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OF THE

TWENTY-FIFTH SESSION

OF THE

BAPTIST CONVENTION

OF

NOVA SCOTIA, NEW BRUNSWICK, AND PRINCE EDWARD ISLAND.

HELD IN

FREDERICTON, N. B.,

ON

SATURDAY, MONDAY, AND TUESDAY, August 20th, 22nd, and 23rd, 1870.

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CONSTITUTION OF THE CONVENTION.

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

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

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

III. That the business of the Convention shall be conducted by a President, one or more Vice-Presidents, a Treasurer, two Secretaries (one residing in Nova Scotia and the other in New Brunswick), and a Board of Directors, consisting of twenty-five members, all of whom shall be members of Baptic. Churches, in good standing (in addition to Life Directors), to be chosen annually by the Convention. The Board to have the power to fill up any vacancies that may occur previous to the next meeting of the Convention. IV. That every member of a Baptist Church, in good standing, who shall pay annually ten shillings or upwards towards any of the objects embraced in the Union Societies, or into the funds of the Convention, and also every ordained Baptist minister in the three Provinces, in good standing, shall be a member of the Convention; any person paying five pounds or upwards shall be a life member of the Convention; and the payment of twenty pounds or upwards, at one time, shall constitute a life director. Every Church connected with an Association, and contributing ten shillings towards any of the objects embraced in the Union Society, shall be a member of this Convention, and be at liberty to send one delegate to represent such Church, and if five pounds are collected,

two delegates, and so on. Every local Union Society collecting aunually five pounds or upwards, shall be a member of the Convention, and shall be at liberty to send two delegates to represent them therein, and one delegate for every additional five pounds collected; so as no Church or Union Society be at liberty to send more than five delegates, and that each Association connected with the Convention be allowed to send five delegates. The Missionary and Educational Boards shall also be at liberty to send one delegate each. All persons referred to above shall be members of Baptist Churches.

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

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

VII. That the Convention shall meet on the first Saturday after the 18th day of August, annually, at such place as shall be agreed on by the body; when, in addition to the appointment of the Office-bearers and Board of Directors, and the transaction of such other business as may be brought before the meeting in accordance with Article 2 of this Constitution, a Missionary Board or Boards shall be chosen, each consisting of fifteen members of the Convention, all of whom shall be members of Baptist Churches, in regular standing. These Boards shall hold their meetings at such places as the Convention shall annually appoint; at least one-third of the members of each Board shall reside in the place of meeting, or in its vicinity, and five shall constitute a quorum. 'The Convention shall also appoint, once in three years, six Governors of Acadia College, in place of six who will then go out in rotation, in accordance with the Resolution passed by this Convention at its annual meeting in September, 1859, and in accordance with the Act 14 Vic. of the Legislature of Nova Scotia, chap. 37.

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VIII. That this Constitution may be altered or amended at any Annual Meeting of the Convention, by two-thirds of the members present.

RULES OF ORDER.

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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 the Delegates leaving the Convention without permission of the body, before the conclusion of the business, shall be publicly reported in the Minutes.

RULE 5.—No object shall be discussed without a motion first made and seconded.

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RULE 7.—Motions made and lost, shall not be recorded in 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 opening of the Convention.

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OFFICERS FOR 1870-71.

PRESIDENT. The Hon. D. McN. PARKER, M. D. VICE PRESIDENTS. The Rev. W. S. McKenzie, A. M. M. Beckwith, Esq. " David Freeman, A. M. Asa Coy, Esq. Samuel Freeman, Esq. " William A Corey, SECRETARIES. FOR NEW BRUNSWICK. FOR NOVA SCOTIA-Prof. D. F. Higgins, A. M. Rev. G. M. W. Carey, A. M. TREASURERS. Lewis Payzant, Esq. John H. Harding, Esq. BOARD OF DIRECTORS. The Rev. J. E. Balcom, *''* I. E. Bill, *''* D. M. Welton, D. M. Welton, A. M., I. E. Bill, R. N. Beckwith, Esq., W. A. Coleman, 66 G. E. Day, M. D., A. S. Blenkhorn, Esq., 66 6.6 J. E. Goucher, S. L. Chipman, Esq., A. S. Hunt, A. M, 66 John Fisher, Esq., C. L. Goodspeed, Esq., 66 G. F. Miles, Jesse G. Harding, Esq, 66 James Parker, 66 W. G. Parker,
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J. F. L. Parsons, Esq., W. G. Parker, John King, Esq., 66 66 J. F. L. Parsons, Esq., 66 BOARD OF GOVERNORS OF ACADIA COLLEGE. The REV. A. W. SAWYER, D. D., President of the College, ex-officio. Elected 1862, to retire 1871— Rev. James Parker, Rev. George F. Miles, " C. Spurden, D. D., " J. A. Smith, Mayhew Beckwith, Esq. Elected 1865, to retire 1874— Rev. Ingram E. Bill, Rev. George Armstrong, A. M., " S. W. DeBlois, A. M., " E. C. Cady, A. M., D. M. Welton, A. M. " A. S. Hunt, A. M., 66 Elected 1868, to retire 1877— Rev. W. S. McKenzie, A. M. Rev. John Davis, A. M., Hon. D. McN. Parker, M. D., Hon. Judge Johnston, D. Rupert Eaton, Esq., Zebedee G. Gabel, Esq., A. F. Randolph, Esq. The Rev. S. W. DeBlois, A. M., Secretary. A. D. W. Barss, Esq., A. M., M. D., Treasurer. BOARD OF FOREIGN MISSIONS. The Rev. A. Stronach, The Rev. G. Armstrong, A. M., C. Tupper, D. D., Ingram E. Bill, 66 6.6 N. Vidite, 66 6.6 G. M. W. Carey, A. M., I. Wallace, A.M., 66 M. P. Freeman, A. B. 66 John Graves, Esq., 66 J. F. Kempton, A. B., John Wheelock, Esq., S. B. Kempton, A. M., 66 S. Wheelock, Esq., 6.6 E. O. Read, A. T. Baker, Esq., Treasurer. J. L. Read, 66 NOVA SCOTIA MINISTERIAL EDUCATION BOARD. The Rev. J. E. Goucher, Stephen Selden, Esq., Chairman, B. H. Eaton, Esq., A. M., Secretary, E. M. Saunders, A. M., 66 Hon. D. McN. Parker, M. D., Treasurer, R. N. Beckwith, Esq., David Thompson, Esq.

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MINUTES.

Fredericton, N. B., 20th day of August, 1870.

The Twenty-fifth Session of the Baptist Convention of Nova Scotia, New Brunswick, and Prince Edward Island, commenced this day in the Baptist Church, at 10 o'clock, A. M. The Rev. J. M. Cramp, D. D., President of last year, was in the chair. The Meeting was opened with prayer by the Rev. E. F. Foshay. In the absence of both the Secretaries, the Rev. J. W. Manning was appointed Secretary, pro tempore.

LIST OF MEMBERS PRESENT.

FROM NEW BRUNSWICK.

Fredericton.-Brethren Asa Coy, W. Cooper, W. S. Estey, John Guiou, and J. L. Haines.

Saint John, Brussels Street.--- The Revs. Timothy Harley, and James Spencer, and Brethren John J. Akerley, Moses C. Barbour, and T. H. Hall.

Saint John, Germain Street. - The Rev. G. M. W. Carey, A. M., and Brethren E. H. Duval, and John H. Harding.

Saint John, Leinster Street.-The Rev. W. S. McKenzie, A. M., and Brethren Robert Sears, L. W. Williams, and Alfred Seely.

Saint John, Carleton.-The Rev. I. E. Bill.

Lower Cambridge.—The Rev. A. B. Macdonald.

Macnaguack.—The Rev. J. R. Strang.

Prince William.-The Rev. T. W. Saunders.

1st Sackville Church.—Brother Josiah Tingley.

2d Sackville Church.—The Rev. Thomas Todd.

Eastern Association.—The Revs. David Crandal, and Tho-

Union Society.—Brethren A. F. Randolph, A. D. Estabrooks.

MEMBERS IN THEIR OWN RIGHT.-The Revo Cady, A. M., W. A. Corey, A. Estabrooks Hickson, A. M., W. D. Manzer, George P Brethren C. L. Hartt, C. S. Ingraham, ' Manning, and R. H. Phillips.

FROM NOVA SCOTIA.

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Amherst.—The Revs. D. A. Steele, A. M., and George F. Miles, and Brethren A. S. Blenkhorn, Rufus Embrey, and D. F. Quigley.

Bridgewater.—The Rev. S. March.

Caledonia.—Brethren B. L. Telfer, and R. Middlemas.

Chester.—The Rev. I. J. Skinner, A. B.

Clements.—The Rev. G. D. Cox.

1st Cornwallis.—Brethren M. Beckwith, Benjamin Eaton, and Joshua Eaton.

2d Cornwallis.—The Rev. E. O. Read.

3d Cornwallis.—Bro. James Bligh.

5th Cornwallis.—The Rev. D. Freeman, A. M.

6th Cornwallis.-Brethren L. C. Woodworth, and Walter Witt.

Dartmouth.—The Rev. A. S. Hunt, A M.

Digby.—Bro. Jacob A. Durkee (Licentiate).

Freeport and Westport.-The Rev. J. H. Hughes.

Halifax, Granville Street.—The Rev. W. B. Boggs, A. B., Brethren R. N. Beckwith, Lewis Payzant, and A. Robinson.

1st Hillsburg.-Brethren R. Clark and G. Dunn.

1st Horton.-Brethren W. Elder, A. M., D. F. Higgins, A. M., R. V. Jones, A. M., and E. Johnston.

Liverpool.—The Rev. Joseph Jones, A. B.

Lower Aylesford and Upper Wilmot.—The Rev. C. Tupper, D. D.

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Lower Granville.—The Rev. Isaiah Wallace, A. M.

Milton.-The Rev. W. G. Parker, and Brother James Smith.

Newport, West. -Brother. J. R. Stubbert (Licentiate).

North Sidney, C. B. - The Rev. T. H. Porter, and Bro. W. F. Armstrong (Licentiate).

Pine Grove.—Brethren Johnston Neily (Licentiate), and M. Wheelock.

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Foreign Mission Board.—Bro. J. P. Graves.

MEMBERS IN THEIR OWN RIGHT .--- The Revs. J. E. Balcom, John Chase, A. Cogswell, E C. Corey, J. M. Cramp, D. D., E. A. Crawley, D. D., John Davis, A. M., S. W. DeBlois, A. M., M. P. Freeman, A. B., L. B. Gates, J. E. Goucher, T. A. Higgins, A. M., J. F. Kempton, A. B., S. B. Kempton, A. M., M. Normandy, James Parker, J. M. Parker, D. O. Parker, R. R. Philp, A. B., R. D. Porter, S. T. Rand, James Read, W. H. Richan, and the Hon. D. McN. Parker, M. D.

VISITORS.

The following brethren being present, were invited to sit with the Convention:

The Rev. Jay S. Backus, D. D., Secretary of the American Baptist Home Mission Society.

The Rev. W. C. Child, D. D., New England Secretary of the American **Baptist Publication Society.**

The Rev. Alvah Hovey, D. D., President of the Newton Theological Institution.

