combine with others for the purpose.

(6.) In order to enlist the sympathies of all the people, Congregational collections may be made from time to time, the proceeds of which may be appropriated to the formation of one or more *People's Scholarships*, for Nova Scotia, New Brunswick, and Prince Edward Island respectively."

The Board recommend to the Convention that all persons taking scholarships be admitted to sit and vote with the Board of Governors at their meetings.

They have much satisfaction in stating that the subject of endowment was brought before the Associations of Nova Scotia and New Brunswick, at their recent annual meetings, and that resolutions, approving the endowment scheme and commending it to the liberality of the Churches, were passed by them all.

A subscription has been opened for the endowment, conditional on the raising of the entire amount, which has realised, up to the present time, the sum of somewhat more than £5000. It remains for the Convention to decide what further steps shall be taken in order to obtain the remaining sum, and to instruct the Board of Governors with reference to ulterior measures.

Donations of valuable books have been received during the year from Dr. J. T. Gray, and Joseph Haddon, Esq. of London, and the Library has also been enlarged by purchase, from the fund accruing from the DeWolfe legacy. Contributions to this department, and to the Museum, are again earnestly solicited.

The Board have now to advert to the heavy calamity with which it has pleased God to visit the Institution. On the 7th of June last Professor Chipman and the Rev. E. D. Very, two of the Governors of the College, together with four of the students, Benjamin Rand, Anthony E. Phalen, W. Henry King, and William E. Grant, were drowned in the Bay of Minas, on their return from an excursion to Cape Blowmidon, for geological purposes. This terrible and unexampled affliction spread sorrow through the Provinces. The sud-

ness of the stroke, the number and character of those removed by it, and the important situations occupied by the brethren first named, concurred to envelope the dispensation in mystery which still remains unsolved. That the great God is "holy in all his ways, and righteous in all his works," is an indubitable fact, but not unfrequently, as on the present occasion, "clouds and darkness are round about him." May this grievous trial be sanctified, and the sufferers sustained.

On receiving intelligence of this catastrophe, the board of Governors passed the following resolutions :

"Whereas it has pleased God to remove from us by death suddenly and mysteriously, our beloved brethren Professor Chipman and the Rev. E. D. Very, members of this Board—

Therefore Resolved, 1. That the removal of these brethren, which would have been at any time an afflictive dispensation, is peculiarly trying under the existing circumstances of the College, and in view of the strenuous efforts which will be required to preserve and sustain it, in which efforts our departed brethren were prepared to engage with characteristic energy and perseverance.

2. That while we desire to bow with christian submission to the will of the all-wise and all-righteous Disposer of events, who has suffered this calamity to befall us and who can educe good from evil, and cause blessing to succeed desolation, we cannot but record our conviction that a great public loss has been sustained, which cannot be easily repaired, and which seriously affects the interests of the whole Denomination.

3. That in bearing cheerful testimony to the various excellencies of the brethren above mentioned, and especially to the earnestness and zeal on behalf of Acadia College, and of the cause of education in these provinces, it is our duty to advert more particularly to the eminent services rendered by Professor Chipman. Identified with the College from its commencement, he consecrated to it his talents, his powers, his life;—its prosperity was the great object of his desire and pursuit;—by his skilful management and his indefatigable efforts the edifice was raised, and will be a lasting monument of his energetic ardour;—to the benefits which have accrued thereby to the youth of these provinces he largely contributed, and to the welfare of its Professors;—and by his untiring assiduity, vigilance, and thoughtfulness, many advantages were constantly secured, and many evils prevented. His memory will be long and affectionately cherished in our Churches.

That to the widow of our beloved brother Very, and the church which were under his pastoral care, and to the numerous families which have been thrown into mourning by these sad bereavements, we tender the expression of our sympathy and condolence, while we implore on their behalf that gracious upholding which can only be obtained by the "Father of mercies and God of all comfort."

Correspondence has been instituted with several gentlemen, with a view to fill up the vacancies of Professorship of mathematics and natural philosophy, but as yet without any successful result.

It will be the duty of the Convention, at the present session, to elect two Governors, in the place of the brethren whose removal by death has been now recorded.

The Governors have reported the principal events of the year's history. They conclude by requesting the members of the Convention, to take into their most serious consideration the state and prospects of the College. Destitute of the means of adequate annual support, the Institution must either be provided for by endowment, or cease to exist. Are the Baptists of these Provinces prepared for the latter alternative? Are they willing to lose the advantages gained by the labors, the prayers, and the sacrifices of previous years? Will they contentedly retire into the back-ground, and suffer other denominations to reap the harvest for which they have sowed the seed? Can they endure the thought, that their youth will be compelled to resort to foreign countries for education, and that in those countries a majority of them will find homes? Will it not be a calamity to be deeply deplored that our candidates for the ministry will seek in other lands the instruction and training which they cannot receive here, rendering in return the benefit of their services; and that at a time when the need of thorough education is so much felt, and its advantages so generally acknowledged, the most gifted minds will be removed from our shores, thereby subjecting the churches to losses not easily to be repaired? Will not the abandonment of Acadia College expose the Baptist Denomination to shame and contempt?

Such is the crisis. Let the friends of the Institution meet it in the spirit of power and of love, and of a sound mind. Let them "show themselves men," and "have faith in God."

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RESOLUTIONS IN REFERENCE TO ACADIA COLLEGE.

1. *Resolved*, That the Report now read be received and adopted and printed in the Minutes of the Convention.
2. That our Institutions of Learning demand from the Baptist denomination the most generous support, and cannot but be regarded as essential, under the divine blessing, to its well being and advancement.
3. That to suffer Acadia College to fall, would involve the Baptists of these Provinces, in difficulties of the gravest character.
4. That the members of this Convention, now assembled at their annual meeting, do hereby signify their hearty approval of the endowment scheme proposed by the Governors of the College,

pledge themselves to render all the aid in their power to ensure its success ; and that the Board of Governors be instructed to adopt immediate measures, by deputations or otherwise, to bring the subject before the Churches of the Denomination, in the three Provinces, in order to obtain subscriptions.

5. That the Subscription for the Endowment Fund be closed on the First of January next, on and after which day the first installment of the sums subscribed, should they amount to £10,000, shall be payable.

6. That the Governors be further instructed to take steps as early as possible after the completion of the Subscription, to prepare an enlarged and comprehensive plan of Collegiate instruction, to frame Statutes for the government of the College, and to procure additional Professors.

7. That the Churches composing this Convention be earnestly solicited to observe the annual day of Prayer for Colleges, in the month of February, and constantly to bear in mind, before the Throne of Grace, the interests of all Educational Institutions.

REPORT ON DEPARTED BRETHERN.

The Committee appointed to report the names of Brethren who died since the last meeting of the Convention, present the following statement :

The Rev. SAMUEL ELDER, late Pastor of the Church at Fredericton, died at Philadelphia, on the 23d of May, aged 35 years. He was a native of Halifax. His conversion took place under the ministry of the Rev. W. Chipman, of Cornwallis.—Encouraged by the Church to devote himself to the ministry, he repaired to Acadia College for Education, and graduated in 1834. He was then invited to the pastorate of the Church at Fredericton, and labored with much acceptance till his death. An interesting memoir, written by the Rev. Charles Spurden, appeared in the *Christian Visitor*.

