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The Baptist Convention of Nova Scotia, New Brunswick, and Prince Edward Island, convened to day in the Baptist Meeting House, Portland, St. John, N. B., at 2 o'clock, P. M. After a season spent in devotional exercises, the meeting was called to order by the President of the Convention, who was assisted in the discharge of his duties to the close of the session by the Hon. W. B. Kinnear, and Rev. C. Tupper, two of the Vice Presidents.

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Rev. C. Tupper, A. S. Hunt, and J. Davis, were appointed a Committee to nominate Officers for the en sing year. Respected, and report adopted.

President,—Rev. Joseph Crandall Amondal Des Den all Vice Presidents, —Hons. J. W. Johnston, W. B. Kinnbar, Revds. S. Robinson, C. Tupper, W. Chipman, and I. E. Bill. Secretaries, —Rev. J. Davis, for New Brunswick; Rev. S. Diblois, for New Scotia.

The following Brethren appeared as Delegates and Members of the Convention:

Acadia College.—Rev. J. M. Cramp, D. D.

Nova Scatia Education Society.—Ward Caton, Esq.,

Western Association, N. B.—Rev. J. Davis, J. Mageo.

New Brunswick Education Society.—Rev. C. Spurden.

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St. Francis. Rev. S. March, Brother Slocomb.

Lower Aylesford .- Rev. C. Tupper, Brethren T. Baker, L. Baker, N. Stronach.

First Yarmouth.—Brother E. Huestis.

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2nd Yarmouth .- Brother Saunders, and la agree of the

Lower Granville. -Rev. J. Spencer.

1st Cornwallis .- Rev. A. S. Hunt.

1st Horton.-Rev. S. W. Deblois,

Brussels Street, St. John.—Rev. S. Robinson, Brethren John Smith, E. Kinsman, W. B. Kinnear, J. Demill, James E. Marsters.

Bridgetown .- Rev. G. Armstrong.

1st and 2nd Falmouth -Rev. W. Burton.

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Portland, Brussels Street, Germain Street	Rev.	G. Armstrong, C. Spurden, J. M. Champ, D. D., J. Davis, A. D. Thomson.

Prayer Meetings at our various places of worship at ten A. M. Collections also for Foreign Missionary purposes.

The Rev. C. Tupper, moreover, to preach the Convention Sermon, instead of the brethren appointed at our last session, but who have both failed a sain and must be addition over our all

self beselvence mails to might might man tage to seein eits some betalouis? The following Committee was appointed on the State of the Denomination :- Brethren Cramp, Bill, Armstrong, Spurden, but was the order of the fixeress and the way and Chase.

A further Committee, on a Memorial of Peparted Ministers: -Brethren Bill, E. B. Demill, Miles, Hunt, A. Cogswell. Another Committe on arrangements for the next Convention:

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Adjourned with Prayer until 10 o'clock on Monday morning.

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MEDNIDAN, 10 O'CLOCK, A. M.

The Convention Sermon was preached by Rev. C. Tupper, text, Luke, x, 2. A lucid, practical, evangelical discourse. The sermon was followed by remarks from our President, father Crandall, and from brother Nutter

Proceeded to business after Prayer by brother Francis.

Committee on Arrangements reported on times of assembling and separating. Report adopted.

ACADIA COLLEGE.

The Report of the Governors of Acadia College was now read by Dr. Cramp. As also the Report of the Treasurer.

REPORT.

In presenting their Annual Report, the Board of Governors rejoice that they are able to furnish a satisfactory account of the progress of Acadia College during the past year. They believe that the Institution was never in a more flourishing state, as far as regards the Educational department. It were greatly to be desired that a similar assertion could be made in respect to funds.

Since the last meeting of the Convention, forty-two students have enjoyed the advantages of the Institution. Nine have left, some of whom have completed their studies, and others may probably resums them at a future period. There are now thirty-four persons receiving instruction in the College, viz:—

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Of the above mentioned number, nine are new students, having me triculated since the close of last Term. Eight of them completed the preparatory studies in Horton Academy.

