

THE NOVA SCOTIA FREE BAPTISTS

held their Annual Conference at Barrington, on the 7th of September and following days. There were fifteen ministers present and two licentiates, and between forty and fifty other delegates.

The officers elected were Rev. F. Babcock, Moderator; Rev. S. K. West, Assistant Moderator; Rev. J. I. Porter, Clerk; Rev. T. H. Siddall, Assistant Clerk.

The following resolutions were discussed and adopted:

Resolved, That we believe it is our duty to maintain the pastorate system intact, and that any minister or church breaking the rules embodying the system should be a matter of discipline.

Resolved, That a committee of 12 be appointed to investigate the charges against Rev. D. Oram, and report to a special conference.

Resolved, That Rev. D. Oram, be suspended, as a member of general conference, until the forthcoming special conference.

Resolved, That a special general conference be held at Session Hill, on Friday, November 4th.

Resolved, That the following report be adopted:—

Your Committee have considered the charges preferred against the Rev. T. O. DeWitt, and we deeply regret to find they are sustained by sufficient evidence. We therefore recommend that he be suspended by this Conference, hoping by repentance, confession, and upright walk he may in future commend himself to the confidence of his brethren.

The above resolutions were unanimously carried.

Resolved, That the resignation of Rev. Wm. Downey be regretfully accepted.

The public meetings were large and of good interest.

On Friday evening the annual meeting of Home and Foreign Mission Societies was held. After the reports, the meeting was addressed by N. D. McGray, Esq., M. P. P., Rev. A. Kinney, Deacon B. B. Woodworth, Rev. Wm. Millar, and Rev. J. W. Freeman.

On Saturday evening the education Society held their annual meeting in the Island meeting-house. As usual, the place was crowded, W. G. Sims, Esq., Vice-President, presiding. Rev. T. H. Siddall spoke on "the Age and the Pulpit." Edwin Crowell, B.A., read a splendid paper on "Our Denominational Literature."

N. D. McGray, Esq., M. P. P., said it was not needed in this day to urge the claims of an educated ministry. We had passed by the time when such advocacy was called for; the difficulty was as to the degree of education. He hoped to see a ministry thoroughly educated.

A. Gayton, Esq., M. P. P., made an able and interesting speech.

The meeting was a good one. A Woman's Foreign Mission Aid Society was held in the Bethel on Friday afternoon, when a large congregation assembled. President, Mrs. S. N. Royal. Mrs. Robert Sims read the Scriptures, Rev. J. F. Smith engaging in prayer.

Mrs. J. E. Cushing, Secretary, read the annual report, which was one of marked interest.

Miss Weyman, of New Brunswick, delivered a most interesting address.

Mrs. B. B. Woodworth urged the young early in life to interest themselves in missions.

On Sunday there was preaching in all the neighbouring churches.

The entire session was one of unusual interest, the public services and meetings being excellent throughout.

FAREWELL SERVICE TO REV. W. P. EVERETT, AT ST. JOHN, N. B.

We learn from the Daily Sun, of St. John, N. B., of Wednesday last, that a farewell service was held on Tuesday evening in the Zion Baptist Church, Portland, of which Mr. Everett had been pastor for five years:

After singing, reading of scriptures, and prayer by Rev. Jas. Spencer, Mr. John March, who acted as chairman, made a few remarks. After singing by the choir, Rev. Mr. Everett was called to the platform, and was presented by Rev. J. E. Hopper, on behalf of Mr. Everett's congregation and other friends, with an address, accompanied by a purse of \$167.50 in gold.

Rev. Mr. Everett, in reply to the address, said he did not feel able to make a suitable reply, after the flattering address, which seemed to him overdrawn, for while he had endeavored to do his duty, his efforts were too highly rated. The presentation of the purse was not a

surprise to him, considering the many past kindnesses of the people. He referred to the four years during which he supplied Brussels Street Church, and then the present church was formed. He advised all pastors to put their shoulders to the wheel, and share the denominational burdens without prejudice to their churches. He spoke of the changes in the pastors of the churches of different dominations since he came here. He hoped the remaining pastors would pay more attention to the educational interests of the denomination. He went away, feeling a degree of love for the pastors and members of the churches. The memory of the evening's proceedings would be a pleasant recollection in after years. Men pass away and change their positions, but the God of Israel remains. He believed that God had some field for him, and if he looked up to God daily he would do what God wished him to do. He went forth, asking his congregation's prayers. He trusted that when life's labors and trials were over, they would all meet on that happy shore where they could bask in God's sunshine for ever.