The Rev. EDWARD D. VERY, was drowned in the Bay of Miramichi on the 7th of June, when returning from a geological excursion to Cape Blowmidon, in company with Professor Chipman and four students of Acadia College, all of whom perished at the same time. Very was a native of Salem, Mass. He studied first at Waterville and afterward at Dartmouth, where he graduated in 1837. He spent a year at the Bangor Theological Seminary, he was ordained Sept. 10, 1838, and settled in Calais, Maine, in December following. Subsequently he labored at Watertown and Belfast.—He commenced preaching at Portland, N. B., in December, 1846, and was Pastor of the Church in that place when he died. As reported in the *Christian Visitor*, which periodical was established in 1838, he exerted an important and very salutary influence on

the Denomination. His labors in the Colportage and Book Depository Department were of the most beneficial character. Bro. Very was in the 39th year of his age.

3. Professor CHIPMAN was born in Cornwallis in 1817. When converted by divine grace, which event took place in early youth, he resolved to give himself to a life of usefulness. He was licensed by the churches to preach the Gospel in 1836. In 1837 he entered Waterville College, and graduated in 1839. When Acadia College was established, he became Professor of Mathematics and Natural Philosophy, which office he filled in the most satisfactory manner till his lamented death. His labors in the service of the Denomination were extensive, unremitting, and in the highest degree advantageous. It is understood that a memoir of the Professor is in preparation.

4. The Brethren whose names have been recorded were members of the Convention. To these may be added the four above mentioned students of Acadia College: Benjamin Rand of Cornwallis, aged 24; Anthony E. Phalen, of Rawdon, aged 26; William E. Grant, of North Sydney, Cape Breton, aged 26; and Henry King, of Onslow, who had not attained his 17th year. They were young men of promising talents, and high expectations were entertained of their future usefulness to society and to the churches. These expectations have been mysteriously disappointed.

The mournful dispensation of Divine Providence, by which these brethren were removed, have deeply affected the Church. The Committee doubt not that the members of the Convention cordially concur in the appropriate Resolutions which were passed on the subject by the Associations of these Provinces at their annual meetings. Such memorials of departed worth, are at once befittingly instructive, and consolatory. May it please the great head of the church, to sanctify sorrow to the bereaved, and to show his people how wonderfully he can make all things "work together for good."

J. M. CRAMP, Chairman

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J. W. Barss	£5	0	0	Rev. G. Miles	5	0
Rev. Dr. Maclay	5	0	0	Henry E. Seeley	5	0
Wm. Jacobs, Esq.	5	0	0	Rev. J. Magee	1	0
Rev. J. M. Cramp, D.D.	5	0	0	I. E. Bill	1	0
T. S. Harding, Esq.	5	0	0	S. Robinson	1	0
Rev. J. Francis	2	0	0	I. Wallace	1	0
J. Chase	1	5	0	H. Emerson	1	0
S. N. Bentley	2	10	0	Edwin Clay	1	0
A. S. Hunt	2	0	0	Laban Lawrence, Esq.	1	0
D. C. Dimock	1	0	0	Reuben Chase	0	10
C. Tupper	1	0	0	A Friend	0	5
W. Chipman	1	0	0	J. F. Marsters, Esq.	1	0
James De Wolfe, Esq.	2	0	0	G. A. Garrison	1	0
W. Johnston, Esq.	2	0	0	Mrs. Pittingall	1	0
Dr. S. Fitch	2	10	0	W. E. Stromach	1	0
Simon Fitch, Esq.	1	0	0	James Garratt	0	10
David Lyons	1	0	0	Skillen	0	10
Dr. Tupper	1	0	0	J. R. Fitch	1	0
NEW BRUNSWICK.						
A. Mc. L. Seeley, Esq.	5	0	0		£82	0
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Memorandum of Account, Acadia College 1851—1852

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John Chase,	£62	10	0
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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 without permission of the Body before the conclusion of its 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, unless otherwise ordered by the Convention.

RULE 9. These rules shall be distinctly read from the Chair immediately after the Convention shall have organized.

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HELD AT SACKVILLE, N. B.

SEPTEMBER 18TH, 20TH AND 21ST.

SAINT JOHN, N. B.

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SACKVILLE, September 18, 1852.

THE Baptist Convention of Nova Scotia, New Brunswick, and Prince Edward Island commenced its Seventh Annual Session at the Baptist Meeting House of the Second Sackville Church, on Saturday afternoon. After a Discourse from the Rev. W. Hall, the Rev. Charles Tupper, as senior President (present) of the Convention, called the Meeting to Order. The Rev. W. Hall was chosen Secretary *pro tem*.

The Rev. Dr. Maclay and Brother Arthur Crawford were invited to take a seat with the Convention. The names of Delegates were then announced and received.

DELEGATES.

- Nova Scotia Western Association—Rev. Charles Tupper, G. Strong, J. Park, and James Parker.
- Nova Scotia Central Association—J. W. Barss, M. Beckwith, Ferguson, and David Lyons.
- Nova Scotia Eastern Association—Brother Elisha B. Cullen, Deacon McKenzie, John King, and Job Seaman.
- Brunswick Eastern Association—Brethren F. Sears, James Person, S. Mineo, E. Reed, Edwd. Bowes.
- Brunswick Western Association—Rev. Thos. Magee.
- Acadia College—Dr. Cramp.
- St. John's Church—Simon Finch.
- St. John's Church—A. S. Hunt.
- St. John's Church—Rev. Mr. Chipman.
- St. John's Union Society—Brother Wheelock.
- St. John's Union Society—Brother Thomas Logan.
- St. John's Church—Deacon Blenkhorn, Moses Lowe, and Brother

Union Society—S. C. Tupper, Brother A. Marsters.
 Mougerville Church—Brother Emmerson.
 1st Yarmouth Church—Rev. W. Burton.
 1st St. George Church—Rev. G. F. Miles, and Brother Seelye.
 Fredericton Church—Brother Hughes.
 Windsor Church—Brother Hall.
 2nd Sackville Church—Rev. Wm. Coleman, Brethren Harper,
 Titus, Hicks, John Thompson, Michael Cole.
 2nd Liverpool Church—Brethren T. Jacobs, James R. DeWolf
 and Bentley.
 Brussels Street Church—Rev. S. Robinson, from Church, and Rev.
 E. N. Harris, from Union Society.
 Portland Church—Rev. R. Thomson.
 1st Sackville Church—Brethren Marshall and J. Anderson.
 Buctouche Church—Brother McPhail.
 Returned Missionary—Brother Burpe.
 1st Moncton Church—Brethren James Newcomb and Thom
 Truman.
 Pugwash Church—Brother Amos Eaton.
 Germain Street Church—Rev. I. E. Bill.
 2nd Salisbury Church—Brother James Herritt.

Voted, That the Revs. Wm. Chipman, Wm. Burton, and
 H. E. Seelye, be a Committee to nominate the Officers
 Boards for the ensuing year.

The following Committees were appointed:

On Union Societies and Quarterly Meetings—Revs. John Ch
 R. Burpe, G. F. Miles, and H. E. Seelye.
 On Religious Publications and Colportage—Rev. G. Armstr
 Emmerson, Elisha Cutton, Eliphalet Reed, and McPhail.
 On Sabbath Schools—Brethren Wallace, Park, Hughes, and
 Thompson.
 On Bible Distribution—Rev. Dr. MacLay, John Francis, Bre
 Beckwith, S. Fitch, and Newcomb.
 To examine Reports of Treasurer—Brethren James De
 Emmerson, and Job Scaman.
 On the state of the Denomination—Revs. Dr. Cramp, Bill
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Voted, That Brother William Jacobs be Treasurer of this
 vention for Nova Scotia, and Brother Wallace for New Brun

Resolved, That the immediate objects of this Convention
 Education, Foreign Missions, and Superannuated Ministers
 be taken up and discussed before any other subject is
 brought before this meeting.

