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**ANNUAL MEETING**

Of P. E. Island Baptist Association.

**CONVENED AT TRYON**  
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TRYON, June 30.—The beautiful rural district of Tryon presents a very attractive appearance at this season of the year; and the Baptists decided wisely when they accepted a cordial invitation to hold their Annual Association gathering in that locality.

The first session was held on Friday last commencing at 10 o'clock a. m. From the delegates present the following officers were chosen:—

Rev. E. A. McPhee of East Point, Moderator; Arthur Simpson of Cavendish, Cl. rk.; Rev. B. W. Turner of Montague, Assistant Clerk; and Philip Roy, of Tryon, Treasurer.

After the appointment of various committees, devotional exercises occupied the chief part of the morning session.

In the afternoon Rev. E. J. Grant of Summerside submitted a vigorous resolution expressing the detestation in which electioneering bribery and corruption should be held by every sincere Baptist, and urging churches and pastors to use their utmost endeavors to secure the overthrow of this disgraceful and gigantic evil, and recommending prompt discipline in cases where church members are found guilty of such glaring iniquity. A lively discussion arose on this resolution in which the evil referred to was heartily condemned. The sentiments of the mover were unanimously adopted by the delegates.

An excellent report on systematic benevolence was also presented by Rev. Mr. Grant, giving a comparative statement of the denominational contributions of the churches for five or six years past. A number of speakers took part in the discussion which followed referring to the different causes which led to fluctuation in these annual gifts.

On the whole it was shown that whilst Island Baptist churches are not contributing as much as might be fairly expected from them, yet in view of the weak condition of many of these churches the aggregate offerings were by no means discouraging.

An excellent mass meeting in the interest of the Baptist Young People's Union was held in the evening. Rev. G. P. Raymond presented a brief report of the statistics and growth of this Union showing that there are nine societies on the island, have an aggregate membership of about four hundred.

Rev. W. H. Warren spoke in relation to the social aspect of the young people's movement, indicating that by systematic study of biblical and other religious literature the young people are becoming better trained for Christian service than in times past.

Rev. G. P. Raymond gave a short address showing the benefits arising to young people from the study of missionary efforts and successes, and urging more general participation in this department of Christian work.

The meeting was made especially interesting by the address of the music of the Tryon Baptist Choir led by the well known soloist of Mr. Hugh A. McLeod, Evangelist.

An address prepared from the letters received from churches composing the Association was read by Rev. J. C. Spurr on Sunday forenoon. From this it was gathered that there are now, in the Island, 147 churches on P. E. Island, presided over by 147 pastors, all of whom were present at the meeting. The membership of the churches is 14,000, two thousand two hundred and ten, seventy-nine of whom

were baptized during the year. It was further indicated that steps are being taken for the erection of new houses of worship at East Point, Georgetown and Murray River. In Sunday School work and in the activity of the Women's Missionary Aid Society it was shown that a fairly good degree of progress has been made. A gratifying feature of the report was that all the churches are under the pastoral care of faithful ministers. The actual increase in membership has not been large owing to the removal of many persons to foreign lands and to the death of others. But there appears to be steady development in church life.

A suggestive report on Sunday School work was read by Rev. A. H. Whitman. It was shown that from the ranks of Sunday Schools have come the chief part of the accessions to the churches; and that in these schools are trained the most useful workers in every department of Christian effort. Stirring addresses were made on the subject by various speakers emphasizing the value of this helpful agency. The need of teachers' training classes was considered and this form of work was warmly commended. It was obvious that all the delegates were deeply interested in this great undertaking.

The record of the departed workers was presented by Mr. Jacob Bein of Cornwall, in his report on obituaries. Touching reference was made to the lives of the late Geo. McNeill of Cavendish, Alexander Robertson, deacon of East Point Baptist Church, Mrs. Alexander Scott of the same place, Donald Stewart, deacon of the Baptist Church, St. Peter's Road, William Ward, deacon of the North River Church, and Mrs. Biglow of Tyne Valley.

Rev. A. C. Shaw of Dundas, read a report on denominational literature recommending to young people books of a helpful and instructive character, and heartily commending the Messenger and Visitor to all churches and families connected with the body. A number of speakers took part in the discussion following, the general tone of whose remarks was strongly in favor of greater care in the choice of books for family use and in the selection of religious and secular papers.

Saturday evening was given to a consideration of the report on education presented by Rev. D. Price of Tryon. The inestimable value of Education was dwelt upon, and the splendid work of Acadia College was shown. Ninety three pupils have studied during the past year at the Ladies' Seminary; sixty-one at the Academy; and one hundred and thirty seven in the College.

An admirable address was made by Rev. Dr. Trotter, President of Acadia College in which the aims and successes of the Institutions at Wolfville were forcefully presented. He complimented Prince Edward Island on the number and ability of its sons who have secured their preparatory training at Acadia, and besought the continued and increased aid of Island friends. He was followed by Rev. W. E. Hall of Halifax, N. S. who reviewed the history of the Forward Movement and showed that Prince Edward Island had pledged upward of \$16,000 towards making a required \$75,000. He hoped that this would be generously supplemented by further contributions.

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A very large audience listened with great pleasure to these stirring addresses and much enthusiasm was manifested in the Baptist Educational work.

**SUNDAY SERVICES—MORNING.**

Rev. A. F. Browne of North River preached the Association sermon at eleven o'clock, taking for his text, "Lord increase our Faith," church being overcrowded.

Rev. W. E. Hall occupied the pulpit of the Methodist Church, which was crowded and his address was much appreciated. The Methodist congregation kindly gave the morning's offering to Acadia College.

**AFTERNOON.**

A mass missionary meeting was held in the afternoon. The speakers were Rev. Mr. Mellish now of Manitoba and for many years superintendent of the Manitoba and Northwest missions. Rev. A. W. Manning of St. John's, Treasurer of the Baptist Foreign Missionary Board spoke on Foreign Missions and Mrs. Manning, President of the Women's Missionary Aid Societies for the Maritime Provinces, on the work of the Aid Society.

**SUNDAY EVENING.**

Sunday evening Rev. Dr. Trotter preached to a packed house a most eloquent and helpful sermon followed by an interesting social meeting.

Service led by Rev. Mr. Carter, of Murray River.

Rev. G. P. Raymond preached in the Crapaud Methodist church.

**TO-DAY'S PROCEEDINGS.**

10 a. m.—Reports on Missions considered. Reports on Education considered.

2 p. m.—Circular letters. Report on Temperance. Ev. H. Carter. Report of committee on nomination. Unfinished business.

7.30 p. m.—Sermon followed by Evangelistic service.

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