The choir then sang the hymn beginning "A few more years shall roll," after which addresses were delivered by Rev. Messrs. Weeks, Spencer, Corey and Kelly, and the meeting closed.

It appears that some difficulty had arisen between the church and the executor of the Owen estate, respecting repairs to the church building loaned for the use of the congregation for some time past. The Baptist church will therefore vacate it, and Rev. Mr. Byrnes, a Methodist Missionary has engaged the building for the purpose of holding meetings. There is some probability it appears of the church members returning to and uniting again with the Brussel Street Church.

We shall doubtless soon be informed who has been appointed to succeed Mr. Everett as Secretary-Treasurer of the Foreign Mission Board, to whom funds may be forwarded.

IMPORTANT NOTICE.

We beg respectfully to suggest to those of our Subscribers from whom we have not as yet heard this year, that we are very anxious to hear from them. Our necessities are great and pressing. It would be esteemed a special favor if they would send on without further delay, as we are desirous of meeting the obligations incurred to furnish them with their weekly supply of Christian literature.

The Floral tribute sent by Queen Victoria to the funeral of President Garfield was very large, and composed of white roses, smilax and stephanotis, and accompanied with a mourning card bearing the following inscription:

"Queen Victoria, to the memory of the late President Garfield. An expression of her sorrow and sympathy with Mrs. Garfield and the American nation."

President Garfield left no will; during his sickness he said he did not wish to make one, he was willing to trust to the courts of the country to make an equitable division of his property among the members of his family. The value of his property is about \$25,000, including his house in the city, which is mortgaged.

The agent of the Equitable Life Insurance Company of New York says President Garfield was insured for \$25,000 in that company. He was also insured in other companies, but to what amount is not known.

REV. DR. PEDDIE of New York, was invited to the pastorate of the Jarvis Street Baptist Church, Toronto, vacated by Rev. Dr. Castle, but has declined the invitation.

MISSIONARY INTELLIGENCE.

From Burmah. LETTER FROM REV. H. MORROW. TAVOY, MAY 30, 1881.

We have had our ordinary meeting of teachers and preachers with reports of their work during the dry season. The baptisms reported are one hundred and ten,—a gain of ten per cent on the whole number of disciples. Three hundred and sixty pupils have been taught in the jungle schools. These schools have been made the care of the pupils of the town school, and our young men of the Theological Seminary who return to us to spend their vacations.

Two of our oldest and most trustworthy pastors made a long tour into distant parts of the Mergui district to visit churches that have been without teachers for several years. They report the Christians as steadfast, though greatly in need of teachers. At two villages several were baptized. At

one a nice new chapel is in course of erection.

Almost all who have been among the heathen report a very marked decrease of the heathen rites and superstitions, and a desire to know the truth. Were it not for the influence of a few older people, the prospect is that large numbers would seek the better way. Even among these, we know of cases where they have ceased opposition to their children becoming Christians.

OUR SCHOOL, has opened with ninety pupils. We have more than usual from new villages, which we regard as encouraging, as they will return to strengthen and help their people.—Missionary Magazine.

From China.

LETTER FROM MISS ADELE M. FIELD.

SWATOW, March 7, 1881.

A SAMPLE-TRIP.—Yesterday morning Miss Norwood and I went in our punt to some villages three miles away on the coast seaward. These villages lie among steep, bare hills, whose slopes are covered with boulders that always give one the idea that they are moving downward in a slow, mighty torrent.

"NEITHER ANY MORE PAIN."—On the outskirts of the first village I saw an old woman gathering herbs, and at the same time Miss Norwood saw another one spinning; so we separated, and each went to her old woman. Mine said that she was gathering herbs to make a wash for her daughter-in-law's sore eyes, and asked me if I had any eye-medicine that would cure the blind. I told her that, if she wished me to do so, I would go with her to her house, and there tell her what medicine I had; and so she led the way to her home,—a new and almost clean white hut in the midst of many brown, ill-smelling ones. Her neighbors saw us going in; and fifteen women, most of them with small, dirty children in their arms, crowded in to inquire what remedy I could offer for their varied ills. Then I talked with them for an hour, the daughter-in-law said she would hereafter pray daily to the new, old God, Jehovah.