The Rev. J. N. Murdock, D. D., Secretary of the American Baptist Missionary Union.

The Rev. Henry G. Weston, D. D., President of the Crozer Theological Seminary, Upland, Pa.

N. P. Kemp, Esq., of the American Tract Society.

The Revs. John Combes, E. B. Eddy, Delegate of the Maine Baptist Convention, and G. E. Leonard.

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Brethren G. N. Ballentine, H. E. Morrow, C. F. Myers, A. B., and Rufus Sandford, A. B., Licentiates, were also invited.

COMMITTEES.

On Arrangements.—Revs. C. Spurden, D. D., G. E. Day, M. D., and Brethren W. Faulkner, J. W. Manning, A. B., J. L. Haines, and R. H. Phillips.

On Nomination.-The Revs. E. C. Cady, A. M., E. F. Foshay, M. P. Freeman, A. B., E. Hickson, A. M., and D. M. Welton, A. M. On the State of the Denomination.—The Revs. J. M. Cramp, D. D., A. W. Sawyer, D. D., C. Spurden, D. D., I. E. Bill, and Bro. S. Selden.

On Obituaries.—The Revs. E. A. Crawley, D. D., G. E. Day, M. D., C. Goodspeed, A. M., Timothy Harley, S. March, Isaiah Wallace, A. M., and D. M. Welton, A. M.

To Audit Foreign Mission Treasurer's Accounts.—Brethren J. H. Harding, W. Faulkner, and A. F. Randolph.

While the Committee on Arrangements were preparing their report, there was a discussion regarding the statistics of the Churches, and the general state of the denomination.

The Committee reported, recommending that the Convention meet this afternoon at 3 o'clock, to accommodate delegates coming by the steamer. That prayermeetings be held every morning, during the sittings of the Convention, from $6\frac{1}{2}$ to $7\frac{1}{2}$ o'clock. That the Convention meet for business each morning at 10, A. M., and close at $12\frac{1}{2}$, P. M. Meet for afternoon session at $2\frac{1}{2}$, P. M., and close at $5\frac{1}{2}$, P. M. Evening meeting at $7\frac{1}{2}$, P. M. That the Lord's Day's services be as follows :—

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Report adopted. Adjourned, with prayer.

Saturday Afternoon, 3, P. M.

The Convention resumed business. The Rev. Dr. Cramp was in the Chair. Prayer by the Rev. G. E. Day, M. D. The Minutes of the last session were read and approved.

The Committee on Nomination reported, recommending Officers for the ensuing year. Report adopted. (See page 6.) 11

The newly elected President, the Hon. D. McN. Parker, M. D., then took the Chair, and read the rules of order.

The President read a letter from G. H. Dobson, Esq., enclosing a P. O. order for \$100 for Foreign Missions, from the North Sydney (C. B.) Baptist Church.

The Committee on Arrangements further reported, recommending that the Rev. Jay S. Backus, D. D., preach the Convention Sermon, instead of the Rev. J. E. Goucher, who had asked to be relieved.

That the hour preceding the morning session of the Convention be allotted for Committees, or for the Board of Governors of Acadia College.

That the Rev. W. S. McKenzie, A. M., preach the Convention Sermon at the next annual session, and that the Rev. J. E. Hopper, A. M., be his alternate.

Report adopted.

Resolved—That the Secretaries and the Rev. Timothy Harley be a Committee to superintend the printing and circulation of 2,000 copies of the Minutes.

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Resolved—That the next annual session of the Convention be held with the 1st Yarmouth Baptist Church, to commence on Saturday, August 19th, 1871, at 10 o'clock, A. M.

Convention adjourned, with prayer by Rev. Dr. Crawley.

Monday, August 22d, 1870.

MORNING SESSION, 10 A. M.

The Rev. J. S. Backus, D. D., preached the Convention sermon, from Matthew xxiv. 14; after which business was resumed. Prayer by the Rev. J. H. Hughes.

The Minutes of the previous Session were read and approved.

The Reports of the Secretary and Treasurer of the Board of Governors of Acadia College were read, and ordered to lie on the table.

Adjourned, with prayer by the Rev. A. S. Hunt, A. M.

Monday Afternoon, 2¹/₂ P. M.

The Convention met according to adjournment, and Rev. John Davis, A. M., offered prayer. Minutes of the morning meeting were read and approved.

Resolved—That the Secretaries be requested to forward to the managers of the Steamboats and Railways, the thanks of this Convention for the accommodation offered in passing delegates at a reduced fare.

Resolved—That the Revs. W. S. McKenzie, A. M., John Davis, A. M., and G. E. Day, M. D., and R. A. Beckwith, Esq., be a Committee to make application to the proper authorities for the usual reduction in fares by Railway, Steamboats, and Stage-coaches, to those in attendance at the Convention to be held in Yarmouth next year.

Resolved-That it be recommended to the Board of Governors, to hold a meeting at Yarmouth on the day preceding the next annual meeting of the Convention at 9 o'clock, A. M.

Also-That the Board of Foreign Missions be recommended to hold a meeting at the same time and place.

The Rev. W. C. Child, D. D., having presented an account of the operations of the American Baptist Publication Society, it was *Resolved*, That this Convention, having listened with interest to the statements of the Rev. Dr. Child, express their sympathy with the Society which he represents, and recommend our churches to avail themselves, as far as possible, of its advantages.

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Resolved—That Prof. D. F. Higgins, A. M., S. Selden and the Revs. T. H. Porter, W. S. McKenzie, A. M., I. E. Bill, and John Davis, A. M., be a Committee to revise the Constitution, and report next year.

Adjourned with prayer by the Rev. I. E. Bill.

Monday Evening, 71 P. M.

Convention met persuant to adjournment. Prayer by the Rev. I. J. Skinner, A. B.

The Rev. A. W. Sawyer, D. D., was called upon to read a report from the Faculty of the College, relative to the proposed extension of the Theological Department.

Resolved—That the Report just read be adopted, and published in the Minutes.

The subject of Education was then discussed. Speeches were made by the Revs. W. S. McKenzie, A. M., A. W. Sawyer, D. D., G. M. W. Carey, A. M., Alvah Hovey, D. D., H. G. Weston, D. D., J. S. Backus, D. D., and J. N. Murdock, D. D.

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The Reports of the Secretary and the Treasurer of the Board of Governors of Acadia College were taken up, and, after brief discussion, adopted. (See Appendices.)

Convention adjourned with prayer by the Rev. D. Crandall.

Tuesday Morning, 10 A. M.

The Convention met, according to adjournment. Prayer by the Rev. Timothy Harley. Minutes of last meeting read and approved.

Resolved—That the Revs. I. E. Bill, J. M. Cramp, D. D., and Timothy Harley, and any other member of this Convention who may be able to attend, be our delegates to the Baptist Convention of Ontario and Quebec.

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The Reports of the Secretary and Treasurer of the Board of Foreign Missions were read, and received for discussion. Remarks were made by the Revs. Dr. Crawley, Dr. Murdock, G. F. Miles, and others.

Adjourned, with prayer by the Rev. Thomas Todd.

Tuesday Afternoon, 23 P. M.

Convention resumed. Prayer by the Rev. S. March. Minutes of last session read and approved.

The Committee on Arrangements reported recommending that the Foreign Mission Board be revised, and that this duty be assigned to the Committee on Nominations.

That the Revs. John Davis, A. M., I. Wallace, A. M., W. G. Parker, T. H. Porter, and E. C. Cady, A. M., be a Committee to revise the list of ordained ministers connected with the Convention, and to report to the Secretaries before the close of the Convention.

Their report was adopted.

Resolved—That a Committee be appointed by this

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Convention to enquire into the feasibility of establishing an independent Foreign Mission, to collect all needed information respecting a field of operations, and to ascertain whether an individual competent to lead such an enterprise is available, and to give their serious consideration to the question whether it can be right to withdraw support from Missionaries, native or otherwise, already in the field, in order to commence such Mission : and also that the Committee be further instructed to take into special consideration the propriety of transferring the Foreign Mission Board to some more central location, to report on these propositions at the next Anniversary of the Convention.

Resolved—That the Revs. J. M. Cramp, D. D., D. A. Steele, A. M., John Davis, A. M., W. S. Mc-

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Kenzie, A. M., and I. E. Bill, constitute the above Committee.

The Rev. J. M. Cramp, D. D., read the Report of the Committee on the State of the Denomination.

Resolved—That the Report be adopted, with the understanding that the statistics of the Western Associations of Nova Scotia and New Brunswick for the present year shall be incorporated in it.

The Committee on Nominations further reported, recommending the following changes in the Board of Foreign Missions:—Rev. M. P. Freeman, A. B., in place of Rev. W. G. Parker; Rev. J. F. Kempton, A. B., in place of Rev. James Parker; and the Rev. S. B. Kempton, A. M., in place of Rev. W. H. Porter, A. M.

The following resolution, after considerable discussion, was passed : "That our Foreign Mission Board be instructed to pay over to the Missionary Union \$800, with exchange ; the second year's salary of the Rev. William George, our Missionary in Burmah."

Resolved—That while we receive with pleasure those portions of the Report of the Secretary of the Board of Foreign Missions which relate to the work of Sister DeWolf, and of the native preachers supported by our contributions; and while we are gratified to know that Sister Norris and Brethren Armstrong and Sandford have determined to devote their lives to Foreign Missionary labour,—yet we cannot adopt the Report as a whole, inasmuch as it contains several propositions and expressions of opinion with which this Convention cannot entirely concur.

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Resolved—That the Foreign Missionary Board be instructed to send Miss II. M. Norris forward to a Foreign Mission field as soon as convenient.

Convention adjourned, with prayer by Rev. E. C. Cady.

Tuesday Evening, 71 P. M.

Convention met, according to adjournment. Prayer by Rev. G. D. Cox. Minutes read and approved.

Bro. Selden informed the Convention that the Treasurer's Account of the Nova Scotia Ministerial Education Board had been omitted, but would be forwarded, and requested that it might be inserted in the Minutes.

Voted—That the request be granted.

The Report of the Treasurer of the Foreign Mission Board was taken up and adopted.

Resolved—That the members of the Ministerial Education Board be re-appointed.

It was ordered—That the Report of the Secretary of the Board of Foreign Missions be published in the Minutes.

Resolved—That the thanks of this Convention be given to the brethren and friends of Fredericton for their kindness in entertaining the members of this Convention, during the present session.

The Report of the Committee on Obituaries was read and adopted.

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The subject of Foreign Missions was spoken to by the Revs. John Davis, A. M., E. A. Crawley, D. D., J. N. Murdock, D. D., and Timothy Harley; and Brethren W. F. Armstrong and Rufus Sandford, B. A., Licentiates.

Voted—That Rev. John Davis, A. M., be requested to prepare a series of articles on Foreign Missions for publication in the *Christian Messenger* and the *Christian Visitor*.

Voted—Whereas, Foreign Missions is one of the great subjects for which this Convention exists, and Brethren Dr. Murdock and Dr. Hovey have given us a vast amount of valuable information respecting this matter—*Therefore Resolved*, That our best thanks are due and are hereby tendered to them for the same. Resolved—That the Secretary of the Foreign Missionary Board be requested to supply a list of the Woman's Missionary Aid Societies already formed, and also any extracts from their Reports he may think desirable, for publication with the Minutes of this Convention.