Voted, That Brethren Dr. Cramp, MacLay, and Thomson
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Adjourned, to meet on Monday morning, at 10 o'clock. Prayer by Br. Parker.

Monday, 10 o'clock, a. m.

The Introductory Sermon was preached by the Rev. George Armstrong, of Port Medway, from John, 17th chap.

A Collection was then made for the purposes of the Convention. After Prayer by the Moderator, Rev. Charles Tupper, the Rules of Order were read.

The following Delegates were then reported: From Onslow Church, Rev. David Dimock; the following Brethren also took their seats as members of the Convention:

Nathan Lawrence, L. Lawrence, Edward Kinear, Caleb Estabrooks, Thomas Anderson. Maccan Church, Rev. John Rowe, and James Atkinson.

Rev. Maynard Parker, Rev. John Chase, Rev. Willard Parker, Isaiah Wallace, Bro. John Wood, delegate from Maccan Church, Brother Joseph [unclear], from Minudie, were invited to take a seat with the Convention, as qualified members, according to the Rules of the Convention, also Br. John [unclear], and Br. Gaius Lewis, were invited to take a seat, and all other members qualified to vote.

Committee to nominate Officers, report as follows:

The Committee appointed to nominate Officers and Boards for the ensuing year, would beg to make the following recommendation:—

to supply the vacancies in the Board of Governors of Acadia College, Brethren Charles Tupper and G. P. Miles.

President and Vice President, to remain as last year.

Auditor, J. W. Barss.

Secretaries, Revs. I. E. Bill and Wm. Hall.

Board of Directors, Rev. James Parker, Asa Coy, J. W. Nutting.

Board of Foreign Missions, Rev. Samuel Robinson, Abram Stronack, and John Ferguson, Simon Fitch, M. D.

To control funds for Superannuated Ministers, Revs. R. Thomson, John King.

WM. CHIPMAN, Chairman.

Resolved, That in future all Delegates to the Convention report themselves to the Secretary on the first day of the Session.

The Committee of Arrangement report that they recommend that Bro. Bill preach this evening at 7 o'clock. Adopted.

Educational Report read, received, and left open for further discussion.

Report on the state of the denomination, read and adopted. (Appendix A.)

Adjourned until half-past Two o'clock, to meet in the Meeting House of the First Baptist Church. Prayer by Bro. Robinson.

AFTERNOON SESSION.

Bro. Robinson in the Chair.

Prayer by Bro. R. Thomson.

Dr. Cramp again read the Report of Academe College. A very free discussion took place in regard to the management, necessities, and present position of the Institution, in which many of the Brethren took an active part, giving full expression to their views in relation to the whole question.

Report Adopted. (Appendix B.)

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Preaching by Bro. Bill, from Phillippians i. 27 :
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After the Sermon the Meeting was called to order. After which Dr. Cramp read a series of Resolutions in reference to Acadia College. (See Appendix C.)

Addresses were delivered by Dr. Maclay, Brethren Cutten, Burton, Blinkhorn, Seelye, Robinson, Thomson, Harris, Tupper, Bill, Francis, and Bentley, &c. &c. The meeting was full of interest and the Endowment Fund considerably increased.

Adjourned to meet at 6 o'clock to-morrow morning. Prayer by Bro. Bill.

Tuesday, 6 o'clock, a. m.

Met according to adjournment. Bro. Robinson on the Chair.

Prayer by Bro. E. N. Harris.

Resolved, That the time for closing the Endowment be the 1st January next.

Resolved, That Dr. Cramp and Brethren Francis, Cutten, Parmenters, Beckwith, Dr. S. Fitch, and Hunt, be a Committee to examine an Agency to complete the Endowment plan, and that the Committee superintend such Agency.

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Met according to adjournment. Prayer by Bro. Francis.

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Term, came up in due form for discussion, during which the Brethren fully expressed their sentiments, whereupon the following Resolution passed:

Resolved, That the opening of the College be postponed until the 20th January next.

The question of providing additional Professors for the College, next came up for consideration, and the following Resolution passed with the utmost unanimity:

Resolved, That this Convention entertain for Dr. Crawley the most profound respect, as it regards his talents and his piety, and we take this opportunity of expressing to him our gratitude for his valuable services to this denomination, especially in his connection with the Educational interests of this country, and we beg to assure him of our unanimous wish, providing the proposed endowment be raised, that he become associated with Dr. Cramp in the management and instructions of Acadia College; and that the arrangements respecting the position these gentlemen are to occupy, be referred to the Board of Governors.

Adjourned until 3 o'clock p. m.

AFTERFOON SESSION.

Met according to adjournment.

Resolved, That this Convention hold its next Annual Session at Nictaux,

Resolved, That Rev. G. F. Miles preach the Introductory Sermon, and that Brother Robinson be his Alternate.

The Committee on Agency for Endowment Fund, reported as follows:

Resolved, That it be recommended to the Convention to receive the services of Dr. Maclay, for as long a period as he may be able to remain in the country; and that Brother Francis be requested to accompany Dr. Maclay, in Nova Scotia, and Brother Wallace in New Brunswick, and that Brother Wallace remain at the Agency afterwards, under the direction of the Committee

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3. *Resolved*, That the Brethren Robinson and Bill be requested to visit the County of St. John, and the Churches on the River St. John, and Kennebecasis, as far as Fredericton.

4. *Resolved*, That Brethren Newcomb and Hunt be requested to visit King's and Queen's Counties.

5. *Resolved*, That Brethren Emmerson, Saunders, and Todd be requested to visit the Churches on the St. John, commencing with Fredericton.

6. *Resolved*, That Brethren Miles and A. D. Thompson be requested to visit the Churches in Charlotte County.

7. *Resolved*, That Brother Dimock be requested to visit Stewiac, Musquidoboit, and the County of Halifax.

8. *Resolved*, That Brother Francis L. Martell be requested to visit the Churches in Colchester County and the Island of Cape Breton.

9. *Resolved*, That Dr. Cramp be requested to visit the Churches in Hants County, and the City of Halifax.

10. *Resolved*, That Brethren Tupper and Parker be requested to visit the Churches in Annapolis County.

11. *Resolved*, That the Brethren Cunningham, Randall, and J. Morse, be requested to visit the Churches in Digby County.

12. *Resolved*, That the Brethren Burton, Davis, and James Abbott, be requested to visit the Churches in the Counties of Yarmouth and Shelbourne.

13. *Resolved*, That Brethren James Parker, Armstrong, Taylor, and Bentley be requested to visit the Churches in the Counties of Queen's and Lunenburg.

14. *Resolved*, That the Brethren Hobbs and Wallace be requested to visit the Churches in Prince Edward Island.

15. *Resolved*, That the Travelling Expenses of the above Brethren be paid, and that the Churches visited by them be requested to make Collections for the object during their visit.

Introductory Report adopted.

Resolved, That Brother S. Fitch, M. D., of Wolfville, be appointed Treasurer of Acadia College.

Subscriptions opened to pay Balance due Professors of Acadia College. The sum of £50 was raised in a few minutes.

Resolved, That the request of the Western and Central Associations of Nova Scotia, in reference to the Infirm Ministers' Fund

be complied with, and in accordance with the view presented by these Associations, would recommend that the Fund be controlled in future by the respective Associations in the two Provinces; and further, that the monies now in the hands of Treasurers be divided justly amongst the Associations in the Provinces in which they have been collected.