I found Miss Norwood, not far off, reading the tract, "After Death," in a little courtyard, to a group of women and children, and I sat down among the hearers. A boy just as high as my shoulder, kept rubbing his frowzy head upon me on one side, and a smaller boy tried to project his begrimed little face under my other arm in his efforts to get a view of the reader; while an old woman, a leper from head to foot, stood in front of me, asserting that I had grown old very fast since she last saw me, and persistently endeavoring to clasp my hands. I was therefore very glad when Miss Norwood invited me to take her place on the doorstep, and speak to the group.

Afterwards we returned to our boat for luncheon, and then went to another village. Passing a house, at whose door a woman sat making sweet-potato flour, we told her that we had something pleasant to say to her, if she would give us a seat inside, and keep all the men and children out, while she let all the women come in. She at once assented, and we stationed two of our boatmen at the door to carry out the arrangement. We find that this is the only plan by which we can get quiet congregations. The children swarm like locusts; and, unless they are firmly excluded, they take up the room which might be filled by more appreciative hearers, and they make teaching difficult by their noise and squabbling. When the women see that the national notions of propriety are adhered to, and that no men are admitted to our presence, they come pouring in from the doorways around, and we have those hearers who most need us, and whom we can most effectively help by our instructions.

When our session was finally broken up by the men-folks coming in with farm produce, which they wanted to store away, an old woman hobbled off homeward, and I heard her saying as she went, as if to fix them firmly in her memory, the words, "Jesus the Lord," "Jesus the Lord," "Jesus the Lord." She had never heard the gospel before; perhaps she will never hear it again. But it may be, that, when she is about to cross over into the next world, she will, there on the border of the vast, dark unknown, recall what she yesterday learned, and will cry out, "Jesus the Lord," and that Jesus the Lord will hear his name thus called, and will come and take her into his heaven.

AN INDIAN FAKIR, having been converted to the gospel, still occupies

a position by the side of a great thoroughfare; but instead of standing on one foot, and holding his hand above his head for hours at a time, as before, he has built a little chapel, and dug a well, where he entertains passers-by with a cooling draught, while he discourses to them of the waters of eternal life.—Gospel in all Lands.

LEARNING CHINESE.—It is a lifetime business to learn to be thoroughly effective. Let everyone who comes here henceforth be sure to enlist "for the war" Dr. Allen says, "Go and stay" is the motto for China; and more and more each day I am satisfied that he is right. Those who have been here longest are hopeful and full of faith that the gospel will take possession of China; but they are also equally as well satisfied that it will take long and patient labor and all-prevailing prayer to bring about this result.—REV. W. W. ROYALL, in the Advocate of Missions.

A MANDARIN'S REASONS.—The Mandarin teacher of our former missionaries to China, and husband of the first baptized female convert, gave a thoroughly unvarnished statement of his reasons for not embracing Christianity: (1) He had a hope that he might some day obtain an office, in which case he should be obliged to worship idols. (2) He would have to give up ancestral worship, which would subject him to persecution, even to blows. (3) He would have to close his store on the Sabbath, which would offend his customers, and seriously injure his business.—Sabbath Recorder.

Miss Beilby, a medical worker in the Zenanas, has been invited by Queen Victoria to lay before her the particulars of Zenana work in India,—a subject in which her Majesty has recently taken a great deal of interest.

Notices.

CLASS OF '80, ACADIA COLLEGE. Until further notice, the address of the members of this organization may be obtained from G. Wilbert Cox, B.A., Upper Stewiacke, N. S. Members of the class, on changing their place of residence, will please notify Mr. Cox. WALTER BARSS, Sec'y. Class '80, A. C. Sept 27th, 1881.

RECEIVED FROM WOMEN'S MISSION AID SOCIETIES.