The following motion was passed: Whereas, our brethren of the Maine Baptist Convention have sent us fraternal greeting, by the hand of the Rev. E. B. Eddy—*Therefore Resolved*, That we thankfully accept the greetings of our brethren, and desire to reciprocate their Christian salutation.

Resolved—That a Committee of three be appointed by this Convention, to act in conjunction with the Committee of the Ministers' Institute, to make arrangements for an Institute to be held next year in Yarmouth, during the week immediately prior to the meeting of the Convention; and that Revs. G. E. Day, M. D., D. Freeman, A. M., and Bro. H. C. Creed, A. M., constitute such Committee.

Resolved—'That this Convention hereby tender their grateful acknowledgments to the Rev. Dr. Backus for the valuable information he has afforded us on Home Evangelization.

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Resolved—That this Convention do now adjourn to meet with the Baptist Church in Yarmouth, Nova Scotia, at 10 o'clock, A. M., on the first Saturday after the 18th August, 1871.

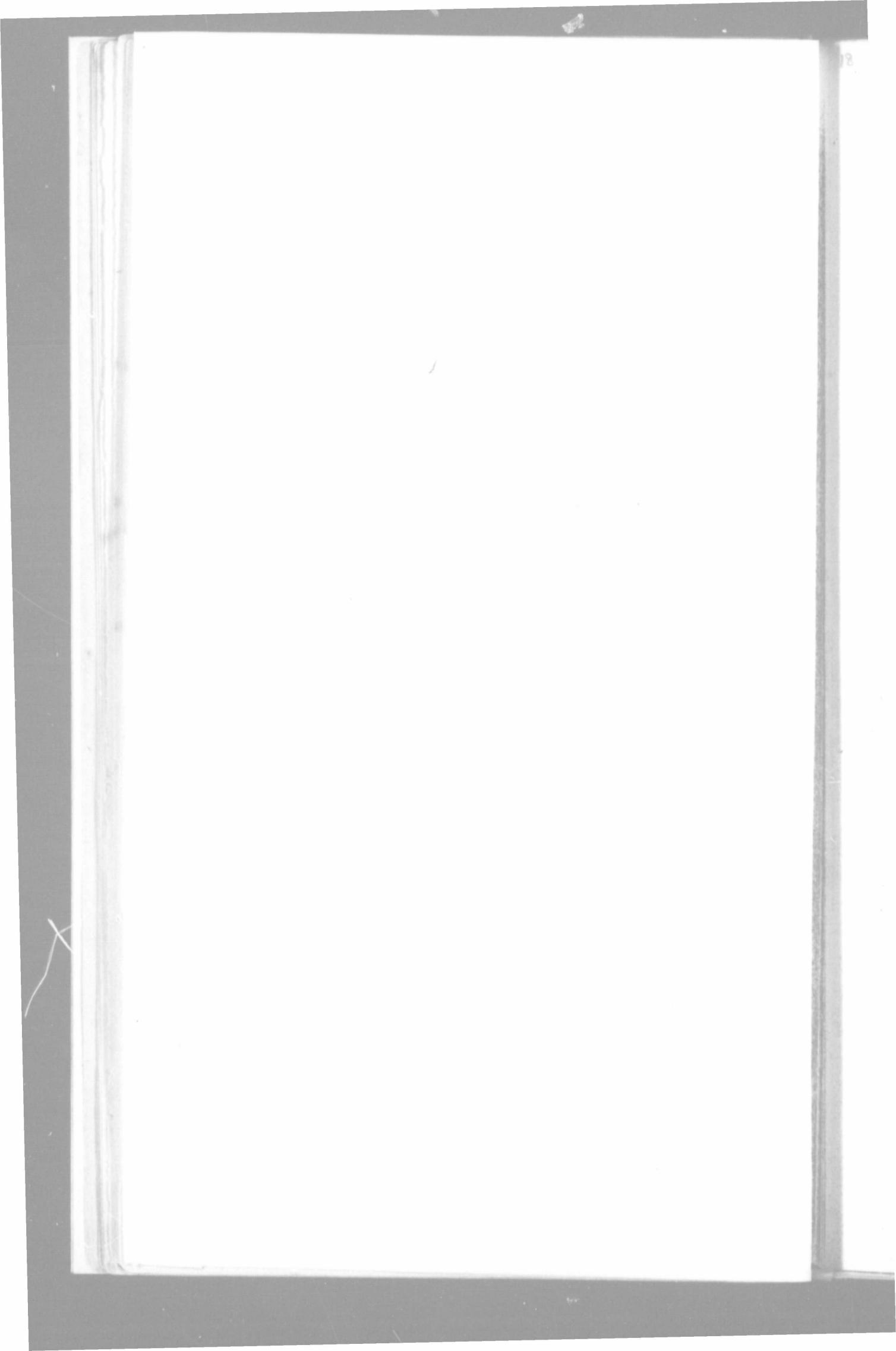
The Minutes of this Session were read and approved. The Doxology was sung, and the Benediction pronounced by the Rev. John Davis, A. M.

D. MoN. PARKER, President.

D. F. HIGGINS, G. M. W. CAREY, Secretaries.

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APPENDICES.

ACADIA COLLEGE.

ANNUAL REPORT OF THE BOARD OF GOVERNORS.

The Anniversary was held in the Baptist Meeting House, Wolfville, on Thursday, June 9th, 1870, in the following order : *Music*.

Prayer by the Rev. George Armstrong, A. M.

ESSAYS BY THE GRADUATING CLASS.

The Problem of Life, William H. Newcomb, Wolfville. Law in Nature, Egbert M. Chesley, Bridgetown.

DEGREES CONFERRED.

Messrs. Egbert M. Chesley and William H. Newcomb, having fulfilled the prescribed term of study, and passed satisfactory examinations thereupon, were admitted to the Degree of Bachelor in Arts respectively.

Rev. John E. Hopper, A. B., and Rev. Samuel B. Kempton, A. B., were admitted to the Degree of Master in Arts, in course. The honorary degree of Master in Arts was conferred on Rev. John Davis, of Charlottetown, Rev. C. E. Goodspeed, Principal of Fredericton Seminary, and J. B. Calkins, Esquire, Principal of the Nova Scotia Normal School.

The honorary degree of Doctor in Divinity was conferred on Rev. William F. Stubbert, of New Jersey.

HONOR CERTIFICATES.

Honor certificates were bestowed as follows:----

IN PHILOSOPHY.

W. II. Warren, A. Cohoon.

IN CLASSICS.

W. T. Pipes, W. M. McVicar, D. W. Douglass, S. Rand, F. Eaton, II. Rand.

IN MATHEMATICS.

W. T. Pipes, G. O. Gates, A. Eaton.

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W. T. Pipes, D. W. Douglass.

IN NATURAL SCIENCES.

G. O. Gates, S. McC. Black.

PRESENTATION OF PRIZES.

1. The Alumni Prize of Forty Dollars, for the best Essay on an assigned subject, was divided equally between E. M. Chesley and W. H. Warren.

2. Scholarship Prizes—Twenty Dollars each.

Senior Class, awarded to E. M. Chesley.

Junior Class, awarded to W. H. Warren.

8. The H. N. Paint Prize, Twenty-five Dollars, for the best series of monthly Essays-awarded to W. H. Warren.

5. The Lewis Payzant Prize, of Twenty Dollars, for the highest score in cricket-awarded to John B. Mills.

The above prizes are provided and distributed under the direction of the Associated Alumni.

6. The Edward Young Gold Medal, for proficiency in the Higher Mathematics, given by Edward Young, Esquire, of Washington, D. C., U. S., was awarded to W. T. Pipes, and presented by the Rev. J. M. Cramp, D. D.

The exercises of the Anniversary were closed, and pleasingly varied, by the presentation of a Testimonial, in the shape of an elegant Epergne, of pure silver, from a number of his friends, to the Rev. J. M. Cramp, D. D. The address in connection therewith, alluding to the many services of the retiring President to the College and the denomination, was read by John W. Barss, Esquire, and responded to in fitting terms by Dr. Cramp.

Forty-two students have been enrolled during the year. The indications now are, that the matriculating class for September will not number more than twelve.

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Inasmuch as we must look to our Academies at Wolfville and Fredericton as the only permanent sources of supply for our College, a plain duty devolves upon the Denomination to sustain these Institutions in the highest state of efficiency.

Rev. A. W. Sawyer, D. D., entered upon his labours as President of the College in September last. Your Board have reason to believe that the work of the last year, and the general condition of the College, hav e more than justified their choice.

The following extracts from the President's report to the Board, in June last, are here presented :

THE FACULTY.

I owe it to the gentlemen associated with me in the Faculty, to testify to you of their cheerful co-operation and fraternal sympathy with me in my work. It surely will not be, by any intention of mine, that this condition of things will be changed. I also cheerfully acknowledge my indebtedness to Dr. Cramp for valuable assistance rendered to me in various ways during the year.

INSTRUCTION,

The course of instruction which was marked out in the Catalogue for 1869, has been followed, with such modification as was necessary to

allow additional time to be given to the Natural Sciences. The provision for more extended instruction in this department, appears to have given much satisfaction, and promises to be of great advantage to the College.

THE STUDENTS.

The students have been generally orderly and studious throughout the year, and have given us very little trouble in the way of discipline. I feel constrained to say that, as a body, they are worthy of the efforts you are making to provide for them the means of generous education. Acadia compares creditably with the other Colleges in these Provinces, in regard to style and tone of scholarship; and it is the purpose of the Faculty to maintain the existing relation.

THEOLOGICAL DEPARTMENT.

The following statements have been furnished by the Principal of that department:

In the course of the Academical year now closing, seven College students—most of whom were members of the Junior Class—began the Hebrew Grammar, and at the close of the last term, had commenced reading and parsing passages in Genesis. Two of these students, finding the additional work beyond their strength, were obliged to withdraw from the class, intending to renew their attendance, if possible, another year.

Dr. Cramp has continued, through the year, a course of Lectures on Ecclesiastical History. The persons attending these Lectures have been chiefly the same as composed the Hebrew Class.

Heretofore, Theological students have received instruction in the principles of interpretation and criticism, and have critically examined some portions of the Greek Testament. As the Senior Class of the past year furnished no Theological students, there has been no class in Greek Exegesis. It thus appears that all has been done in Theological study that could reasonably be expected. It might be well here to state that your Board have under conisderation a plan submitted to them by the Faculty, whereby a regular course of Theological study may be secured; which plan, if adopted, will be submitted to this Convention before its close.

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LIBRARY AND MUSEUM,

The following additions have been made in these departments during the past year :

COLLEGE LIBRARY.