The Committee on Periodicals and Colportage,
reported as follows :

The Committee on Religious Publications and Colportage, Report with pleasure, the enlarged circulation to which the Christian Messenger and Christian Visiter have attained during the past year. We form a high estimate of the value of these periodicals, to the interest and welfare of the Baptist Denomination in these Provinces, and desire that each in its respective sphere of operation may have still more enlarged and increasing success.

The Committee rejoice in the success which has attended the Colportage enterprize in New Brunswick, and hope that similar efforts in Nova Scotia will meet with encouragement from the Churches. We commend to the confidence and sympathy of our people the Brethren who have engaged in disseminating throughout our land, Publications fraught with the precious doctrines of Divine truth. All of which is respectfully submitted.

GEO. ARMSTRONG, Chairman.

Report adopted.

Report on Sabbath Schools :—

The Committee on Sabbath Schools report, That they are pleased to learn from the Minutes of the different Associations composing this body, that the subject of Sabbath Schools has received increased attention during the past year.

They would urge the importance of establishing Schools in our Churches, and also of having the same well supplied with Libraries, &c., which may be had in great variety at the Depository of Brethren J. F. Marsters, at St. John, and J. Chase, at Westville.

I. WALLACE, Chairman.

Adopted.

Report on the Bible Cause read and adopted :

The Committee on the Bible Cause beg to report, That as Scriptures are given by the inspiration of the Almighty, and signed for the benefit of the whole human family, and as God resolved to magnify his word above all his name, by making it instrument of his power in the conversion of sinners, and in

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and agents from the United States, it is hoped that a Spirit of liber-
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this noble cause.

J. FRANCIS, Chairman.

Adjourned to meet this evening, a Foreign Mis-
sionary Meeting.

Prayer by Bro. Francis.

— EVENING SESSION.

Prayer by Bro. Magee.

The Report of the Foreign Missionary Society
is read by the Secretary, and is as follows:

The Board of Foreign Missions, in presenting its Annual Report,
to inform the Convention that the operations of the denomina-
tion in this department of labour during the past year have been
fully limited.

It will be remembered that at our last annual meeting in Wolf-
camp several resolutions were passed by this body, and appended
to the report of that year. The first related to Mr. Burpe's health,
the probability of his being enabled to return to the field of his
labour, the board at that time not having such professional
advice as would warrant, on this subject, an opinion or conclusion
important to Mr. Burpe himself, as well as to the entire deno-
mination.

We again have to state that brother Burpe's health continues
feeble, though the kind injunction of the above named resolution
has been carefully regarded. Yet, notwithstanding this feebleness
of health, brother Burpe has been enabled to devote a portion of
the past year to the interest of the Union Society, and the results
of his labours have been most advantageous to the several objects
contemplated by the Union. The Board, however, trusts that ere
long a more favourable state of health will enable our esteemed
brother to devote himself wholly to ministerial labour, if not in the

foreign field, among our Churches at home, many of which at the present time are calling loudly for pastoral aid.

It will also be remembered that at the last annual meeting, brother Arthur Crawley, whose proposal for engagement in the Foreign Missionary service had been for a length of time before the Denominational Convention, was accepted by this Convention as their future Missionary. In June last Mr. Crawley finished his course of study at Newton Theological Institution, and now awaits the action of this Board. The course to be pursued by the Convention in reference to Mr. Crawley, demands most serious and patient inquiry, and should be the most prominent feature in our deliberations. For a length of time we have declared our conviction that a single missionary should in no case be sent to labour alone in a foreign land; that two at least should be engaged by this Board to occupy unitedly our sphere of Missionary exertion. A knowledge of this determination, and of the extreme improbability that brother Burpee's health will ever permit his return to India, surrounds brother Crawley with serious anxiety—an anxiety increasing with a growing desire to be fully designated to his long wished for ministry to the heathen world. The attention of brother Crawley, and that of his friends, must be fixed upon our deliberations and decision at this meeting with intense solicitude,—they are to shape the course of his future life. The question prominent in the mind of brother Crawley doubtless is, who is to be his associate in labour. The question with the Board is, where are the funds for sustaining an enlarged mission? These inquiries are each important. In reference to the first, we hesitate not in expressing our opinion that a devoted and qualified man can be secured as soon as the funds the society will justify our efforts in seeking him. This Board cannot without advice and direction from the Convention, in its responsibilities, to meet which funds are not in hand, or pledged.

At a meeting of this Board, held in Horton, April 9th, 1851, the prospects and finances of the society were carefully considered, and the plan of connecting ourselves with the American Baptist Missionary Union, often suggested previously, received mature deliberation, and the following resolution was unanimously passed:

- “ That in the opinion of this Board it is highly desirable that
 “ Foreign Missionary operations should be conducted in connection
 “ with the American Baptist Missionary Union, whereby
 “ inconveniences will be avoided, and considerable advantages
 “ realized, especially in regard to the location of Missionaries,
 “ their co-operation with those already in the field, and the
 “ Secretary be requested to correspond with the Secretary of
 “ American Baptist Missionary Union, with a view to ascertain
 “ whether such an arrangement can be carried into effect.”

The hopes that called forth the above resolution were not realized, as the American Union could not admit us in the relation proposed.

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without such a modification of their organization as would effect too materially the Constitution of the Union. We are, therefore, thus far, without a prospect of the affiliation sought by the above resolution. It therefore remains for the Convention to put into operation such means as will enable this Board to carry out the already declared resolution of this denomination. The Treasurer's account will show the sum of £460 in hand. We however must express our firm persuasion that when the claims of the Missionary cause are presented to the Churches, there will be such a response as will enable us once more to possess a field of Christian labour in Burmah, and again rejoice in the success of faithful labourers from our own favoured land.

Our report must appear barren of interest, while the labours of the society remain so circumscribed. The only encouragement we have, is that which results from a view of the past, and the provision making for the future. The past is before the world, and it gives us in our hope for time to come.

The Board would seek to impress upon our Churches a knowledge of the connection between our efforts and success, and their Christian liberality. If contributions are withheld, our ministrations to the wants of the dying heathen must fail also. The beneficent efforts of our Churches must be the standard by which to measure the amount of labour put forth to enlighten the habitations of cruelty and death. We would ask those who love God, and who pray for the salvation of the heathen, are our streams of mercy to fail at this important crisis, when God is opening a door into the vast Burman empire—when almost the whole heathen world is before, as a field whitening for the harvest—when Missionaries with a growing vehemence the demand, “come over and help us”—when thousands who have tasted the Word of God, and are partially instructed in the Law of the Lord, implore with an increased intensity of desire, that they may have the Word of God in their own language, and the voice of the living teacher to unfold the soul-saving doctrines? At this important period, when every page in the history of our times invites to Missionary labour, are our Churches to fail in the pledges they have made? Must this Society yield up its existence as a Missionary organization? Must we declare to the world that fifty thousand Baptists are utterly unwilling to carry forward a work of the most sublime and glorious character, to which they have devoted their energies in love and fear of God.

Let our Churches consider well this momentous subject. Our work is associated with the world's history—with the progress of the Church in distant lands—with the well-being of unborn generations—with the salvation of thousands of immortal souls.

Since our last annual meeting an infinitely wise God has taken from our most valued members from their toils and cares below, and has placed their rest in heaven. We deeply lament this painful stroke. It fills our hearts as we look upon their vacant places. But

we desire to submit to the wise arrangement of Him who doeth all things well. Our dear departed brethren were devoted men. Their meat and drink was to do the will of God. May this bereavement be sanctified in the raising up of many to fill their places.