The Anniversary was held on the 19th of June, in the Baptist Mesting House, Wolfville and was very numerously attended. The following was the order of the Exercises:—

Music. Wagoo Orations by Under-Graduates.

Moral Sympathy,—Robert D. Porter, Cornwallie.

The Social Influence of Christianity,—Robert Philip, Halifaxed Music,

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The Honorary Degree of A. M. was conferred on J. W. Hartt' Esq., rincipal of Horton Academy. Rout ob 1 bas ; stadio bas nov mort

Instruction has been given during the year in the Theological Instiute, in the following branches, viz :- The Hebrew language, the Priniples of Biblical Interpretation, Theology and Ecclesiastical History. rnors rejoic welve students have attended the Lectures or taken pa t in the exerprogress of ses. Their pulpit labours in the neighborhood of the College, and the Institute sewhere, have proved very acceptable and useful.

s the Educe The Governors have great pleasure in informing the Convention that ilar assertion e negotiation with the Rev. A. W. awyer. A. M., which was alluded in the last Report, was brought to a favourable termina ion shortly udents have terwards. Mr. Sawyer accepted the invitation of the Board, and left, some of tered on his duties as Clas ical Professor at the commencement of ably resums a list term. The friends of the College may be congratulated on ons receiving is important accession to the staff of Professors.

It was stated in the last report that leave of absence for a vear had been inted to the Rev. Dr Crawley, in the hope that he might be enabled the end of that time to resume his post as President of the College. at hope has not been realised. Investments in the West C lumbia ping and Manufacturing Company are still unproductive, although having me expected that in a year or two a favourable change will take place. apleted the der these c roumstances, Dr. Crawley has addressed a le ter to the and of Governors, dated July 12th last, tendering his final resignalaptist Meet . The following is a copy of the letter :-

To the Governors of Acadia College, Horton, Nova Scotia.

ENTLEMEN, AND DEAR BRETHREN :- It was my hope to bring things at with regard to the property at West Columbia in which the Colis in erested, so that I might be able to return to my po t of labor lorton at the end of the period until which leave was kindly granted It is now apparent I shall be disappointed. Not that the property lifax. hiled, or that there is not still good reason to anticipate, though ne midst of many and great difficulties, its ultimate resucitation from my longer residence here I can now form a more accurate ment of probabilities; and I do not think it likely, considering the y pecuniary burdens my difficulties have thrown upon me, that the stock will become so soon remunerative as to render it possible for the realization me to return among you at the time appointed.

It ought at the same time to be understood that the stock is not safe: To these con it is in peril, as expressed in ny recent Circular, from the inaction of litions to the many stockholders who have not sided in the measures adopted for it of the times, a relief, which throws on the se who have advanced monies the powerd ther Institut fore osing if they please, their mortgage.

Under all these circumstances I have felt however grevious the contation, and t clusion to my feelings and hopes, that the prospect of my return a lifficulties in f Nova Scotia is too distant and uncertain to allow me to continue any overnors trus longer in the office of President of Acadia College, and I now, then inces will me

fore, tender finally my resignation.

In thus taking leave of my early friendships, of my closest and kind liest associations, a crowd of remembrances rush upon me to fill m heart with pain; but I bow to the will of Providence, I cheer myst by recurring to the many evidences of kind regard I have receive from you and others; and I do most devoutly and earne-tly commen you all, and the Institution you cherish to the mere ful pretection Him who will. I am persuaded continue to you and to the C lle that blessing and favour which shall enlarge its success and usefulne and thus reward you with abundant satisfaction in the first of you toils and sacrifices.