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PURCHASED---

In addition to several Reviews and Periodicals, Murdoch's History of Nova Scotia, Night Scenes of the Bible, Bibliotheca Sacra, Barrows' Companion of the Bible, Autobiography of Jacob Knapp, Life of George Peabody, PRESENTED-

By Rev. Dr. Cramp. -7 vols. Baptist Magazine; Minutes of the Convention (bound), 1 vol.; Catalogues of Acadia College (bound), 1 vol.; Calendar of University of London for 1870, 1 vol., By J. L. Bishop M. D. - Transactions of the Society for the

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encouragement of the Arts, &c., 52 vols.; U. S. Patent Office Reports, 48 vols.; One Folio Case, containing Manuscript not used in his History of Manufactures,

By J. H. Benton, Esq., of Concord, N. H.—Journals of the N. H. Senate and House, 1 vol.; Provincial Papers of New Hampshire, 3 vols.,

By the United States Government.-- Eighth Census of the United States, 1 vol.; Report of Department of Agriculture, 1 vol.; Smithsonian Collections, 2 vols.; Smithsonian Contributions to Knowledge, 16th volume.

Also, the Monthly Reports on Commerce, &c., in pamphlet form,

By the Dominion Government.—The Statutes of Canada, 1 vol.; Sessional Papers, 6 vols.; Journals of House of Commons and of the Senate, for 1869, 2 vols.,

By the Hon. Provincial Secretary.—Journals of the House of Assembly of Nova Scotia for 1869,

By Dimock Archibald, Esq.—Malcohn's Theological Index, By Rev. F. Trestrail, London.—Letters of Miss Francis Rolleston,

By Rev John Chase.—One English-French Dictionary and an Italian Lexicon,

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CONTRIBUTIONS TO THE MUSEUM.

By T. R. Willis, Esq.—A Lizard and Spider and Specimen of Coral, from the West Indies.

By A. J. Hill, Esq.-A Confederate Note.

By Rev John Chase,-Several Rare Coins.

By J. W. Barss .- Specimens of Open Cotton Pod.

From the State Department at Ottawa.—A Bronze Medal, commemorative of the Confederation of the Provinces.

By A. J. Hill, Esq.-Qeological; Fossil ferns of the Lower Carboniferous, from River Philip.

Economical ; Specimens of Specular Iron Ore, Brown Hematite, and Chilled Iron from the Acadian Iron Works.

By Capt. N. W. Beckwith.—Zoological; Soundings from the Brazilian coast, (minute shells and fragments of coral), average depth fifteen fathoms; Bones of Cuttle Fish; Claw of Guard Fish; Skull and beak of unknown Bird from the Carimata St.; Chinese Centipede, (dried.)

In Alcohol.—Locusts and Scorpion from the Philippine Islands; Centipede from Hung Kong: Tarantula; Blatta Orientalis, from Singapore: Tse-tze, from South Africa.

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COLLECTED BY PROF. ELDER.

At Horton Blugf.-Numerous specimens of Lepidodendron, Cordaites, Cyclopteris, Teeth and Scales of Rhizodus Hardingi; Spines of Ctenacanthus, Scales of Actolepis Hortonensis, Rusichnites Carbonarius.

At Windsor, Newport, Walton, and New Canaan.-A large number of fossils, including species of the following genera :--

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The usual financial statement will be submitted by the Treasurer. In addition to this, certain matters have been brought by that officer to the notice of your Board, which it is highly important should be placed before the Convention.

1. So much difficulty is experienced in collecting the interest of notes regularly, and so much risk is incurred by the deterioration in value of these notes, that it becomes imperatively necessary to require that all notes due should be redeemed as speedily as possible, and the proceeds securely invested.

2. The sum of \$400 still remains due to the Professors, on account of salary, during the past year. This deficiency cannot be met by any available funds, without drawing on next year's income. If the \$1,000 asked for in the "Appeal" had all been contributed this deficiency would not have occurred.

3. The subscriptions to the salary of the Professor of Natural Sciences have not been paid up as they should have been. If this serious delin-quency continues your Board will be compelled to draw upon the proper funds of the College, in order to honorably meet engagements made with Mr. Elder on the faith of these solemn pledges, many of which remain unfulfilled.
4. A large portion of the rents which ought in justice to be reserved for repairs, has been diverted in order to eke out the income. A suggestion is very properly made that at least one half of the rents should be funded to be used only for repairs.

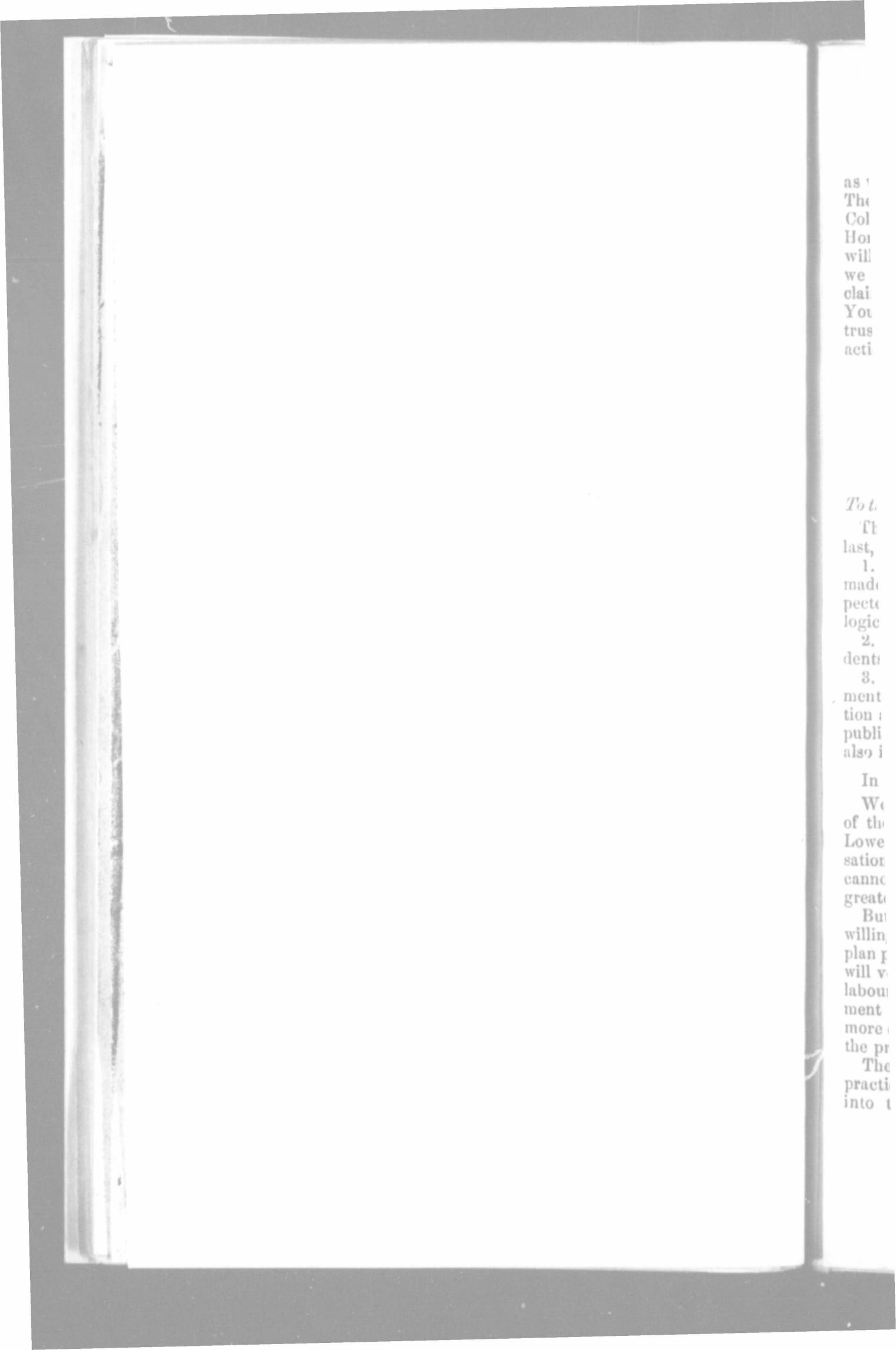
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But little has been done in the way of addition to the Endowment during the past year.

Rev. J. E. Balcom, at the last meeting of this Convention in Halifax, made a most generous offer in reference to his employment, as an agent in this behalf. Severe domestic affliction and bereavement, prevented the execution of this purpose, during the past year; but during the year to come, Bro. Balcom intends devoting his whole time to this work.

Your Board have made this year the usual appeal to the Churches. The response though more favorable than in previous years, was not such as, compared with our increased outlay, we had reason to expect. The proposed plau in reference to the Theological Department, and other imperative changes will call for earnest effort and increased liberality on the part of the Denomination.

Our College must be sustained, and your Board would urge upon this Convention the necessity of such practical manifestations of benevolence



as will encourage them to go on. There can be no question of ability. There is wealth enough in the Denomination, amply to endow Acadia College with eight Professors, and our Academies at Fredericton and Horton with an efficient staff of Instructors. We believe too that the willingness is far greater than scanty returns have manifested. What we need, is the presentation before our Churches individually, of these claims, and their earnest advocacy by one whose soul is in the work. Your Board have great faith in the promised efforts of Bro. Balcom, and trust he will go forth from this Convention, so encouraged by your action, as to reap a rich harvest.

All which is respectfully submitted.

STEPHEN W. DEBLOIS, SECRETARY.

REPORT OF THE FACULTY.

To the Board of Governors:

The accompanying Resolutions, adopted by your Body in December last, have been communicated to us :

1. That the College Curriculum be so arranged as that provision be made, whereby candidates for the ministry may be encouraged, and expected to spend a year or more as resident graduates in pursuing Theological studies.

2. That the necessary arrangements be made to encourage other students having the ministry in view, to pursue Theological studies here.

3. That the Faculty be requested and empowered to make such allot-

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ments among themselves of the several branches of Theological instruction as shall best tend in their judgment to secure efficiency, and to publish the same in the denominational papers as soon as matured, and also in the College Catalogue.

In reply to these Resolutions, the Faculty submit the following Report:

We find our work as College Officers greater than the average work of the same class of men in the Colleges of other Denominations in the Lower Provinces, and our compensation *less* than the average compensation allowed in those other Institutions. In this state of affairs we cannot admit that the Governors and the public have any claim to any greater services than at present rest upon us.

But if the ministers and leading laymen of the Denomination are willing to assume at once the responsibilities involved in adopting the plan proposed, and make provision for the increase of expenditure that will very soon be demanded, then we are willing to undertake additional labour, for a time, as the best contribution we can make for the advancement of our educational interests. We cannot undertake to carry on a more complete Theological Department for any great length of time on the present pecuniary basis.

The proposed plan will be attended with some serious difficulties, in practice. There will be danger of so introducing Theological studies into the College course as to change the character of the College While other Institutions are striving to improve their literary character, it will not do for us to allow our rivals to say that Acadia has become simply a Theological Hall. The College, in the broad sense of the term, was the originial design here; and all will admit that it will not be wise to narrow the plan. It will then prove a difficult undertaking to arrange the two courses so as to give satisfaction.

Again, the means for working an enlarged Theological course are not likely to be what are needed. It is customary in Theological Schools to supply the students with such Text Books as may be needed for Class-room work, from term to term. We have no such books, and no means to buy them. The Library is defective, and we see no prospect of any immediate enlargement. We ought to be able to refer the students to the principal works in Theology, Interpretation, and History. But their reading must be very limited, and we must labour with the depressing sense of inferiority to other Institutions in this respect.