We desire to acknowledge our dependence on Almighty God, and in all our ways would acknowledge His ruling power and unchanging love.

The Board met this day, and had under their consideration the case of our esteemed brother Burpe, and also that of Brother Arthur Crawley. In reference to the former they passed the following preamble and resolution:

Whereas, The health of Brother Burpe yet continues extremely delicate, and the Board is compelled, though reluctantly, to abandon all intention of his return to his Missionary labour in India. The Board, however, recognizes the claims of brother Burpe on his family upon the Convention for support, until the kind Providence of God shall again restore him to health.

Therefore Resolved, That for the future Brother Burpe receive from this Board for his support the sum of one hundred pounds per annum, until otherwise ordered by the Convention, and that the Board relinquish all claim upon brother Burpe's services, leaving him in entire freedom to devote his time so as to secure in the best possible way his own personal comfort and health. The Board desires to express to our esteemed brother their deep and heartfelt sympathy in the painful Providence that forbids his return to a scene of labour so dear and beloved by him.

Lively and energetic addresses were made by Brethren Francis, Thomson, Hunt, Bill, Arthur Crawley, Harris, Bentley, and Armstrong. The interest of the Meeting was much enhanced by the presence and remarks of our beloved Brother Arthur Crawley, who presented himself before us, as a living sacrifice, upon the *altar of Christian Missions*, in effect saying, "Here am I, send me."

Report adopted.

Some touching remarks made by Bro. Bentley in respect to his own feelings, in relation to his personal duty to the Foreign Missionary enterprise, induced the Convention to appoint a Committee to confer with Bro. Bentley, upon the subject of his engaging as a Foreign Missionary in connection with Brother Crawley. Brethren

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Resolved, That Brothers Park and Tupper, together with the Deacons of the Nictaux Church, constitute a Committee of Arrangement for the Convention next year.

Resolved, That one thousand copies of the Minutes of the Convention be published, and that Brethren Bill and Thomson superintend the printing.

Resolved, That the Hon. J. W. Johnson, and Brothers William Johnson and Hall be a Committee on the subject of holding Baptist property.

Resolved, That the cordial thanks of this Convention be given to the friends of Sackville for their marked hospitality to the Ministers and Delegates of this Session.

Adjourned to meet at Nictaux, the third Saturday in September next, with the Baptist Church Nictaux, at 2 o'clock p. m.
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REPORT ON THE STATE OF THE DENOMINATION.

The Committee on the state of the Denomination present the following Report :

The number baptized in the three Provinces during the past year was 750. The number reported at the last Convention was 1280. The average proportion of baptisms to churches appears in the subjoined statement :

S. Eastern Asso'n,	45 Churches.	131 Baptisms,	3 to each chrch.
Central	31	123	4
Western	37	114	3
S. B. Eastern	41	230	between 5 and 6
Western	41	152	not quite 4.
Total,	195	750	not quite 4.

The net increase of the body during the year was only 118, being 100 in Nova Scotia and Prince Edward Island, and 96 in New Brunswick. This is but three-fourths per cent; last year the net increase was six and a half per cent.

The Churches represented in this Convention contain 16,298 members, being in proportion to the entire population as one to thirty. This is a somewhat larger proportion than exists in the United States, where the number of Baptists to the population is as one to thirty two. It is to be observed that these estimates relate to members only, their households and families not being included. Owing to a deficiency of information respecting the contributions raised in the Churches for various religious objects, your Committee is not able to furnish satisfactory details. They are inclined, however, to the conclusion that on the whole the benevolence of the denomination is on the increase, although it requires to be developed and directed by the employment of judicious agency. The Committee commend to the notice of all the Churches the following resolution, passed at the recent meeting of the Western Association of Nova Scotia :

That the Association recommend to the Churches to furnish in their letters a statement of all sums contributed by them for religious and other purposes, including, in addition to the contributions

made through the Union Societies, the cost of erecting and repairing meeting houses, the sums paid for the support of Ministers, donations for educational purposes, &c."

New Meeting Houses have been opened during the year in the following places, viz :

- Oct. 5, 1851. Wallbrook, Horton, N. S.
- Nov. 8, " Dawson Settlement, Hillsborough, N. B.
- Jan. 11, 1852. River Hebert, N. S.
- " " Harvey, (Roshee,) N. B.
- Feb. 1, " Newport, N. S.
- Mar. 21, " Prince William, N. B.
- June 13, " Butternut Ridge, N. B.
- " 20, " Hantsport, N. S.
- July 23, " Jegoggin, Yarmouth, N. S.

Several other Meeting Houses are in course of construction.

Four brethren have been ordained since the last meeting of Convention :

- Sept. 17, 1851. S. Thompson, at West Brook.
- Nov. 23, " S. N. Bentley, at Liverpool.
- Jan. 13, 1852. Robert Morton, at Nictaux.
- July 28, " R. H. Emmerson, Maugerville, N. B.

Three new Churches have been constituted, viz :

- Nov. 9, 1851. Upper Londonderry, N. S.
- " 17, " Second Falls, St. George, N. B.
- Arroostook, N. B.

Reviewing the whole, the Committee observe—

1st. That notwithstanding the small increase of the denomination during the past year, there is much cause for thankfulness to God, and great encouragement to effort. Baptist principles are generally regarded with favour in these Provinces; and there are numerous districts in which the labours of our ministers would be welcomed, if their engagements would allow them to enter new fields. Nor must it be overlooked that the Churches are for the most part in a state of happy exemption from division and discord.

2nd. That the want of ministers is at the present time deeply felt in these Provinces. Not only are missionaries needed in remote districts, but many Churches have lost their pastors, by death or removal to other places. Serious consequences will ensue unless these deficiencies are not soon supplied.

3rd. That in view of the above-mentioned facts, and of the distressing calamity by which so many valuable lives were taken away in June last, it behoves the Churches to be humbled before God, and to implore his mercy, that vacant posts may be again occupied, and the number of faithful labourers greatly increased.

4th. That it is especially incumbent on the Baptists of these Provinces to maintain unbroken union, and to combine their

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gies for all denominational purposes; that in order to the accomplishment of these results it is indispensable that the pastors of the Churches should be perseveringly zealous in the support of our Institutions, and unremitting in their endeavours to guide and stimulate the people; and that unless pastors and people, throughout these lands, act with promptitude, and vigour befitting the occasion, symptoms of decay will soon be visible.

5th, That the solemn observance of the first day the year, as a day of prayer and thanksgiving, as well as the regular attendance on quarterly meetings, is well adapted to consolidate union and revive drooping energies.

J. M. CRAMP, Chairman.

ACADIA COLLEGE REPORT.

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In presenting a report of their proceedings, and of the affairs of the College, during the past year, the Board of Governors will begin by placing before the Convention a statement which has already appeared in the periodicals of the denomination. It is as follows:

Report of the Studies of the Year ending June 4, 1852.

The Session was opened on Tuesday, Sept. 2, 1851. Sixteen students have attended the Classes during the year.

CLASSICS. In Greek, the senior class have read the Medea of Euripides, from the 908th line to the end—a portion of the fifth book of Homer's Odyssey—and ninety-five sections of the Oration of Demosthenes "on the crown." The junior class have read in the Iliad of Homer throughout the Term.

In Latin, the senior class have read the "Agricola" of Tacitus, from Chap. 19 to the end, the whole of the "Germania," and thirteen chapters of Cicero de Officiis. The junior class have read Cato's Catiline, from chap. 26 to the end, and twenty of the Odes of Horace, selected from his third and fourth books.—This class has also been regularly exercised in Greek and Latin composition.