Farewell, dear brethren. Accept my sincere thanks for past forber ance and kindness; continue to me a place in your brotherly affect and in your prayers, and believe me to be most truly,

Your friend and Brother,

Cincinnati, July, 1856. E. A. CRAWLEY

After lengthened consideration of the contents of this letter, it Resolved, -" That Dr. Crawley's resignation be accepted; that in Governor cepting that resignation, however, the Board still entertain the beard ker, Burton. that at some future time Dr. Crawley will be able to return and rest his post; that with this hope they will for the present refrain filling the vacant office, and will continue to provide for the good ment of the College as its affairs are now carried on, requesting faculty to make due arrangements for the preservation of order discipline, with Dr. Cramp as Chairman," The Board trust that resolution will prove satisfactory to the friends of the Institution.

Six of the Governors retire this year, in accordance with the pr sions of the Act of Incorporation. The Convention will be called Bentley, E.

to fill their places by re-election or otherwise.

Statements made in previous reports require to be repeated. The B again remind the Convention of the absolute necessity of raising at for lacing the College promises in a state of flicient repair. They vert once more to the deficiencies of the Library, particularly in re to critical commentaries on the Scriptures. They earnestly desire more ample provision may be made for the assistance of Theolog Students. But the more immediate and pressing want relates to Endowment Fund. The insdequacy of that Fund to meet ex claims, will appear from the Treasurer's Report. Unless vigo measures be promptly adopted for the increase of the Endowmen

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Resolved, That the report now read be received and publish-Batly commend in the Minutes of the Convention.

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AFTERNOON SESSION.

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Resolved, That the resignation of the Hon. A. McL. Seely, CRAWLEY Governor of the College, tendered at our last Session, be tepted.

letter, it. The following names were drafted from the list of Nova d: that in the Governors, of brethren to retire from office :- Hunt, tain the by ker, Burton.

rom the New Brunswick list the following names were also fled :- I. E. Bill, N. S. Demill. og of beforege and different A. A.

Resolved, That College Governors be elected instead of W. of order ne, Esq., and Simon Fitch, M. D.

he following brethren were then elected to fill the vacanin Governorships which had arisen as above :- A. S. Hunt, Bentley, E. B. Demill, G. Armstrong, I. E. Bill, N. S. Il be called pill, E. Clay, and A. D. Thompson

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of Theological EVENING SESSION.

relates to bened with prayer by Rev. J. Magee. nless vigo solved, That this Convention authorizes the appointment Indowned Agent for the next year to visit all our churches, to colect the Endowment Fund, and to enlarge that Fund to at lea Fifteen Thousand Pounds.

Adjourned with prayer by Rov. S. Bancroft.

TUESDAY, 10 O'CLOCK, A. M. e United State Christian J.

Opened with Prayer, by Rev. G. Armstrong. Education business was resumed.

Rev. E. B. Demill, proposed to resign his position as Gow nor of Acadia College, in favor of S. W. Deblois. Brother! mill's resignation was accepted, and Brother Deblois chosen, Resolved, furth his substitute.

Resolved, That a Committee be appointed to ascertain whether improvement can be made in the working of the Government of College. AFTERWOOM SEESION.

Resolved, That a Committee of six be appointed for the above pose; that brethren J. W. Barss, A. W. Marsters, M. Becks A. McL. Seely, T. McHenry, and E. H. Duval do constitute that 0 mittee, and that they be requested to report at the next Convent

The Committee on Arrangements for the next meeting of Convention, reported. Their Report was adopted, as follow

We recommend that the Convertion meet next year with the Church in Yarmouth, N. S. We further recommend, that by A Scotta. J. A. Smi'h be appointed to preach the Convention Sermon, and Western 42 brother A. D. Thomson be his alternate.

S. Robinson, Chairmi Baalern

The following Report was presented and adopted :--

The Committee appointed last year to consider the propriet making any ALTERATION IN THE T.ME OF HOLDING THE CONVEY beg to report.—That after due consideration of the subject, the ghteen new Chr of opinion that it would be advisable to change the time of he een of these chu the Annual Meeting of the Convention, so as to bring that Al hanic's Settlemen Meeting within the limits of the College vacation. They the Cambridge, 2nd D recommend, that the Annual Meeting of the Convention take hereafter on the First Saturday after the Eighteenth Da of them are in No RDAT AFTER TOWNERS Of INVESTOR Pond, Londo AUGUST.

