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THAT GOD IN ALL THINGS MAY BE GLORIFIED THROUGH CHRIST.—Peter

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NOTES AND GLEANINGS.

Queen of Holland, it is stated, total abstainer and ostentatiously refuses on all public occasions to partake of wine. The Queen is a patron of the Total Abstinence Society and of the Women's Social Party League, and it is said she is among the most active of members.

Amelia E. Barr, says The Woman's Journal, is a woman who has been the mother of fourteen children, has written thirty-two books, prepared a professor for Princeton College, and at three years of age is a superb picture-drawer—as fresh and sweet of heart as a young girl.

The number of Mohammedans in the world is about 196,500,000. Of these, 18,000,000 are under the rule of the Turkish Government, 10,000,000 are ruled by other Mussulman sovereigns, 36,500,000 are subject to African princes, 20,000,000 live in China, and 90,000,000 are under Christian rulers. Of these last, about 58,000,000 are under British rule.

A Bank of England note is not of the same thickness all through. The paper is thicker in the left hand corner, to enable it to retain a better impression of the vignette there; and it is also considerably thicker in the dark shadows of the center letters and beneath the figures at the ends. Counterfeit notes are invariably of one thickness only throughout.

Nippur in Babylonia is said to be the oldest city in the world—possibly antediluvian in its origin. In its ruins there has recently been discovered an earthen pot containing a number of tablets. On them is written an account of kings and potentates of the East who lived as early as the men described in the tenth chapter of Genesis, and possibly of an earlier date. It is an important discovery.

The Japanese believe that, by inoculating their young with some especially prepared vaccine matter the children will be freed from all possible taint in the blood. It is a curious fact in relation to this that their children seem remarkably exempt from those infantile diseases that are the bane of American children. One never hears of chicken-pox or diphtheria, and scarlet fever and measles are unknown luxuries.

The work of blind women typewriters is one of the interesting features of the United States Treasury Department. It is said that their work is equal to that of the best operators, and as much is expected of them in dictation and copying as of those who have their eyesight. So satisfactory are the services of these blind clerks that it is proposed to give opportunity to many more next year. There are only three or four now employed.

The Boers according to a Cape doctor who served with the Boer ambulance, have a peculiar affection for Tommy Atkins. They also have their favorite among the British general. Baden-Powell, for instance is considered by them to be an immensely fine fellow, and they positively love Lord Roberts, whose policy, like his plan of campaign, has been excellent. They were also very fond of the late lamented Wauchope, and of General White. Their particular aversion is Lord Kitchener, whom they are said to hate with an unspeakable hatred.

Boys stick a pin right here. The Chicago, Rock Island & Pacific Railroad Company has forbidden the smoking of cigarettes by its employees. The president of the road says that the use of cigarettes tends to befog the mind and make one listless and careless in the discharge of his duties. "Experience has shown," says President Purdy, "that the confirmed cigarette smoker is sleepy and of no account; he becomes untrustworthy and lazy. In the railroad business, and especially among the trainmen, it requires a clear brain to discharge the responsibilities."

The Spanish Government prohibited the holding of a Protestant Convention at Tarazona, on the ground that the law does not authorize any but Catholic religious ceremonies.

THE NOVA SCOTIA CONFERENCE.

(CONTINUED.)

SATURDAY.—Met at 9 a. m. The Report of the Committee on Pastors was considered by clauses and adopted as follows:

1. That we recognize the original arrangement of pastorates existing on Cape Island and recommend that South Side church retain its connection with Centerville pastorate, and that it resume co-operation with it as early as possible.

2. We recommend that Second Barrington church be connected with the Bear Pt., Shag Harbour, and Wood's Harbour pastorate and unite with them to procure and support a pastor.

3. That Rockville church be cared for by the pastor of Yarmouth church, if it can be agreeably arranged.

4. That the Home Mission Board aid the Beaver River pastorate to such extent as shall be deemed expedient.

J. W. FREEMAN,
D. T. PORTER,
J. W. SMITH,
J. B. MERRILL,
H. A. COFFIN } Com.

Resolved: that the ministers of the Quarterly Meetings furnish temporary supply for vacant pastorates. This not to interfere with the supplying provided by the Executive and the Home Mission Society.

A communication was read from the Elder's Conference, asking that duplicate certificates of ordination might be issued by the Clerk on application of ministers wishing them. On motion, the request was granted.