Pine Grove.—Mrs. J. P. Dodge....\$4 00 M. R. SELDEN, Treasurer. Halifax, Oct. 3rd, 1881.

TEA MEETING. The Ladies of Cheverie and Brookville, Hants Co. intend holding a tea meeting at Cheverie, on the 13th of October, or if the 13th should be stormy on the 14th. The proceeds to pay the debt on Brookville Baptist meeting house. G. A. WETHERS.

ANNAPOLIS CO. MINISTERIAL AND MISSIONARY CONFERENCE.

The above named Conference will be held at Bridgetown on Tuesday next, the 11th., beginning at 10 o'clock a. m. It is expected that there will be a full attendance of delegates, and that all will come prepared to make the meetings interesting and profitable. W. H. WARREN, President.

Rev. Joseph Murray wishes to inform his friends that he has removed to Falmouth Hants county, and wishes all correspondence for him to be sent there.

RECEIVED FOR ACADIA COLLEGE BUILDING FUND.

Per J. R. DeWolf, Esq., Milton, Queens Co., a Friend.....\$5 00 Convention Fund.

Per Rev. D. G. McDonald, balance for last year for P. E. Island...\$17 80 Endowment Fund. Principal.

Per Rev. E. M. Saunders, Wm. Dennis Halifax.....\$15 00 Mrs. M. C. Stubbart, Yarmouth... 6 00 Mrs. Miriam Crosby, do ... 1 00 \$22 00

X. Z. CHIPMAN, Treas. Wolfville, Sept. 30, 1881.

ERRATA.—Rev. George Armstrong wishes to correct the following errata in his reply to Mr. Denton last week: 2nd column, 27th line, for "in" read "at"; 5th line under head No. 2 for "allows," read "all out"; and below, before "the," insert "them." For "concentration," occurring three times under the same head in the same column, read "Centralization"—(printed according to copy). About the middle of 3rd column, for "how it is true," read "how far it is true," &c. For "Mr. A. J. Denton to the contrary, notwithstanding unofficial information," &c., read Mr. A. J. Denton to the contrary, notwithstanding. Unofficial information, &c.

HALIFAX BAPTIST CHURCH DIRECTORY.

GRANVILLE STREET CHURCH.—Lord's Day Services at 11 A. M., and 7 P. M. Pastor, Rev. Alex. McArthur. Sabbath School in the New Vestry Spring Garden Road at 2.45 P. M. Prayer-meetings in the same place on Wednesday and Bible studies on Friday evenings at 7.30.

NORTH BAPTIST CHURCH, GOTTINGEN STREET.—Lord's Day Services at 11 A. M. and 7 P. M. Pastor, Rev. J. W. Manning. Sabbath School at 2.30 P. M. Prayer-meetings on Wednesday and Friday evenings at 7.30.

TABERNACLE, NORTH BRUNSWICK ST.—Lord's Day Services at 11 A. M. and 7 P. M. Pastor, Rev. J. F. Avery. Sabbath School at 2.30 P. M. Prayer-meetings on Tuesday and Friday evenings at 7.30.

DARTMOUTH BAPTIST CHURCH.—Lord's Day Services at 11 A. M. and 7 P. M. Sabbath School at 3 P. M. Prayer-meeting on Wednesday evening at 7.30. Pastor Rev. E. J. Grant.

AFRICAN BAPTIST CHURCH, CORNWALLIS STREET.—Lord's Day Services at 11 A. M., and 7 P. M. Sabbath School in the vestry at 3 P. M. Prayer-meetings on Wednesday and Friday evenings at 8 o'clock. Rev. H. H. Johnson, Pastor.

KINGS COUNTY MINISTERIAL CONFERENCE.

This body will meet at Port Williams on Tuesday the 11th of October at 10 a. m. A full representation from the churches of the County is requested. Papers and plans of sermons will be presented by different brethren. Rev. J. C. Blakeney will preach in the evening; Rev. Mr. Swafeld is his alternate. The meetings of the conference will be open to the members of the church at Port Williams. A collection for "Convention Fund" will be taken up in the evening.

D. M. WELTON, Secretary.

Moneys Received.

John H. Haley, \$2. Rev. F. A. Kidson, \$4. B. L. Telfer, \$2.

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