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AFTERMOON SESSION.

Opened with Prayer by Rev. S. W. Deblois.

Resolved, That Baptist Literature, especially publications illusative of the principles and practices of the Denomination ought be encouraged by all its members, and that among Baptist perilicals, the Christian Review, and the Missionary Magazine, issued in DEE, A. M. to United States, and the Christian Visitor, the Family Casket, and Christian Messenger, published in these Provinces, and already tensively circulated, deserve a place in every Baptist family. Resolved, That this Convention recommend, that, at our various ion as Gow the Convention of the state of religion, and the progress of the

Brothers use of God, within the limits of their respective Associations. lois chusel, Resolved, further, That the Committee on the Revisal of our Conlution be instructed to incorporate in the Constitution the resoluthe committee part is ribring to the motive of the Caniograph this Conve

in whether Resolved, That we present our thanks to the church with which have met, and to brethren and friends generally, in and around neighbouring city, for their hospitable and Christian entertainthe above; at during our present session.

M. Becks Ordered, That the Minutes of the present Convention be printed at itute that a lottice of the Christian Visitor: that a thousand copies be printed. Convent that brother L. E. Bill be our Committee to superintend the nting of said Minutes.

as follow the Committee on the State of the Denomination presented. neeting of the property and a minimum and following Report. It was adopted and ordered to be printed.

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March 6th, Harris Charlton, Wallace Road, N. S. April 3rd, Issiah Wal ace, Scotch Town, N. B. May 14, Thos. W. Crawley, Chester, N. S. Targer Law barren Cunds, and t June 3, Robert Walker, Lower Aylesford, N. S. July 5, Stephen March, St. Francis, N. B. 25, Wm. S. Howe, Chipman, N. B.

Several new places of worship have been opened and several har

been enlarged.

The committee observe that in the Nova Scotia Association a dir inution of the number of members appears. The reason of this is, the in several of the Churches the lists of members have been revised. a that revision has issued in the removal of many names which oughts to have remained so long on her list, the parties having removed for the localities in which they had resided, or absented themselves entire for a lengthened period from the ordinances of Christian worship committee consider it very important that all the churches should vise their lis's of members, from time to time, that their true state m appear, and that just discipline may be entertained.

The committee fur her bring to the notice of the Convention fact that the considerable jucrease of numbers that has taken place our churches, in the Province of New Brunswick, has mainly ari from the extension of the Home Missionary effort in that Provide during the past two years. The result is highly satsfactory, and of mends to the brethren in the other Province the propriety and impa ance of adopting sim lar measures, with a view to the evangeliza ion destitute districts and the wider extension of our Denomination interests. J. M. CRAMP, Chairman

The Committee appointed last year for revising the Constil tion of the Convention, asked leave to sit again to report me year. Request granted.

The Board of Foreign Missions presented the follow Report :--

The Foreign Missionary Board have to lament that after the la of Christian I of enother year our Foreign Missonary interest remains as when aid in consecra Convention last met. The Board, however, is not ignorant of great value of the Foreign Missionaryenterprise and of its import guide the mind relations to other denominational interests. They have feltunfely of their Lord, an satisfaction in perusing from time to time the deeply interes to go and preac letters of brother Arthur Crawley, and rejoice in the good men. The Board to of success with which the Lord hath crowned his labours.

The inquiry is often heard, Why are we not engaging in the fits will, awake ble work? We have felt the force of this inquiry, and could demand that co it with various replies; but one is sufficient. Since brother Ca en hearts, "Col left the service of this Board we are not aware that any young wed and second have had their minds directed to this field of Christian enter a lost on divisions have been by this point, and the Board yet knows not of any young man of sui be printed.

ualifications ecount for rovinces. On the 27t ecial object nt were un fort to revive ore, again in ollars to the da like sum he appropriat iipman, Cram ous a portion a ough an Indi ther, that su ce of this b olutions :--This Board, no at the same desirous also ion, resolve a . That our bre nested to con n Missionary That the fun art, be appropri Union, and the ary from our of

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necessities mor journed with Pro ualifications who is saving, "Here am I, send me." This fact may ecount for the smallness of contribution to the Foreign Missionary funds, and the otherwise low state of this interest throughout the rovinces.