The Report of the Committee on Superannuation Fund was adopted, viz: "Whereas, in the opinion of this Conference it is desirable to form a superannuation fund for our aged and infirm ministers, therefore RESOLVED, that such a fund be established in the following way—(1) We recommend our churches to give two dollars per year for every hundred dollars they pay for their minister's salary and that the ministers pay one dollar per year for every hundred dollars of salary received.

(2) No minister shall receive anything from this fund who does not after its establishment pay the proportion above named.

(3) Every minister who in the opinion of the Executive of Conference is unfit for actual ministerial labor shall receive from this fund ten dollars per year or as near that amount as possible for every year of pastoral work in this Province.

(4) This fund shall be under the direct control of the Executive of Conference.

(5) We recommend that the deacons of the churches superintend the raising of this amount."

The Report on the State of the Denomination was read, and adopted:

The reports received from the churches indicate that a great deal of faithful work has been accomplished, and that the present condition of the cause is such as to make us hopeful for the year to come.

The interest in Sabbath Schools, Foreign and Home Mission work, the Temperance cause, and Young People's Societies has been sustained. Two new Sabbath Schools have been organized—one at Pleasant Lake and one at Advocate. A Young People's Society has been organized at Port Mouton.

The new meeting house at Pubnico Head has been completed and dedicated, and \$543.00 paid toward the debt. A new bell has been placed in this house, one in the meeting house at East Pubnico, and one, the gift of bro. J. E. Cushing and wife, in the meeting house at Westfield. Extensive repairs have been made both on the inside and outside of the meeting house at Ductor's Cove. We are glad to learn that steps are being taken by the people of South West Port Mouton to build a new meeting house, and believe that it will greatly help our interest on that pastorate. Contributions will be gratefully received from Conference or from any who may desire to help them, after the building has been commenced.

Owing to difficulties during recent years, that are well understood, the Beaver River and Cedar Lake churches have not been in a favorable condition for carrying forward Christian work. We recommend that steps be taken to help and encourage these churches.

We believe that the Minister's Institute, when established, will be of great benefit to our cause and increase the influence of our denomination in this Province. We recommend that Chebogue church receive pastoral care,

and that Conference make such arrangements as shall best promote its welfare.

We notice with pleasure that some of the smaller churches that had been without pastoral care, have been revived and encouraged during the year. We believe that an evangelist should be placed in the field, if possible, and that he be enabled to devote all his time to the work.

We recommend that special prayer be offered for the welfare of the denomination, that a deeper consecration to Christian work should be sought, that the new century, soon to be ushered in, may be one in which our cause shall be greatly developed and our usefulness largely increased.

J. W. FREEMAN,
D. T. PORTER,
J. W. SMITH,
J. B. MERRILL,
H. A. COFFIN } Com.

Rev. J. K. West gave notice of motion that unordained deacons be subject to selection every three years; and that deacons be ordained only by special request of their home churches; and that the rule to the effect that only ordained deacons assist at the Lord's Supper be repealed.

The report on dismission of members was adopted, as follows:

Your committee on dismission of members, recommend that in the case of members in good standing in F. B. churches seeking dismission without designating any church to which a transfer of membership is intended, that the dismission may properly be granted.

E. CROWELL, } Com.
C. F. COOPER.

The report on time of Quarterly meetings was adopted, as follows:

"Your committee concludes that the time of session of Quarterly meetings, mid-week or over the Sunday, be left with the several Quarterly meetings themselves to decide."

Resolved: that the Executive prepare a definition respecting the control of church officers by their own church. Report on Public Questions was read and adopted.

Recess was taken at noon until close of Social Conference.

Saturday 4.30 p. m. The Obituary Report was adopted.

Since last we met in General Conference it has pleased God to remove three of our deacons and a number of others the influence of whose lives was no small factor in the communities in which they lived. They have been called to lay down the weapons of their warfare and join that great company who have "washed their robes and made them white in the blood of the Lamb." Their memory is cherished in the many homes and churches where they were personally known, and the members of this Conference extend to the families of the late deacons Amos Larkin, David Larkin and Nathaniel Travers, and those of bro. W. H. Wilson and sisters J. Bertie and Wm. Knollin our deep and sincere sympathy, and point them to the source of all comfort—to Him who has declared, "I am the resurrection and the Life."

E. E. LETSON, } Com.
T. H. SIDDELL.

The Triennial Conference Report was adopted.

Your Committee beg to report as follows:—(1) We think it is advisable for us in the interest of our F. M. interests to be connected with the F. B. Triennial Conference.

(2) That by dropping our delegations to the Yearly Meetings and uniting in the Triennial Conference the cost would not be any greater than at present.

(3) That the delegation be not less than two.