But one other reason for hesitation arises. Will students, looking forward to the Ministry, be satisfied with this arrangement? Two classes will object. Some will complain that the time is made too long. They may be able to study three or four years; this is longer than some are willing to stay; but the fifth year will be omitted. Others wiil say, we feel the importance of full preparation, and are willing to take time for it. They will prefer to go to other places where Theological study is the exclusive pursuit. The result will be that probably only a fraction of the students will conform to our plan. Advancement by classes will be irregular, and enthusiastic teachers will be discouraged.

Another serious objection against committing ourselves to the support of the proposed plan must be mentioned. The adoption of the plan will inevitably bring on the Governors ere long the necessity of appointing an additional Professor. There are some circumstances favourable to the introduction of the change at the present time; but we are forbidden to count on the permanency of these circumstances. It is understood that Dr. Cramp is willing, for a time, to take charge, without remuneration, of the departments of Ecclesiastical History and Pastoral Duties. This is commonly full work for one man in a regular Theological School. Dr. Crawley now carries full work in the College, and is expected to take Hebrew Exegesis and Theology. It is evident that he can venture to undertake all this only because he has been so long engaged in teaching. Now, whenever either of these gentlemen, from physical inability or disinclination to such labour, retires from the work, the Governors must at once meet considerable increase of responsibility in regard to increase of the staff of Teachers, or else allow our educational interests to fall back to a lower level. Our people say they find the College as it is, all they are able to support; but efforts should be commenced at once for the maintenance of an additional **Professor.** There is work for your Board then not only in providing such income, but in educating the people to see that they can do more, and that more is needed. All these inducements lead us to speak cautiously in regard to the proposed enlargement. The success of the plan will depend chiefly on conditions beyond our control. When we are assured that you have

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duly weighed all these elements in the case, we shall have confidence in the wisdom of the decision which you may reach.

There are some facts which seem to call for an advance in the work of Theological education, if it can be done safely. The expression of a desire for this change is itself an indication of duty that we ought not to disregard, the more as the expression comes from so many and different parts of our field.

We find nothing in the characteristics of our times that will justify us in diminishing the amount of training for young men looking to the Ministry; on the other hand the advance in general education demands that ministers who are to lead public opinion and resist the false doctrines of learned men, should be more thoroughly equipped than ever before. These and other facts that will readily occur to any reflecting mind, demand from us as Baptists strenuous efforts to promote thorough Theological education. We feel that whatever is to be done, must be done by your Board. If you shall decide that duty calls you to meet and bear the responsibilities which have been described, then we promise to do what we can to sustain you.

A general scheme of Theological study has been added, that you may see how the proposed plan must be adjusted to the College course.

SENIOR YEAR.—Hebrew will be substituted for the Ancient Classics, and the Theological students will have daily recitations in it through the first term.

Second and Third Terms.—Hebrew and New Testament Greek will alternate through these terms.

Lectures in Ecclesiastical History will be given regularly through the year by Dr. Cramp.

FIFTH YEAR.—First Term.—Hebrew and New Testament Greek alternating through the term. Introductory Lectures in Theology. Second Term.—Theology the principal study. Exercises in New Testament Exegesis, as there may be time. Third Term.—Same as the preceding.

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Lectures to be given twice a week through the year on Pastoral Duties and related subjects.

Also, one exercise a week through the year in Preparation of Sermons and Plans of Sermons.

Professor Higgins will take charge of the introductory work in Hebrew.

The President will take New Testament Greek and Interpretation.

The Principal of the Theological Department will take the advanced Hebrew Class and Theology.

The exercises in Homiletics have not yet been definitely assigned.

Professor Elder will take charge, for the present, of the History, which has heretofore been in Dr. Crawley's hands, so as to leave him with more time for Theology.

Professor Jones already has so many exercises in charge that we cannot think of asking him to take any additional work. Thus it will be seen, that every member of the Faculty who can, assumes additional labour in order to put the proposed plan in practice.

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It should be added that Dr. Crawley feels that when the plan comes into full operation, which will not be before the autumn of 1871, he should be relieved of Rhetoric and Political Economy in the College.

Dr. Cramp is willing to give, without remuneration, time and labour to the departments of Ecclesiastical History and Pastoral Theology. This will give an exercise with each of the Theological classes through each year.

The above scheme is arranged for students who take the regular course. Young men will present themselves from time to time, wishing to take only selected studies. We should endeavour to accommodate all such, and let them take whatever they may be able to take. There will always be studies in the Literary department which such students should attend to; and they can do something in History, Pastoral Theology, and in Theology proper, and in Homiletics, even if they are ignorant of Greek and Hebrew. Let them come, and work with their English Bibles, and we are confident that we can arrange profitable studies for them.

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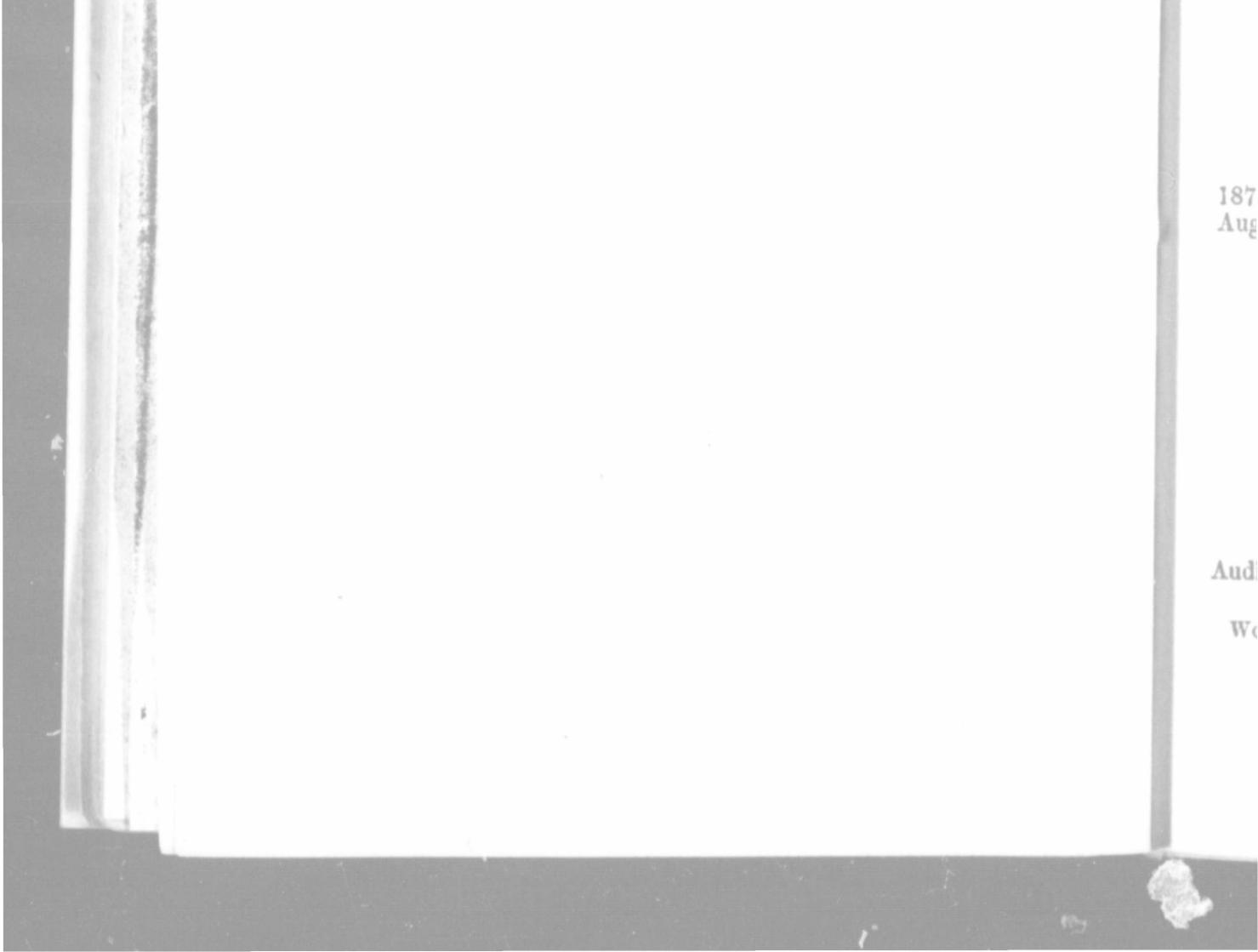
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1st Yarmouth, 25	00	Hantsport,	15	00
Tusket, 10	00	Indian Harbour,		50
Lower Aylesford and Upper		LaHave,	3	00
Wilmot, 25	00	Kempt,	8	00
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REPORT OF THE SECRETARY.

It affords your Board sincere pleasure to report that, through the Divine blessing, your faithful and beloved Missionary, Sister DeWolf, is labouring diligently and usefully in her chosen field, among the Sgau Karens. She appears to have acquired so much knowledge of their language that she can now pray with them, read the Scriptures to them, and impart instruction in it orally respecting the blessed Redeemer, and the way of salvation by Him. Rev. W. Carpenter, of Bassein, where she laboured till recently, speaks of her as having rendered valuable assistance by imparting instruction in the school.

When, however, it appeared that her services were more urgently needed in Henthada, and Brother Crawley strongly recommended her removing thither, she acquiesced. After her arrival, she remarked, "I think my coming up is going to result in my getting a better knowledge of the language, and being more useful generally. While it is hard to be severed from those friends to whom I have become attached, yet there is no doubt of my being more needed here." Bro. Crawley writes to your Secretary, May 3d: "It must be ground of much satisfaction to your Board to know that Miss DeWolf is now occupying a position where her time and abilities can be expended to the greatest possible advantage."

From our zealous sister's communications, it appears that, great as have been her privations and trials, she has never for a moment regretted her going to Burmah; and that no earthly consideration could induce her to relinquish the work in which she is engaged, and in which she ardently desires to spend the remainder of her life. The large demands made on the funds at the disposal of your Board, without any reasonable prospect of having them replenished, compelled them, with great reluctance, to withhold further appropriations from those native preachers who had previously been supported by these funds. Means were presently taken to make this fact known, in the hope of awakening the sympathies of our Churches, and benevolent individuals, and inducing them to furnish means for the support and employment again of these faithful and useful labourers for Christ and for souls. It is gratifying to your Board to be able to state that, to a considerable extent, this highly desirable object has been attained. Provision has already been made for the support of five or six of those dismissed preachers, by Churches, individuals, or combinations of persons. It is hoped that means will shortly be furnished for the re-employment of the remaining four or five. Brother Crawley, whose urgent appeal has undoubtedly been beneficial, speaks in terms of high commendation of the zeal and usefulness of these men. Their earnest and disinterested desire to do good, independently of all earthly remuneration, is evinced by their conduct; for, as he remarks in a recent letter, "They will

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continue to preach as much as is possible, consistently with the demand upon their time, made by the necessity of supporting themselves and families." Surely such men ought to receive the small pittance required, and to be wholly devoted to the important work of the ministry.