On the 27th of August, the Board met at Wolfville. The more esecial object of that meeting was consultation. The members prent were unanimous in their views, and resolved upon another fort to revive the work, and, if possible, have one Missionary, or ore, again in the field. The Board appropriated Four Hundred ollars to the Funds of the American Baptist Missionary Union, dalike sum to the funds of the English Baptist Missionary Society. g removed in he appropriation to the American Union will constitute brethrennselves entire upman, Cramp, Robinson, and Spurden, life members of that body, worship To bus a portion at least of the contributions of our churches reaches, tes should a rough an indirect medium, the destined end. And presuming, true state me ther, that such appropriation would receive the cordial concurthe of this body, the Board passed the following preamble and Convention | olutions :-

taken place This Board, not having Missionaries to employ in the Foreign field, mainly and lat the same time wishing to continue i's missionary exertions, desirous also of enlisting the enlarged sympathies of the denomtion, resolve as follows:-

That our brethren and the friends of Missions generally be nested to continue their contributions to the funds of the Forn Missionary Board.

That the funds contributed shall, from time to time, in whole or art, be appropriated to the funds of the American Baptist Mission-Union, and the English Baptist Missionary Society, until a Misreport a ary from our own Provinces be accepted and appointed by this

That the Secretary be requested, through the Christian Mesne follow er, and Christian Visiter, to direct the attention of our churches, especially of young men who feel called of God to preach the el, to the subject of Missions, and the pressing demands in this fter the la of Christian labour, assuring them of every encouragement s as when aid in consecrating themselves to this work.

norant of he Board therefore hopes that ere long the Spirit of the Lord f its import guide the minds of some disciples of the Saviour, who, in imitfeltunies of their Lord, and in the spirit of the great commission, will rely interes to go and preach to the heathen the unsearchable riches of good mes. The Board trusts that the Convention will be able to present ing in this of its will, awaken such a spirit as will prompt a ready answer to d could demand that comes so affectingly from heathen lands, and other Cra en hearts, "Come over and help us."

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current year.

Resolved, That the Foreign Missionary Board be instructed contribute to the American Baptist Missionary Union, one hundre and fifty pounds, out of their funds, to support brother A. R. Cray ley and his family for one year, commencing from the first of Jun last, and including the sum of one hundred pounds already vote and paid by the Board. And if the Union refuse to pay broth Crawley this sum, that we appropriate to them such part thereof, they may be willing to receive and pay to him, and remit the balan to him as a donation.

Resolved. That the following brethren be a Committee to co sider the Report of the Foreign Missionary Board, and report the on :- Brethren McHenry, Clay, Wallace, Spencer, J. Harding.

The brethren above named presented their Report. It considered, modified, and finally adopted in the following form

The Select Committee to whom has been referred the Report the Foreign Missionary Board, having attended to the duty ass ed them, beg leave to submit the following resolutions, for the ad of the Convention . Das beigeone ad somitter's awe the murity

Resolved, That the Foreign Missionary Board, in appropriate money without the concurrence of this Convention, and in opposit to their well understood wishes, exceeded the powers entrusted them.

Resolved, further, That the action of the Board, in appropris one hundred pounds, to the English Baptist Missionary Soci which amount has been paid over, be confirmed.

Finally: whereas it is desirable to remove misunderstan in regard to the power of appropriating our Foregn Mission Fu therefore:-

Resolved, That it is competent for this Convention during Resolved, further sessions, to appropriate such portions of our Foreign Mission I as they may deem proper, and that the Foreign Missionary I during the recess, have the management of the Foreign Missis enterprize, and report their proceedings to this Convention session to session, wor impact of Thomas McHenry, Chairm

Resolved, Thatthe Board be located, for the next year, at Wol Surned with Fraver.