MATHEMATICS. Classes have been instructed in Geometry, Algebra, Trigonometry, plane and spherical, Navigation, Surveying, and Nautical Astronomy. In Geometry, the text-book has been Davies Legendre, nine books; in Algebra, Davies' Bourdan, the Theory of Logarithms; in Trigonometry, Davies, plane and spherical, to the end; in Navigation, Surveying, and Nautical Astronomy, Hackley to the end. The subjects have been studied theoretically and practically, combined.

MENTAL PHILOSOPHY. The Class in Mental Philosophy have been instructed through Upham's Treatise on the Intellect as a text-book, with extended comments.

MORAL PHILOSOPHY. A class chiefly composed of senior students, was formed immediately after the opening of the Fall Term. Dr. Wayland's Moral Philosophy was used as a text-book.

EVIDENCES OF CHRISTIANITY. Having contemplated the course of Moral Philosophy, the above-mentioned class proceeded to the study of the Evidences of Christianity. Dr. Paley's well known treatise (Religious Tract Society's edition) was the textbook employed, and lectures were delivered, embracing many topics which are but slightly discussed, or altogether omitted, in that work.

RHETORIC AND ELOCUTION. Blair's Lectures have been the basis of the instruction in Rhetoric, and once a week exercises have been conducted in reading or declamation.

ESSAYS. The students have written essays on various subjects, literary, historical, &c., which have been examined and criticised, with a view to improvement in composition. Seventy-six essays have been prepared during the Terms; twenty-eight by the senior class, and forty-eight by the junior.

THEOLOGICAL DEPARTMENT. The President regrets that so little has been done in this Department. Having been compelled to undertake the duties of the Classical Professor, he has been unable to give attention to theological instruction, except to a very limited extent. This evil, it is hoped, will be speedily corrected.

An exegetical exercise on the Greek Testament has been attended to once a week, in which all the students have shared. Matthew ii.—xxvi. inclusive has been thus studied.

A Hebrew class has been formed. After studying Gesenius' Grammar (a portion of which has been recited twice,) the class commenced translation, first in the Reading Book, and then in Genesis, of which book the first three chapters, and chapters 4 to 22 inclusive, have been read.

Sermons or skeletons of sermons have been prepared every week by the theological students, and submitted for examination.

Lectures on preaching and church government have been delivered, but Theology and Ecclesiastical History have been entirely neglected, for the reason above mentioned, with the exception of the delivery of an introductory Lecture.

The Greek Testament has been read at morning prayers, from Peter to the end of the Testament, and from Matthew i.—xvi.

Four Quarterly examinations of the classes on the branches above mentioned have been conducted, in the presence of the Governing Board and other friends of the College.

A public literary exhibition took place on the part of six of the senior students, at the close of the first Term of the Collegiate year, and nine of the students delivered orations or essays on Anniversary day, at the close of the second Term.

During the year also, public lectures of a miscellaneous character have been delivered monthly by the undersigned, intended to interest the students and others in various branches of knowledge.

The undersigned have great pleasure in stating that the diligence and persevering attention of the students to their respective studies, as well as the general propriety of their conduct, have been highly gratifying.

It may be added that several have been engaged on Lord's day stations in this vicinity, and are highly acceptable.

Acadia College, June 5,

While the Board are entitled to the management of the College, they are not in a favorable state of the finances. The Board are the sole source of supply, and even the expense and difficulty, and even the labor of Professors. It must be evident unless the educational wants of well-qualified instructors in all the departments of Science, the Institution is unable to make such arrangements as to be satisfactory to their friends and the community. This presents an insuperable obstacle which does not appear possible to be overcome. It is now not how to secure that amount of fund. Having endeavored to secure such connexions and bearings, the success, nay, the continued success, depends on the accomplishment of the resolution, passed at a meeting of the Board last, express their views.

“That however desirable it may be to have in support for the College a fund by experience that the present fund is precarious and insufficient, and consequent irregularity in the disbursements, which are serious inconveniences, which are serious to the working of the Institution, which requires some required for an increased income reasonably looked for without delay.”

That in order to place the College in a position of securing an adequate amount of fund, the sum of not less than \$10,000, to be invested in approved securities, together with tuition fees, and other income applicable to Theological Education, which may continue to be realisable, and the appointment of a suitable number of students. That in the opinion of this Board, the Board are fully able to raise the same.

It may be added that several of the Theological students have been engaged on Lord's days in preaching the gospel at various stations in this vicinity, and that their labours have proved very acceptable.

J. M. CRAMP,
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Acadia College, June 5, 1852.

While the Board are entirely satisfied with the internal engagement of the College, they have to express their deep regret at the state of the finances. The annual subscriptions, which form almost the sole source of supply, cannot be collected without great expense and difficulty, and even if they were wholly reliable would not yield a sum sufficient for the maintenance of an adequate number of Professors. It must be obvious to all reflecting persons, that unless the educational wants of the age are met by the appointment of well-qualified instructors in the various branches of literature and Science, the Institution cannot prosper. The Board are desirous of making such arrangements in this respect as will be fully satisfactory to their friends and the public, but the want of funds presents an insuperable obstacle. Without a permanent income it does not appear possible to carry their plans into effect, and they know not how to secure that object except by raising an endowment fund. Having endeavoured to consider the case in all its connexions and bearings, they have come to the conclusion that the continued success, nay, the very existence of Acadia College depends on the accomplishment of such a purpose. The subjoined resolution, passed at a meeting held at Wolfville on the 25th of March last, express their views:

"That however desirable it may be, for various reasons to obtain support for the College by Annual Subscriptions, it has been found by experience that the funds derived from that source are precarious and insufficient, and that the uncertainty of collection, and consequent irregularity in the receipts, produce manifold inconveniences, which are seriously detrimental to the successful working of the Institution, while it is manifest, that the enlarged income required for an increased number of Professors cannot be reasonably looked for without a change in the pecuniary arrangement,

That in order to place the College on a permanent foundation by securing an adequate amount of annual support, it is desirable to raise the sum of not less than £10,000 for an Endowment, to be invested in approved securities, the interest of which, £600 per annum, together with tuition fees, the proceeds of the Union Societies, applicable to Theological Education, and any voluntary subscriptions which may continue to be realized, will suffice to provide for the appointment of a suitable number of Professors.

That in the opinion of this Meeting the Baptists of these Provinces are fully able to raise the sum of £10,000 for the Endowment

of Acadia College, and that the object may be accomplished in the following way, viz :—

(1.) Individuals may found scholarships, by the payment of £100 currency each, to be held by their sons and descendants, or by such other persons as they or their heirs may appoint, who will be exempted from tuition fees while holding them, in conformity with the notice issued by the Governors in June, 1851.

(2.) Two persons may unite for such purpose, nominating holders of the Scholarships in succession, as may be agreed on by themselves.

(3) Scholarships may be founded by Churches, the requisite sum being collected in what manner they please.

(4) Two Churches may join for such an object.

(5) Subscriptions to any amount may be contributed by those who are unable to found Scholarships, or to combine with others for the purpose.

(6) In order to enlist the sympathies of all the people, Congregational collections may be made from time to time, the proceeds of which may be appropriated to the formation of one or more *People's Scholarships*, for Nova Scotia, New Brunswick, and Prince Edward Island respectively."

The Board recommend to the Convention that all persons taking scholarships be admitted to sit and vote with the Board of Governors at their meetings.