Rev. A. R. R. Crawley, who has kindly resumed the superintendence, under date of May 3rd, 1870, says: "The enclosed *list* will indicate the changes which have been made in the staff of native preachers since I last saw you. Sufficient time has not elapsed since my return to enable me to report with much definiteness or detail respecting the preachers. They are all, with one exception, doing well, and continue to deserve the respect and confidence of the Missionaries, and of those who contribute to their support at home. The names, in the *list*, formerly supervised by Mrs. Ingalls, are omitted, and their places occupied by others. This change was made at her request, as she, on her return from America, had funds which enabled her to support the preachers under her care.

LIST OF NATIVE PREACHERS (REVISED).

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Ma Waing, Ko Aw, Moung Wike, Moung Ap,	Henthada, Henthada, Paing Zoun Nau, Bassein,	A friend in Colchester, Crawley. do. do.
Too Wah, Aw Kyaw,	Henthada, do.	King and Dobson, Smith. Rev. G. F. Miles and Miss L.
Aw Pah, Ah Shway, Kyaw-za-la, Tha Dway,	do. do. do. do.	DeWolfe, Smith. do. do. A. T., H. H. and J. L. Morse,do. do. do. A friend in Kings County, do.

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Bro. Crawley adds: "Moung Nay Dong, I grieve to say, has fallen into disgrace. Moung Wike, who takes his place, is an old and tried man, who was obliged to give up preaching from ill health: his health being now restored, he resumes work as teacher and preacher, associated with Bro. Moung Kyaw."

Rev. Dr. Stevens writes to your Secretary, March 8th, 1870: "In a visit recently made by myself and son to Moudelay, Moung Pyoo, supported by the Nova Scotia funds, accompanied us. I was much gratified with the spirit, the tact, and the efficiency apparent in him during this

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visit. At all times he was ready for service, improving opportunities to preach; and he evidently commanded the respect of those who became acquainted with him. At the same time, I was particularly pleased to observe his disposition to study the Scriptures, frequently consulting the notes which he had taken of explanations of the Scriptures given in the class of Biblical instruction, which he attended with me during the last rains. I think he is well worthy to be continued in the support of the Board."

As stated above, funds have been received and remitted, with instructions to sustain this efficient preacher, with several more. As, however, their names are not yet known to us, they cannot be given till further communications are received from Burmah. The list furnished shows, that besides Sister DeWolf and a native female Bible reader (Ma Waing), there were, May 3rd, 1870, seventeen native preachers in actual service. The whole number, therefore, of gospel laborers in Burmah for whom support is furnished from these Provinces, may be estimated at twenty-four. These are dependent on their supporters, and are amenable to them.

Your Board have carried into effect the Resolution passed at the last meeting of the Convention, to pay over to the American Baptist Missionary Union the sum necessary for outfit and transportation of Rev. William George and wife, and also salary for one year-amounting to \$2,300. We are glad to learn that they were favoured with a quick and pleasant passage; and sincerely desire that they may be eminently useful in the service of the Union. Your Board, however, on mature deliberation, and with extensive knowledge of the feeling prevalent among our people, are perfectly unanimous in adopting the view expressed by Rev. Dr. Warren, when he said of the Baptists in these Provinces, "Till they have a field and labourers of their own, toiling under their supervision, and dependent on them for support and sympathy, it is certain their resources will not be called out as they should be." While, therefore, your Board earnestly desire to act in entire harmony with their brethren of the Union, they deem it indispensable, in order to the further extension of the Redeemer's empire in heathen lands, that our people should have a Foreign Mission of their own. For this, Siam has been regarded as a promising field; but events and discoveries of late appear rather unpropitious. It is, however, remarked by our valued brother, Rev. Dr. Stevens, who kindly took the general oversight of our Missionaries during the absence of Brother Crawley: "I have no doubt, before the brother who contemplates commencing that Mission is prepared to enter upon that work, the way will be clearer than at present." He also observes, respecting Burmah, and the Missionaries of the Union labouring there, "I am sure our brethren will cordially welcome, as fellow-labourers, and of one body, any whom the Board may be disposed to send. The field is abundantly large, and we earnestly desire that it may be occupied by men of our own denomination." The brother to whom reference is made in these extracts, William F. Armstrong, a Licentiate, whose studies in Acadia College are not yet finished, offered himself to your Board, at a meeting on the 28th Decem-

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ber last (as did also Rufus Sanford, Licentiate), to serve as a Missionary in a forcign field, so soon as he should be prepared to enter on the work. The proposal was favourably entertained; but action was deferred, especially to afford an opportunity to confer with our brethren in New Brunswick, &c., as well as to consult our brethren in Convention. It appears that those most intimately acquainted with our brother hold him in high esteem; and regard him as a man well adapted to go forth as a pioneer Missionary. Should our brethern generally approve, it will seem desirable for him to spend as much time as he consistently can in visiting our Churches, to form a personal acquaintance with the members, excite a Missionary spirit among them, collect funds, &c.

It appears that Miss Hannah Maria Norris, of Canso, who has for some years liberally contributed toward the support of a native preacher in Burmah, has long been deeply impressed with an ardent desire to devote her life to the instruction and spiritual welfare of heathen women and children. After previous correspondence, on the 3d day of February last she met with your Board, and expressed to them her fervent wish to be so employed. They were satisfied that she was well fitted physically, mentally, and spiritually, for this highly important and exceedingly needful work. As, however, the Board considered it indispensable, in order to the success of the cause, that an ordained pioneer Missionary should be sent forth as soon as may be; and that for this purpose, the funds received in the ordinary ways must be carefully reserved, after discussion and deliberation, passed the following Resolution:

"Resolved, That, provided Sister Hannah Maria Norris be willing to acquire the Karen language, or any other which the Board may direct, with a view to engage in an independent Mission, in the event of such a Mission being established by this body, we receive her, and we will send her out as our Missionary, subject to the concurrence of the Convention, so soon as the Board shall be furnished with the funds necessary." In a subsequent Resolution it was agreed, "That an appeal be made to the sisters in these Provinces to supply the funds necessary for this object." In accordance with this, a "Woman's Baptist Missionary Aid Society for heathen lands," was formed in Canso, June 23d, 1870. The next was organized in Amherst, July 5th. Two similar Societies have subsequently been established in Halifax. Others have been formed through the exertions of Sister Norris, raising the number of Societies in these Provinces to thirty-three, and embracing a membership of about five hundred, at not less than \$1 a year. The extraordinary success attending these efforts, put forth in a short space of time, and necessarily to an extent quite limited, may well inspire assurance that, with a Foreign Missionary field of our own, and approved labourers employed to cultivate it, the funds necessary to sustain such a Mission may be readily obtained by the adoption of suitable measures, continued with energy, prudence, and perseverance. It is, indeed, unquestionably incumbent on those who are blest with the Gospel, to communicate it to such as are not so favoured. They who cannot personally carry it to the heathen, should cheerfully and liberally aid, as it appears our people are disposed to do, in supporting

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persons, whether male or female, who are able and willing to engage in this good work. As the labours of zealous and well qualified ladies may be specially serviceable in imparting the knowledge of Christ to heathen women, and provision is made for the support of Miss Norris by our sisters, without trenching on the ordinary Missionary funds, your Board recommend that her appointment as a Missionary be confirmed by this Convention.

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The following extracts from the Minutes of the Foreign Missionary Board, were appended to the Report:

1. Resolved, That Brother W. F. Armstrong be received as our Foreign Missionary, if approved by the Convention, to go when ready for the establishment of an independent Mission.

2. Resolved also, That Brother Rufus Sandford, whose proposal was likewise entertained formally, be now accepted as our Missionary; provided that when he shall be ready to go out, he shall be still disposed to go, and the Providence of God appear to favour it.

3. The case of Sister Norris was considered, a statement heard from her, and the report which recommended the appointment of her as a Missionary unanimously adopted.

REPORT OF THE TREASURER.

To the Baptist Convention of Nova Scotia, New Brunswick, and Prince Edward Island :

BRETHREN-My Report of this year, ending August 24th, is rather of an encouraging nature, as there has been expended during the year almost as much again as on any former year; consequently, our receipts have been a great deal more. This, in part, is owing to bequests made by departed ones, who, although dead, yet they speak too plainly to be misunderstood, "Send the tidings of salvation to the heathen sunk in sin." Among said bequests, it is worthy to remark that of the late Oliver F. Randall. Although there is no doubt his intention was that his property should have passed directly into the funds of the Foreign Mission ; yet through some inaccuracy in the Will, it had to be submitted to the decision of the Judge in Equity, who decided that, according to said Will, his property should pass over to the lawful heirs of the late Oliver F. Randall. But it was suggested by the Hon. Jonathan McCully, the learned counsel employed by your Board, that it would be well to petition said heirs to sign away their right to said Estate; and through the zealous and persevering labours of your Secretary, the greater proportion of them have been induced to relinquish their claims. One family, however, have already presented their claim to your Board for the payment of Forty Dollars, which was accepted by your Board at its last meeting, and will be paid over so soon as a bond of indemnity can be given, to secure your Board against any further claim. On examining the receipts of the past year, I see that the greater proportion has been given directly for the support of native preachers,

which speaks strongly in favour of an independent Mission being established in these Provinces.

On referring to the Minutes, I find there has been an increase in the receipts of last year of about \$1,000. There have been expended during the year \$4,847.08—more by \$2,336.58 than the expenses of any former year. Total receipts during the year, $$4,032.49\frac{1}{2}$; balance in hand of Treasurer, as reported last year, \$2,134.55—together making $$6,167,04\frac{1}{2}$; deducting \$4,847.08, expended, leaves a balance in hands of Treasurer of \$1,319.96.

Respectfully submitted.

A. T. BAKER, TREASURER.

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FOREIGN MISSIONARY BOARD in account with A. T. BAKER, Treasurer.