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Resolved, That the following be our Foreign Missionary Board for the ensuing year: on you not some out? ... and at the Aut animal M. one

Rev. J. Parker, Hev. S. N. Bentley, T. McHenry.

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Foreign Missionary Accounts were presented, with the Report of the Board. They will be found appended to the Minutes, exaligad and for synthetic seiger and as the op of hadding

The following Report was presented on behalf of the Ausralian Mission Board :- Introduced and the bloom brand and Y fastish Wallace be appended as the Missionery of this Contract

At the Convention, held in Brussels Street Baptist Chapel, in ctober, 1854, the following resolutions, after full and free discusion, were adopted :--

Resolved, That while this Convention cheerfully contribute, under resent circumstances, to the funds of the "American Baptist Union," bey nevertheless feel that the interests of the cause, both at home ed abroad, render it highly important, that the Baptists of these rovinces should maintain separate and independent action in the the Report tuse of Christian Missions.

Resolved, That in the opinion of this Convention, Australia, from , for the act the boundless resources of its wealth, the rapid increase of its pop. ation, the demoralizing influences which pervade that rising country gether with its proximity to the numerous and populous Islands of Pacific, and the vast empires of China and of India, presents to e church of God a most inviting field for missionary enterprise, and at the Baptists of these provinces are loudly called upon in the ovidence of God to establish a mission in that distant Isle of the

Resolved, That this Convention deem it to be its duty to estabh and sustain a Misison in Australia, and that a Board be created take this subject into consideration; and to look out for a suitable Mission Fi ssionary or Missionaries, and to take measures to raise funds for s object, and put it into immediate execution.

tion during Resolved, further, That Brethren I. E. Bill, S. Robinson, W. Bur-Mission F., Chas. Tupper, Geo. Armstrong, S. N. Bentley, J. Francis, Ste-Islonary Ben Gerow, J. Davis, E. A. Crawley, D. D., W. Parker, A. Martell, ign Missio S. Morton, G. Sealy, N. S. Demill, E. N. Harris, A. McL. Seely, onvention F. Miles, and D. Crandal be said board; and that the Board be ated in St. John, five of whom shall form a quorum.

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tions. At the last Convention, which was held in Liverpool, Nova Scotia, the Australian Board was reappointed; but as yet, we have no Mission in Australia. The question very naturally suggests itself, why this delay? The answer is at hand: no man, deemed competent has until very recently been found willing to undertake this great work; therefore, no decided action has been taken by your Board. The time, however, has at length arrived when your Board is enabled to report that a valued Brother, who has long been proverfully in this Pro pondering this subject, has decided to propose himself as a candidate to was pure for the Australian field. That Brother is the Rev. Isaiah Wallace Instructed in He has decided to take his life in his hand, and to say to the Bap he sanctual tist Convention of N. S., N. B. and P E. Island, "here am I, sen a soldier. me." In the judgment of your Board, this Brother is eminent te arms of qualified to go out as the representative of the Baptists of the le travelled provinces to that golden Isle of the Sen, to teach the perishin late of M thousands there the path that leads to heaven.

Your Board would, therefore, respectfully suggest, that the Re one, we do Isaiah Wallace be appointed as the Missionary of this Convention ared to gree Australia, and that immediate action be taken for raising funds. We have support of this important object.

The reading of the above report was followed by a stateme and Manning from Brother Wallace, containing a history of the movement of the m of his mind in regard to Australia, and an expression of anxious desire to proceed thither in the service of the Box should his brethren see fit to give him an appointment to the His mi effect. The Report was adopted. The following Resolut vour; and th npen his a was also proposed and carried :-

This Convention having heard the report of the Board of h; and mucl Australian Mission, and having listened also with deep interest while walking the statement of Bro. I. Wallace respecting his impressions in supposed to gard to this work and his readiness to enter upon it: therefor is blessed.