They have much satisfaction in stating that the subject of endowment was brought before the Associations of Nova Scotia and New Brunswick, at their recent annual meetings, and that resolutions, approving the endowment scheme and commending it to the liberality of the Churches, were passed by them all.

A subscription has been opened for the endowment, conditional on the raising of the entire amount, which has realised, up to the present time, the sum of somewhat more than £5000. It remains for the Convention to decide what further steps shall be taken in order to obtain the remaining sum, and to instruct the Board of Governors with reference to ulterior measures.

Donations of valuable books have been received during the year from Dr. J. T. Gray, and Joseph Haddon, Esq. of London, and the Library has also been enlarged by purchase, from the fund accruing from the DeWolfe legacy. Contributions to this department, and to the Museum, are again earnestly solicited.

The Board have now to advert to the heavy calamity with which it has pleased God to visit the Institution. On the 7th of June last Professor Chipman and the Rev. E. D. Very, two of the Governors of the College, together with four of the students, Benjamin Rand, Anthony E. Phalen, W. Henry King, and William E. Grant, were drowned in the Bay of Minas, on their return from an excursion to Cape Blowmidor, for geological purposes. This terrible and unexampled affliction spread sorrow through the Provinces. The sud-

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 not unfrequently, as on the present occasion, "clouds and darkness
 are round about him." May this grievous trial be sanctified, and
 the sufferers sustained.

On receiving intelligence of this catastrophe, the board of Gov-
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"Whereas it has pleased God to remove from us by death sud-
 denly and mysteriously, our beloved brethren Professor Chipman
 and the Rev. E. D. Very, members of this Board—

Therefore Resolved, 1. That the removal of these brethren,
 which would have been at any time an afflictive dispensation, is
 peculiarly trying under the existing circumstances of the College, and
 in view of the strenuous efforts which will be required to preserve
 and sustain it, in which efforts our departed brethren were prepar-
 ed to engage with characteristic energy and perseverance.

2. That while we desire to bow with christian submission to the
 will of the all-wise and all-righteous Disposer of events, who has
 permitted this calamity to befall us and who can educe good from
 evil, and cause blessing to succeed desolation, we cannot but record
 with conviction that a great public loss has been sustained, which
 cannot be easily repaired, and which seriously affects the interests
 of the whole Denomination.

3. That in bearing cheerful testimony to the various excellencies
 of the brethren above mentioned, and especially to the earnestness
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 and thoughtfulness, many advantages were constantly secured, and
 many evils prevented. His memory will be long and affectionately
 remembered in our Churches.

4. That to the widow of our beloved brother Very, and the church
 families under his pastoral care, and to the numerous families
 who have been thrown into mourning by these sad bereavements,
 we tender the expression of our sympathy and condolence, while
 we explore on their behalf that gracious upholding which can only
 be afforded by the "Father of mercies and God of all comfort."

Correspondence has been instituted with several gentlemen, with a view to fill up the vacancies of Professorship of mathematics and natural philosophy, but as yet without any successful result.

It will be the duty of the Convention, at the present session, to elect two Governors, in the place of the brethren whose removal by death has been now recorded.

The Governors have reported the principal events of the year's history. They conclude by requesting the members of the Convention, to take into their most serious consideration the state and prospects of the College. Destitute of the means of adequate annual support, the Institution must either be provided for by endowment, or cease to exist. Are the Baptists of these Provinces prepared for the latter alternative? Are they willing to lose the advantages gained by the labors, the prayers, and the sacrifices of previous years? Will they contentedly retire into the back-ground and suffer other denominations to reap the harvest for which they have sowed the seed? Can they endure the thought, that there and that in those countries a majority of them will find homes? Will it not be a calamity to be deeply deplored that our candidates for the ministry will seek in other lands the instruction and training which they cannot receive here, rendering in return the benefit of their services; and that at a time when the need of thorough education is so much felt, and its advantages so generally acknowledged, the most gifted minds will be removed from our shores, thereby subjecting the churches to losses not easily to be repaired? Will not the abandonment of Acadia College expose the Baptist Denomination to shame and contempt?

Such is the crisis. Let the friends of the Institution meet it with the spirit of power and of love, and of a sound mind. Let them "show themselves men," and "have faith in God."

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RESOLUTIONS IN REFERENCE TO ACADIA COLLEGE.

1. Resolved, That the Report now read be received and adopted and printed in the Minutes of the Convention.
2. That our Institutions of Learning demand from the Baptist denomination the most generous support, and cannot but be regarded as essential, under the divine blessing, to its well being and advancement.
3. That to suffer Acadia College to fall, would involve the Baptists of these Provinces, in difficulties of the gravest character.
4. That the members of this Convention, now assembled at their annual meeting, do hereby signify their hearty approval of the endowment scheme proposed by the Governors of the College,

pledge themselves to render success; and that the Board of immediate measures, by subject before the Churches of the Provinces, in order to obtain

5. That the Subscription for the First of January next, of the sums subscribed shall be payable.

6. That the Governors as early as possible after the close are an enlarged and complete, to frame Statutes for the procure additional Professors

7. That the Churches congregate to observe the annual month of February, and co-ordinate of Grace, the interest

REPORT ON DE

The Committee appointed to die since the last meeting the following statement:

The Rev. SAMUEL ELDERICKSON, died at Philadelphia. He was a native of the ministry of the encouraged by the Church repaired to Acadia College. He was then invited to Eldrickton, and labored with interesting memoir, written by the *Christian Visitor*.

The Rev. EDWARD D. V. on the 7th of June, when he was a native of Salepe Blowmidon, in company with the students of Acadia College, all Very was a native of Salem and afterward at Dartmouth spent a year at the Baptist meeting Sept. 10, 1838, and subsequently he labored as Pastor of the Church in the *Christian Visitor*, 1838, he exerted an important

pledge themselves to render all the aid in their power to ensure its success ; and that the Board of Governors be instructed to adopt immediate measures, by deputations or otherwise, to bring the subject before the Churches of the Denomination, in the three Provinces, in order to obtain subscriptions.

5. That the Subscription for the Endowment Fund be closed on the First of January next, on and after which day the first installment of the sums subscribed, should they amount to £10,000, shall be payable.

6. That the Governors be further instructed to take steps as early as possible after the completion of the Subscription, to prepare an enlarged and comprehensive plan of Collegiate instruction, to frame Statutes for the government of the College, and to procure additional Professors.

7. That the Churches composing this Convention be earnestly solicited to observe the annual day of Prayer for Colleges, in the month of February, and constantly to bear in mind, before the Throne of Grace, the interests of all Educational Institutions.

REPORT ON DEPARTED BRETHERN.

The Committee appointed to report the names of Brethren who died since the last meeting of the Convention, present the following statement :

The Rev. SAMUEL ELDER, late Pastor of the Church at Fredericton, died at Philadelphia, on the 23d of May, aged 35 years. He was a native of Halifax. His conversion took place under the ministry of the Rev. W. Chipman, of Cornwallis.—Encouraged by the Church to devote himself to the ministry, he repaired to Acadia College for Education, and graduated in 1834. He was then invited to the pastorate of the Church at Fredericton, and labored with much acceptance till his death. An interesting memoir, written by the Rev. Charles Spurden, appeared in the *Christian Visitor*.