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	6.6	Paid for printing Minutes of Convention,	75	
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		" Thy Kingdom Come, for do	25	00
	22.	" 1st Cornwallis Church Sabbath School,		
		to support a native preacher,	7	63
	22.	" Friend of Missions, Halifax, do	50	
	26;	" Thy Kingdom Come, from Mira Baptist		
		Church, to support a native preacher,	25	00
	27.	" Truro Baptist Church, for do	50	00
	27.	" H. B. M., Chester, .	15	()()
	28.	" Interest on Debentures, to Dec. 1st, '69,	60	00
	28.	" Mrs. J. E. Carter, Douglas, .	4	00
	28.	" Mr. John Ben, Arichat, .	8	00
	28.			
Feb.		" A friend in King's Co., do	40	
# 0.07	7.	" Pine Grove Church, do	33	00
	25.	" Sister in Truro Church, do		
April		" Estate of the late Burton Bowlby, .	60	
**[>+++	8.	" Rev. I. J. Skinner, .		0.0
	21.	" Fine Grove Ch., for native preacher, .	5	00
	23.	" Amos Fales, sen., Wilmot, .	1	
	29.	" N. H. Dobson, for native preacher, .	25	
June		" J. C., St. John, \$5; Anonymous, \$5, .		00
0.0120	22.	" Friends, \$20, T. R. Patillo, Esq., \$20,		00
	22.	" Rev. R. Walker,		00
	22.	" Mr. A. Cahoon, Sabbath School Class,	_	
		Wolfville,	2	50
July	4.	" Female friend, Manudie, to support a	_	~ ~
oury	A 1	native preacher,	5	00
	5.	" Eastern Association,		
	6.	" Amherst Church, to support a native		
	0.	preacher,	42	00
	11.	" Mrs. E. Merideth, .		
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	13.	" Granville St. Ch. and (
		congregation, to support	38	75
	13.	" Sabbath school children, Ko Aing,		22
		combined,		
	15.	" Friend of Missions, Digby,	2	00
	15.	" Sister in Truro Church, for Moung Tike,		00
	18.	" Warran Longley, Esq., for n. preachers,		00
	18.	" Interest on Debentures,		00
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	18.	" do. towards supporting	00	* 14
	2.01	Burman preacher,	50	00
		Carried forward, . \$6.	,001	941

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			Brought forward,	\$6,001	941
July	19.	Receiv	red from Upper Aylesford Church, in	· /	~
		con	nection with friend in Kings County, to		
			port a native preacher,	14	00
	19.		Friend in King's Co., for n. preacher,	30	00
	22.	77	Charles Eaton, Esq., for do.	5	00
	22.	79		50	00
			FOR MISS DEWOLF.		
18	369.	27	Collections at Western Association, .	13	65
Sept.	27.	2.5	1st Yarmouth Church, Infant Class, .	6	0.0
Oct.	1.	2.2	A widow's mite, Aylesford,		25
	20.	77	A friend, by Rev. E. O. Read,	1	00
Nov.	4.	2.2	Mrs. Freeman, by Rev. I. J. Skinner, .	5	00
Jan.	11.	22	Mrs. T. Patillo, Liverpool, N. S.,	5	00
	21.	2.2	Friend of Foreign Missions, Westport,	5	00
June	17.	77	Mrs. R. Ritchie, Newport,	1	25
	17.	2.2	Mrs. Maria Spear, \$1; A friend of Mis-		
		sio	ns, \$10,	11	00
	17.	3.3	Widow of the late G. Dimock,	4	00
July	6.	7.7	Mrs. J. G. Harding, Newcastle, N. B.,	10	00
-	19,	-97	Upper Aylesford Church, .	3	95

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* Of this sum \$100 is from First Yarmouth Church, to support a native preacher, and \$20 for Miss DeWolf; and \$50 from the Church at Lower Granville to support a native preacher.

+ Of this for native preachers, Sydney Church, C. B., \$100; Canso Church (for Thy Kingdom Come) \$25; Margaree Church, \$12.50; Truro Church, \$50; Upper Stewiacke Church, \$16.62½; J. Christie, \$2.00; Children of Sabbath School, Truro, for children in Burmah, under direction of Miss DeWolf, \$3.50.

We, the Committee appointed to examine the Accounts of the Treasurer of Foreign Missions, have attended to that duty, and find them correct.

A. F. RANDOLPH, J. H. HARDING, WM. FAULKNER.

August 22d, 1870.

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AMOUNT OF COLLECTIONS RECEIVED BY REV. W. GEORGE.

\$4	00	Col. at Liverpool,	\$5	121
	75	Capt. T. R. Patillo,	3	00
	83	Mrs. Patillo,	2	00
1	38	Col. at Bridgewater,	2	00
		J. Ham,		50
	50	Col. at Chester,	1	58
10		Rev. I. J. Skinner,	2	50
		Miss Flora Skinner,		121
		Willie Skinner,		123

\$5 00 |Col. at Pugwash, Francis Webber, Esq., \$4 33 " River Philip, 4 28 Col. at Hantsport, 3 75 " Kempt, 6 50 66 do. 1 85 121 Master Dudgeon Starratt, 25 Mrs. O. Filmore, Master Ainsley Starratt, 121 Mrs. J. B. Woodland, 75 James Masters, 50 Col. at Little River, 1 50 Col. at Windsor, 10 51 Fred. Brundage, 25John Davison, 1 121 Glenville, 5 284 50 Merrit Johnson, Friend, 251 00 Lillie Johnson, Friend, 252 00 Silina Johnson, Mr. Shubal Dimock, 25Miss Sabra Dimock, 1 00 Col. at Carleton, St. John, 4 50 " Portland, Miss Elizabeth Dimock, 50 6 64 " Brussels St. Church, 17 20 50Miss Ellen Dimock, " Moncton, Mrs. Shubal Dimock, $62\frac{1}{2}$ 2 54 1 50 Rev. J. C. Blakeney, Col. at Maitland, 1 00 5 00 Mrs. Blakeney, Wm. Cummings, 1 00 Friend, 25Lettie Blakeney, 50Col. at Jemseg, N. B. E. As-Col. at Dorchester, 3 90 " Hopewell, 29 36 sociation, 24 00 " Hillsborough, " Maugerville, 4 11 25 00 " Dorchester, John Bridges, 2 00 2 00 " Great Village, Col. at Fredericton, 5 30 2 13 " Upper Gagetown, 10 30 " P. E. I. Association, 29 50 \$291 29 Travelling, Alex. Mackinley, 4 16 43 901 Col. at Charlottetown, 20 00 do. 4 371 66 \$247 384

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Repairing Waggon, &	31		Charlottetown to Shediac, \$1 Cars to Dorchester,	87 1 95
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Toll at Windsor,				00
			Amherst to Dorchester, 1	
			Ferriage to and from Hopewell, 1	
Dinner at Waverley,				25
St. John to Jemseg by boat,	1		/	
To Fredericton by boat,				00
· · · · · ·	1		Fare from Amherst to Truro, 10	00
Dinner on boat,				80
To Shediac,	2	50		
To Summerside,	1	50	\$43	901
Dinner on boat,		50		_
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nach Mountain,		50	" Melvern, 5	36
Mrs. Rainsforth,		20		$62\frac{1}{2}$
Mr. Rainsforth,		$12\frac{1}{2}$		00

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Windsor to Grand Pre,	\$2 00 Expenses to and from	
To Waterville,	1 25 Village,	\$1 40
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To Waterville,	1 00 Postage,	18
To Grand Pre,	1 25	A
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A Friend,		20 J. S. Cowie,	50
A Friend,		20 Mrs. Botsford,	50
Dr. Pomeroy,		50 E. O. Record,	1 00
Mrs. P. King,		50 Mrs. Dryden,	1 00
A Friend,		50 Mrs. Haley,	20
Mrs. Cooper,		50 Mr. Cummuns,	20
Mrs. J. C. Harris,		50 Mr. F. Snow,	24
Lawrence Jandy,		15 Friend,	10
G. O. Forbes,		36 Mr. Wilber,	20
A Friend,		50 Mr. Haines,	33
		50 Mr. Stults,	20
James McAlester,	1	24 Friend,	10
Mr. Baggs,	1	50 Miss Mills,	24
Mr. C. Trites,		48 Mrs. Russell,	20
Mr. J. Duulap,		48 Mrs. Lowis	20
Mrs. Barnaby,		12 Mrs. Lewis,	24
Mrs. Colpitts,		20 Mrs. Truman,	
A Friend,		25 Mrs. Cochrane,	48
Mrs. Steves,		48 Bell Harris,	60
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REPORTS.

ON OBITUARY NOTICES.

The Committee on Obituary Notices, report—

That, in the course of the year, the Divine Master has called several of our brethren to Himself on high, whose removal awakes very serious thought.

In Halifax, our aged brother, James W. Nutting, Esq., LL.D., of Granville street Church, at the age nearly of eighty-three years, recently entered into rest.

It is difficult to express ln a few words the sentiments of mingled love and regret with which his sainted spirit is followed. Honest, earnest, judicious, kindly, while no man doubted his decided attachment to the Cross, and its reproach, he departed leaving behind him the somewhat unwonted record that no man was his enemy. It would not be easy to find a case in which there has been, through a long course of years, a gathering testimony to the christian and social worth of any individual so uninterrupted by any whisper of disapprobatiou.

It is well known that Brother Nutting has actively combined with the denomination from the earliest commencement of their labours in Education and Missions-home and foreign,--and always with the highest benefit, arising from his kind, wise, and christian counsel; but especially as, for many years, co-editor, with the late lamented John Ferguson, of the Christian Messenger.

In the Church, except when detained by ill health, he was ever in his place, and his example salutary. May there be many like him.

The Rev. William Hall, who was also removed from us during the last year, studied in early life at the Windsor Collegiate Academy, intending to follow the legal profession; but when afterwards he was converted to God, he relinquished this purpose and resolved to devote himself to the work of the christian ministry. He was baptized in Horton, and united with the 1st Horton Church, from which also he was licensed to preach. He was ordained in Fredericton in 1842, where also as pastor of the Church in that place, he spent some time. He was two or three years pastor of the Long Island Church, where he was instrumental in adding many to their number. In Windsor, N. S., also, and St. George, N. B., he filled the pastoral office. He performed various Missionary tours in different parts of Nova Scotia and New Brunswick, with considerable success. Brother Hall, as a preacher, was above mediocrity; as a man, he had his failings, but they may be principally traced to constitutional peculiarities; he was eminently sincere and honest in his aims, and warmly attached to our distinctive principles, as taught in the New Testament; while a broad and catholic spirit made him a lover of all good men.

His last illness was only of a few weeks duration. As his end approached, his faith grew stronger, and his peace more profound; and after a good deal of bodily suffering, sustained with great patience, in February last he fell asleep.

The Rev. James Read, who died in May last, was for a number of years engaged in ministerial labours as pastor of the Congregational Church in Sheffield, N. B. Having changed his views on baptism, he was baptized by the late Rev. E. J. Harris, in Woodstock, and thenceforward for nearly a quarter of a century he continued to be faithfully and acceptably engaged as pastor of the Baptist Churches in Ohio, Yarmouth County, and Londonderry and Portaupique, Colchester County, N. S. Having removed a few years ago to Annapolis County, he engaged occasionally in Home Missionary labours; and when called away from earth, was holding an appointment from the Western Missionary Board. He was much esteemed by his brethren as an unassuming but deeply pious man of God.

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The Rev. S. Bennet Taylor died on the 28th of March last. For a period of nearly thirty years he laboured for the promotion of the cause of God with a good degree of success. Although possessing but few educational advantages, his communications were received with marked respect; he was sound in doctrine, and firmly attached to Baptist principles. During his ministry about 127 persons were baptized by him, and added to the Churches in the County of Lunenburg, to which district his labours were chiefly confined. He peacefully entered into rest.

The Rev. Nelson Baker, who was somewhat suddenly called from his labours not many weeks ago, was the subject of a powerful revival on Tancook Island, in Lunenburg County, N. S., which was in some degree the fruit of the ministerial labours of the late revered and lamented Joseph Dimock, then pastor of the Baptist Church in Chester, in that County.