Resolved, That Bro. Wallace possesses the entire confidence this Convention as a Brother well adapted to enter upon the wo lo action was Christian Missions in Australia, and that his proposal to engage doubtless this deeply interesting department of missionary effort he cord accepted; and that the Board be instructed to make suitable pied on the th sions for sending him to Australia with the least possible delay of er Barss

The Australian Board of last year was re-appointed; ex that brother A. D. Thomson was substituted for Dr. Cray and brother Spencer was added to the Board. The list w will be obser found on the third page. Convention ed brooff, sell ted bus a brood buss od isburst). (I has solide ren judged it

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Since our last Anniversary, the venerable and beloved Father Thomas Magee has passed to the Spirit land. He died at his son's residence in the City of Calais, January 11th, 1856. He professed faith in his Saviour in Cork, Ireland, his native Country. For upwards of twenty years he was connected with our denomination in this Province, as a minister of the Lord Jesus. As a Christian he was pure in spirit, and upright in life. As a divine he was well instructed in the mysteries of the kingdom of God. As a minister of he sanctuary he was thoroughly consecrated to his great work, and sa soldier of the cross he died with his armour on, exclaining in te arms of death, "thanks be to God, who giveth us the victory." le travelled extensively, not only in this Province, but also in the the perishin late of Maine, proclaiming, with all fidelity, the truth as it is Jesus, and his labours were not in vain in the Lord. He has that the Re one, we doubt not to his reward in Heaven. May we be pre-Convention red to greet him there!

raising funds. We have to record also the death of the Rev. John E. Cogswell, other esteemed minister of this body. He was a native of Cornallis; experienced religion under the ministry of the lamented Edby a stateme and Manning; by whom he was baptized. He entered upon the the movement ork of the ministry under the direction of the First Baptist Church pression of Cornwallis. A large portion of his ministerial life was spent the County of Cumberland, N. S., where, in addition to pastoral of the Boa or, he performed sundry missionary excursions among the destiatment to the. His ministry was rich in sound doctrine, and full of religious ring Resolul your; and his life was a practical illustration of the power of th upon his own heart. It may justly be said of him, as was said Barnabas, " He was a good man, full of the Holy Ghost and of e Board of h; and much people was added unto the Lord." He died suddendeep interest while walking the highway not far from his own house, of what pressions in supposed to be, disease of the heart. "The memory of the I. E. BlLL, Chairman.

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The resolution touching reports from the Associations to be pre sented hereafter at the Convention, and which was directed to be incorporated in the Constitution, is a very important one. Such reports will form a new and interesting feature in the engagement of future Conventions, and may profitably eccupy a sitting in the course of our annual meetings.

Brethren will notice the alteration of the time for the sitting of the Convention. Our denominational papers will doubtless advert to this point, as also to the one noted immediately above, as the season for

our annual gathering in convention recurs. Before we come together again it will do us all good to turn to 1 Cor. XIII., as also to Eph. IV. 30-32. V. 1. 2.

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CONSTITUTION, &C.,

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

II. That the object of the Convention shall be, to advance the interests of the Baptist Denomination, and of the cause of God generally; to to maintain the following religious, educational, and charitable Institutions, namely,—Foreign Missions, Domestic Missions, Acadia College parately, and the Fund for Superanuated Ministers; to procure correct information relative to the Baptist Body, and to advise and carry out such measures as may with the Divine blessing, tend to promote its welfare me appoint;

To aid the Convention in procuring statistical information, it is hope that the several Associa ious in the Province will obtain from the Mber. annual Churches connected with them the requisite statements, and report the same annually to the Convention and will concur with the Convention in such measures as they judge advisable.

President, one or more Vice Presidents, two Treasurers, (one resident president, one or more Vice Presidents, two Treasurers, (one resident president, and in Nova Scotia and the other in New Frunswick), an Auditor, and when places a Board of Directors, consisting of twenty-five members, all of what of the men shall be members of Baptist Churches, in good standing, in addition to have power to fill up any vacancies that may occur previous to the Conventite of Acadia Convention of the Convention.