The Rev. EDWARD D. VERY, was drowned in the Bay of Miramichi on the 7th of June, when returning from a geological excursion to Cape Blowmidon, in company with Professor Chipman and four students of Acadia College, all of whom perished at the same time. Very was a native of Salem, Mass. He studied first at Watertown and afterward at Dartmouth, where he graduated in 1837. He spent a year at the Bangor Theological Seminary, he was ordained Sept. 10, 1838, and settled in Calais, Maine, in December following. Subsequently he labored at Watertown and Belfast.—He commenced preaching at Portland, N. B., in December, 1846, and was Pastor of the Church in that place when he died. As reported in the *Christian Visitor*, which periodical was established in 1838, he exerted an important and very salutary influence on

the Denomination. His labors in the Colportage and Book Depository Department were of the most beneficial character. Bro. Very was in the 39th year of his age.

3. Professor CHIPMAN was born in Cornwallis in 1817. When converted by divine grace, which event took place in early youth, he resolved to give himself to a life of usefulness. He was licensed by the churches to preach the Gospel in 1836. In 1837 he entered Waterville College, and graduated in 1839. When Acadia College was established, he became Professor of Mathematics and Natural Philosophy, which office he filled in the most satisfactory manner till his lamented death. His labors in the service of the Denomination were extensive, unremitting, and in the highest degree advantageous. It is understood that a memoir of the Professor is in preparation.

4. The Brethren whose names have been recorded were members of the Convention. To these may be added the four above mentioned students of Acadia College: Benjamin Rand of Cornwallis, aged 24; Anthony E. Phalen, of Rawdon, aged 26; William E. Grant, of North Sydney, Cape Breton, aged 26; and William Henry King, of Onslow, who had not attained his 17th year. They were young men of promising talents, and high expectations were entertained of their future usefulness to society and to the church. These expectations have been mysteriously disappointed.

The mournful dispensation of Divine Providence, by which these brethren were removed, have deeply affected the Church. The Committee doubt not that the members of the Convention cordially concur in the appropriate Resolutions which were passed on the subject by the Associations of these Provinces at their annual meetings. Such memorials of departed worth, are at once befittingly instructive, and consolatory. May it please the great head of the church, to sanctify sorrow to the bereaved, and to show his people how wonderfully he can make all things "work together for good."

J. M. CRAMP, Chairman

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ANNUAL SUBSCRIPTIONS

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S. Harding	£1 0 0		Brot. up £55 6 0
King & Son	3 0 0	Allen West	1 0 0
Tupper	1 10 0	Joshua Bishops	1 0 0
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Rogers	0 5 0	J. W. Barss	2 0 0
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Bradshaw	0 5 0	J. R. Fitch,	3 10 0
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NOVA SCOTIA :			T. M. Henry	3 0 0
J. W. Barss	£5	0 0	Rev. G. Miles	5 0 0
Rev. Dr. Maclay	5	0 0	Henry E. Seeley	1 0 0
Wm. Jacobs, Esq.	5	0 0	Rev. J. Magee	1 0 0
Rev. J. M. Cramp, D.D.	5	0 0	L. E. Bill	1 0 0
T. S. Harding, Esq.	5	0 0	S. Robinson	1 0 0
Rev. J. Francis	2	0 0	I. Wallace	1 0 0
J. Chase	1	5 0	H. Emerson	1 0 0
S. N. Bentley	2	10 0	Edwin Clay	1 0 0
A. S. Hunt	2	0 0	Laban Lawrence, Esq.	0 10 0
D. C. Dimock	1	0 0	Reuben Chase	0 5 0
C. Tupper	1	0 0	A Friend	1 0 0
W. Chipman	1	0 0	J. F. Marsters, Esq.	1 0 0
James De Wolfe, Esq.	2	0 0	G. A. Garrison	1 0 0
W. Johnston, Esq.	2	0 0	Mrs. Pittingall	1 0 0
Dr. S. Fitch	2	10 0	W. E. Stromach	0 10 0
Simon Fitch, Esq.	1	0 0	James Garratt	0 10 0
David Lyons	1	0 0	Skillen	1 0 0
Dr. Tupper	1	0 0	J. R. Fitch	1 0 0
NEW BRUNSWICK.				£82 0 0
A. Mc. L. Seeley, Esq.	5	0 0		
N. S. Demill	5	0 0		

Memorandum of Account, Acadia College 1851-1852

DR.			
Sept. 20, Paid Officers of Instruction—	£92	5 0	
To Dr Cramp,	69	13 3	
Prof. Chipman			£161 13 3
Paid Agent—	£62	10 0	
John Chase,	4	10 0	67
Jas. Wallace,			
Incidental Expenses—			15
Postages, Wood, Stationary, &c.			£244
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By annual support,	£146	1 0	
Tuition,	43	15 7½	
Ministerial Education,	50	0 0	
Bal. due Treasurer.	4	5 7½	£244
Due from Acadia College—	£132	15 0	
To Dr. Cramp,	146	10 0	
The late Prof. Chipman,	4	5 7½	
Treasurer as above			£283

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1851 In account with J. F. Marsters, Treasurer.

Sept.	By Bal. on hand this date, per acc. rendered	£22	9	7
Oct.	Account received from S. Hersey, Esq. Treasurer of Union Society,	27	7	2
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July 20,	To Amount remitted Rev. Edward McGinnis for Board Order,	£7	10	0
Sept. 9,	" Amt. Mrs. McDonald, widow of the late Rev. A. McDonald, per Board Order,	10	0	0
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Bal. on hand in Savings Bank £32 6 9
J. F. MARSTERS, Treasurer.

St. John, N. B., 17th Sept., 1852.

General Union Society in Account Current with Solomon Hersey.

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July 18,	By Cash from Eliza Palmer, Sackville for Foreign Bible Society,	£4	0	0
July 10,	By Cash from Mr. Isaiah Wallace, being collection from Eastern Association,	41	0	2
July 19,	By Cash from Lewis M'Donald, Esq., 2d Wickham Baptist church,	3	5	6
Aug. 14	From Germain Street church, St. John— Collected by Miss Harriet Harding, £10 8 9 do. Miss Jane Longmaid, 5 9 11 do. Miss Sarah Hayes, 10 10 0			<hr/>
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Aug. 2,	By Cash from Mr. Nath. S Demill being collected from Jemsag Baptist church,	4	6	8
Aug. 9,	By Cash from Mrs. Very, being collected from Portland Baptist Church,	11	10	9½
Aug. 13,	By Cash from Mr. Geo. A. Garrison, being collection from Western N. B. Baptist Association £60 6s. 1d. for Gen. Union funds, also £1 5s. on account of Foreign Bible Society,	70	11	1
Aug. 15,	Cash from Mr. Alexander M'L. Seely, being Henry Seely's collections Gen. Union Society,	21	1	9
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THE BAPTIST FOREIGN MISSIONARY BOARD

In account with J. W. Barss, Treasurer,

1851		DR.		
Sept. 22,	To Pd. J. Ferguson Printing Minutes Conv.		£14	0
1852	To Postage to and from Burmah, &c.		0	7
Sept. 22,	To Pd. Rev. R. E. Burpe, salary to date		150	0
	To Balance carried down—due as under—			
	By J. W. Nutting, Esq former			
	Treasurer		£87	2 11
	By N. S. Demill, Esq. do.		101	17 5
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Sept. 22,	By Funds of Society at this date		£343	1
1852	Collected at Conv'ntn. Wolfville		£6	1 0
	Collections by Rev. R. E. Burpe			
	in Nova Scotia		27	4 7
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	sociation, N. S.		35	15 0
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	do. W. Short,		5	0 0
	do. N. S. Demill		5	0 0
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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 without permission of the Body before the conclusion of its 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, unless otherwise ordered by the Convention.

RULE 9. These rules shall be distinctly read from the Chair immediately after the Convention shall have organized.

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