Brother Baker for a short time studied at Horton Academy, but a deficiency of pecuniary means obliged him to go into the ministry, to which he felt himself called, without completing his education. He remained, however, a sincere friend of mental culture. He was an earnest preacher, and laboured to some extent in Lunenburg County, and finally settled with a Church in the neighbourhood of Margaret's Bay, Halifax County. His ruling characteristics were honesty and earnestness of purpose, and he died regretted by many as a worthy and useful servant of his Master. In addition to the above cases, the Committee wish to make some mention of Ward Eaton, Esq., of Cornwallis, whose death occurred on the first of February last. Mr. Eaton, though not a member of any Church, was nevertheless a man of real worth. During his life he was much associated with the earlier ministers of our denomination, and was by them very highly esteemed. In the community where he lived, he held the confidence of all classes. He frequently occupied, with credit, places of public trust. In education and missions he manifested a strong interest from the first commencement of our labours for those objects; and to the support of religion, in his own neighbourhood, his assistance was always freely given. During his last illness, which was somewhat protracted, though regretting deeply that some duties had been neglected, he spoke confidently of his hope in Jesus Christ alone, and seemed to enjoy much religious consolation—an experience which contrasted pleasingly with the timidity with which he had been wont previously to speak of his hope. He disliked all reference to his own excellencies, and wished to hear only of Jesus and his atonement. His dying request to his pastor was that nothing should be said of him on the occasion of his funeral sermon.

Our friend is much missed and sincerely mourned by the poor and afflicted, as well as by the members of the Church among whom he had lived for so many years,—being upward of 70 years of age when he died, and all his life resident in the same neighbourhood.

May the Lord be pleased to bless the world with many more like our departed friend, in all things, except the timidity that withheld him from a more open avowal of his faith in the Saviour, whom we believe he loved and sought to follow.

All which is respectfully submitted.

E. A. CRAWLEY, Chairman.

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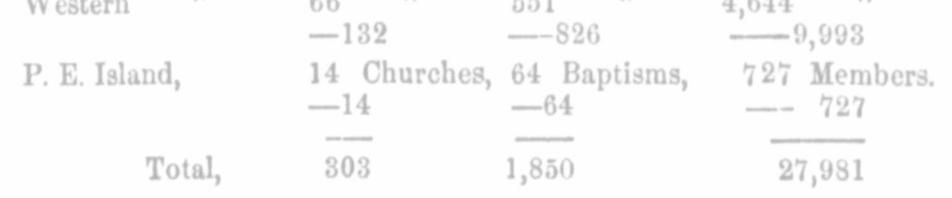
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ON THE STATE OF THE DENOMINATION.

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The Reports of the Associations present the following statistics, viz. :

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Central Association, Eastern " Western* "	$\frac{44}{55}$	33	$243 \\ 333 \\ 384$	7.7	5,489 3,607 8,165	Members.	
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		NEW BR	UNSW	ICK.			
Eastern Association,		· · · · · · · · · · · · · · · · · · ·		- /	· · · · · · · · · · · · · · · · · · ·		



This statement is somewhat disheartening. New Brunswick, it is true, reports an increase of five-and-a half per cent, and Prince Edward Island an increase of nearly five per cent.; but Nova Scotia reports a numerical loss of 34, which brings the average increase below two per cent. Were this the real state of things there would be much cause for sorrow and humiliation; but the reported loss in Nova Scotia arises from the fact that in several of the Churches the lists of members have been revised, and the members returned are lower than in the preceding year, in consequence of the lopping off of dead or useless branches. Had it not been for this, the increase of the present year would have been very encouraging; for in New Brunswick it has been a "year of the right hand of the Most High." A visit from Elder Knapp was attended

^{*} The returns of last year are given. The statistics of the present year have not been received.

by abundant blessing, especially in the Churches of St. John and Portland. Hundreds of converts "gladly received the word," and were baptized.

Two brethren have been ordained, viz. :

Nov. 25, 1869. Joseph Jones, Digby.

May 8, 1870. J. B. McDonald, M. D., Bedique, P. E. I.

Seven new Churches have been constituted, viz.: West Bay, Cow Bay, St. Ann's Bay, Fouth Bar (all four in Cape Breton), Canning, Mount Pleasant and Centreville, in Nova Scotia; and St. Stephen, in New Brunswick.

Seven new Meeting Houses have been opened. In Nova Scotia-at Halifax, Truro, Westbrook, and Middlefield. In New Brunswick-at Sussex Vale, St. Stephen, and New Salem.

The Committee regret to state that many of the Churches are destitute of pastors, with no present prospect of supplying the want. It is much to be deplored, also, that the number of Licentiates is unusually small. The ministry of the gospel does not seem to present such attractions to the young men of our Churches as might be hoped for from the sublimity of its objects and the responsibilities of the possessors of talents to the Great Giver and Lord. In some instances, too, the tie of patriotism is easily snapped, and the pressing claims of home are allowed to yield to other considerations, not always admitting the plea of necessity. That plea, however, is fairly urged when the ministry of the gospel is inadequately supported; and the Churches, in such cases, ought not to complain if they lose that on which they set so little value.

These facts, connected with the teachings of the New Testament and the practice of the earliest Churches, lead to the conclusion that our spiritual condition would be vastly improved, if the energies and resources of all Christians were consecrated, as they ought to be, to the service of the Master. Christian labour is generally confined to an insignificant minority, and sometimes, even to Church officials, whereas every believer is under obligation to use for God the talents and opportunities bestowed upon him, and none but those who are physically or mentally disqualified can claim exemption. There is a frightful amount of dormant power in our Churches. Were it systematically brought into action, under the management of the pastors, a far healthier state of religion would result, and the existing sources of lamentation and complaint would speedily dry up. The beneficial effects of pastoral visitation are so obvious that the Committee deem it proper to suggest to the pastors of the Churches the desirableness of inquiring into the means of making that branch of their labour still more productive of advantage; and they take this opportunity to remind their brethren, throughout these Provinces, of the importance of direct and individual efforts, both for the increase of piety in the Churches and for the conversion of sinners. In olden times "they that feared the Lord spake often one to another." Very solemn is the admonition of the wise man, "If thou forbear to deliver them that are drawn unto death, and those that are ready to be slain; if thou sayest, Behold, we knew it not; doth not he that pondereth the heart consider it? and he that ke peth thy soul, doth not he know it? and

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shall not he render to every man according to his works ?" (Prov. xxiv. 11, 12.) On the other hand, "If any of you do err from the truth, and one convert him; let him know, that he which converteth the sinner from the error of his way shall save a soul from death, and shall hide a multitude of sins" (James v. 19, 20).

It would be useful and instructive, in the judgment of your Committee, if the expenses incurred for the maintenance of worship in the Churches, and the contributions collected by them for various objects, could be regularly reported from year to year, so that the results might be compared, estimates formed, and the capabilities of the Churches better ascertained. In order to this, it appears desirable that the Reports of the respective Associations should be constructed on some uniform scale.

In conclusion, the Committee repeat the recommendation of former years, that the first Thursday in December be observed by the Churches as a day of thanksgiving and prayer.

J. M. CRAMP, Chairman.



STATISTICS OF THE CHURCHES.

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N. B. EASTERN ASSOCIATION.	Baptized.	Members.	N. B. EASTERN ASSOCIATION.	Baptized.	Members.
Alma,		48	Johnson, 1st		70
Bayside,			Johnson, 2d		46
Buctouche,			Kars,		67
Butternut Ridge,	. 8	217	Moneton, 1st	15	214
Cocaigne,			Moneton, 2d	12	82
aledonia,			Mill Cove,		73
Cambridge, 1st	. 3	93	New Canaan,	1	130
Cambridge, 2d,		80	Norton,		40
Cambridge, Lower		53	North River,	1	39
Joverdale, 1st			Point DeBute,		84
Doverdale, 2d			Point Migic,		34
Coverdale, 3d		70	Pollett River,		24
Dorchester,		69	Petitcodiac,		12
Elgin, 1st	. 1	159	Rockport,		14
Elgin, 2d			Sackville, 1st		9(
Elgin, 3d	. 1		Sackville, 2d	1	209
Fairfield,			Salisbury, 1st	12	17(
Flatlands,			Salisbury, 2d	1	- 69
Grand Lake, 1st.			Salisbury, 3d		51
Frand Lake, 2d			Springfield, 1st	2	170
Fermantown,		56	Springfield, 2d	16	84
Glenville,			Studholm,		6'
Hampton,			St. Martins, 1st	5	303
Hampton Ferry,			St. Martins, 2d		43
Hammond Vale,	. 14	64	Shediac,		2'
Harvey, 1st		145	Sussex, Upper	- 3	4
Harvey, 2d		44	Upham,		5
Hillsboro, 1st	. 70)416	Wickham, Upper		6(
Hillsboro, 2d		60	Wickham, Lower		4
Hillsboro, 3d	. 1	28	Wellington,	5	2
Hillsboro, 4th		110	Willow Grove,		2
Hopewell,	. 51	286			
Jemseg,	. 14	118		275	584

STATISTICS OF THE CHURCHES—(Continued.)

N. B. WESTERN ASSOCIATION.	Baptized.	Members.	N. B. WESTERN ASSOCIATION.	Baptized.	Members.
Andover, Blackville, Blissfield, Beckaguimic, Chipman, Canning, Cardigan, Cardigan, Centreville, Canterbury, Douglas, Dumfries and Queensbury Fredericton, Florenceville, Grand Falls, Hainesville, Hogden and Richmond, Howard Settlement, Jacksontown, Jacksontown, Jacksontown, Jacksonville, Kingsclear, 1st, Kingsclear, 2d, Keswick, 1st Keswick, 1st Keswick, 2d, Ludlow, Little South West, Macnaquack, Maugerville, Nashwaak, New Jerusalem, Newcastle, G. L., Newcastle, Mir.,	$ \begin{bmatrix} 5 \\ 7 \\ 6 \\ .$	$\begin{array}{r} 41\\ 106\\ 84\\ 43\\ 70\\ 10\\ 90\\ 67\\ 18\\ 30\\ 195\\ 15\\ 92\\ 42\\ 50\\ 104\\ 47\\ 35\\ 67\\ 95\\ 39\\ 13\\ 53\\ 109\\ 76\\ 81\\ 52\\ 159\end{array}$	Pennfield, Prince William, Rushagornish, Richmond, South Richmond, Third Simonds, Middle Scotchtown, St. Andrews (Bay Side), St. Andrews (Bay Side), St. Andrews, 2d St. Davids, St. George, 1st St. George, 1st St. George, 2d (Falls) St. George, 2d, St. John, Brussels street, St. John, Brussels street, St. John, Germain street, St. John, Carleton, St. John, Pitt street, St. John, Pitt street, St. John, Carleton, South Musquash & Dipper Harbour, Salmon Creek (Chipman). St. James, St. Patrick, St. Stephen, Southampton, Springfield, Y. C., Temperanceville, Upper Gagetown, Upper Queensbury, Woodstock, Woodstock, Lower.	1	56 33 28 25 20 90 40 17 10 56 90 582 355 272 52 167 19 49 18 56 40 335 272 52 167 19 49 18 56 40 335 272 52 167 19 49 18 56 40 335 272 52 167 19 49 18 56 40 335 272 52 167 19 49 18 56 40 33 8 20 110 13 50 100 13 50 100 13 50 100 13 50 100 13 50 100 13 50 100 13 50 100 13 50 100 13 50 100 100 13 50 100 100 13 50 100 100 13 50 1000 1000 100 100 1000 100
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New Brunswick Western Association.

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