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IV. That every member of a Baptist Church, in good standing, we'le, of the Le shall pay annually ten shillings and upwards, towards any one of the That the H objects embraced in the Union Societies, or into the funds of the Co for Dome-ti vention, and also every ordained Baptist Minister in the three PM of the Con vinces, in good standing, shall be a member of this Convention; one under the person paying five pounds or upwards shall be a Life Member; and That the B payment of twenty pounds, or upwards, at one time snall constitut mplated by t Life Director. Every Church connected with an Association, and ecretary of th tributing annually ten shillings to the fund of a Union Society, slilly. Such re be a member of this Convention, and be at liberty to send one Deleg in at least one to represent such church, and if five pounds are collected, two D That this Co gates. Every Local Union Society, collecting annually five pound Meeting of t upwards, shall be a member of this Convention, and shall be at lib t. to send two Delegates to represent them therein, and one Delegate every additional five pounds collected; so as no Church or I Union Society be at Liberty to send more than five Delegates; that each Association connected with the Convention, be allowed send five Delegates. Every Missionary and Educational Board s also be at liberty to send one Delegate.

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V. That all monies contributed by individuals for membership, or for the general purposes of the Convention after the payment of incidental expenses shall be paid to the Treasurer of the Convention in the Province to which they have been contributed, and shall be by him appropriated in accordance with the existing regulations of the Union Societies in the Province; and that all monies collected by the Local Union Societies, or by the General Unions of such Societies, shall ention of Nova be paid to the respective Provincial Treasurers of the Convention nd shall consist to be appropriated for such of the above great objects, and in such proportions as the several Un on Societies shall direct.

VI. That any individual paying into the funds of the Convention ance the inter- pore than the sum required to constitute membership, will be Red generally: It liberty to direct the application of the surplus to the objects aritable Institut ontemplated by the Union Societies, or to any one or more of them,

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tion, it is hope VIII. That the Convention shall meet on the third Saturday in Sepbtain from the mber, annually, at such place as shall be agreed on by the Body; its, and reportion, in addition to the Office-bearers, and Board of Convention, the with the Cor lowing Boards shall be chosen, viz.: a Board of fifteen members for teign Wissionary and Bible cause, and a Board of fifteen members take charge of and direct the funds for superanuated Ministers and anducted by ir families; all of which Boards shall consist of members of Baptist one residin urches, in regular standing. These Boards shall hold their meetings Auditor, and uch places as the Convention shall annually appoint. At least oneall of who dor the members of these Boards, and of all Boards connected with g, in addition Convention, to reside within the places named for their meetings. in. The Box he Convention shall also appoint, once in three years, six Coverprevious to the Acadia College, in place of six who will then go out in rotation cordance with the Resolution, passed by this Convention at its mal Meeting in September, 1850, and in accordance with the Act d standing, wie. of the Legislature of Nova Scotia; Chap. 37.

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Rule 1. At every sitting business shall be opened and concluded with prayer. It is the form he shad her training the mineral at an editable

RULE 2. Ministers and members of Churches, not Delegates, invited to a seat with us, may speak on all subjects under debate, but the section of the se wote 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 of ener than twice on any motion, unless by permission of the Body.

RULE 7. Motions made and lost shall not be recorded on the Min-

utes except so ordered at the time.

RULE 8. The Moderator of the Convention shall nominate all Committes, unless otherwise ordered by the Convention.

RULE 9. The e rules shall be distinctly read from the Chair immediately after the coning of the Convention

TIME OF MEETING OF THE ASSOCIATIONS FOR 1857.

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The Western Association is appointed to meet with the Yarmoul Church, at 2 o'clock. r. m., the 2nd Saturday in June.

The Central Association is appointed to meet with the Church Hantsport, the first Monday after the 20th June.

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ton Church, on the second Saturday in July, 1857,

The Baptist Convention of Nova Scotia, New Brunswick, and Pring Edward Island, is appointed to be held in Ya. nouth, N. S., on first Saturday after the 18th of August 1857,