(4) That as this relation in no way interferes with our rights as a distinctive denomination or touches upon any privilege that we enjoy, but is to augment and strengthen our position, we advise this step be taken.

(5) That the executive be instructed to confer with the F. B. Conference Board of U. S., asking if on the terms of this resolution this Yearly meeting can become a member of the aforesaid Conference, or upon what terms, retaining all our rights and privileges as a Denomination.

T. H. SIDDELL, } Com.
E. CROWELL.

The Foreign Mission Society held its meeting Friday evening, President H. A. Sims in the chair. Mrs. McPherson's address was exceedingly instructive, showing that our work was most effective in preparing native Christians who may teach their own people far better than we can. Mrs. G. M. Wilson, Mrs. J. E. Cushing, and short remarks by visitors and others made an excellent programme. A collection of \$7, and subscriptions of \$256.45 for next year's work were taken.

REPORT OF COMMITTEE ON PUBLIC QUESTIONS.

CLOSING RESOLUTIONS.

(1) RESOLVED: That 1500 Copies of the minutes be published, and that

the Clerk receive forty dollars for attending to the same.

(2) That the corresponding Secretary receive fifteen dollars for his service.

(3) That our hearty thanks be given to the officers of the Conference.

(4) That we sincerely thank the delegates from the N. B. Conference and the Mass. and Maine Associations for their helpful and memorable words; and

(5) That we acknowledge the kindness of the Baptist in Caledonia in affording us the use of their place of worship.

(6) That we sincerely thank Bro. W. C. Weston for his most interesting and practical annual sermon.

(7) That we acknowledge with great satisfaction the untiring efforts of the pastor and church with which we have met, for our entertainment, and express our hearty appreciation for the organist and choir, who have done so much to make our meetings so pleasing and profitable.

(8) That we thank the railway and steamship companies for their concessions.

(9) That with devout gratitude we acknowledge the kindness of our bountiful Father for His great goodness in the manifold blessings of these days so memorable and fruitful of blessedness and as we humbly hope of lasting good to the varied interests of our beloved denomination and not the least for the gracious Spirit that has pervaded all our meetings, and been manifested in the good will, and glad-hearted hospitality we have so bountifully enjoyed.

PROHIBITION.

We realize the extremely perplexing position in which we are placed as prohibitionists by the course of public events, but we know that there is but one fixed star for our guidance, the eternal principle of truth and righteousness.

Our past record as a denomination is the marked declaration of that fact. We have learned from experience when doubts arise as to the wisest action to take to keep in the middle of the road. For the straight path is the safe sure path, that path is the complete and entire prohibition of a base and destructive traffic. The means for obtaining it is the ballot box and the abiding sense that God so will it. We must do right because it is right. Principle makes men and righteousness is the glory of a nation.

The hour demands principle first and with that, unflinching determination. We pray, "Thy Kingdom Come" and the ballot box is an opportunity for the answer of our prayer. When the votes of the Christian Church go with the Christian's prayer, then will God's will be done—We therefore urge again upon our people the incumbent duty of supporting and voting only for men seeking legislative honors both parliamentary and municipal who are in sympathy with and will support and vote for Prohibition. To secure this it is essential that the incentive steps to the nomination of candidates be taken advantage of, and that we sturdily vindicate our convictions and insist upon the integrity of pledges.

We do earnestly appeal to our membership to uphold our present enactments against a nefarious traffic. We further express our conviction that effective prohibition can only be had by honest and unpartisan Federal official enforcement. And it is our sincere belief that with a righteous prohibitory law, political corruption would be checked, the moral tone of political life would be raised, and the blessing and security of righteousness be accentuated.

We submit the following resolutions meeting the request made by the President of the Maritime Prohibition Association.

(1) That this Conference approve the M. P. Association.

(2) That we advise our members who are electors to take hold of the work of this organization with energy.

(3) That this Conference appoint two or more delegates to represent us at the next general meeting of the Maritime Prohibition Association.

THE RELIGIOUS INTELLIGENCER.

We again recommend our churches our religious organ, THE RELIGIOUS INTELLIGENCER request each church to be more earnest in their endeavours to secure its promotion."

THE SABBATH.

WHEREAS the Sabbath is a day to be kept sacredly as commanded of God, and

Whereas, history proves conclusively that obedience to that command is to the material and moral welfare both of the individual and the nation;

RESOLVED therefore, that we reaffirm our position as a people as to this question that we note with satisfaction the growing activity of the Christian church to maintain the Christian Sabbath. We deplore the ignoring of the laws of man and God by individuals and co-operations and would call the attention of those in authority to the enforcement of all laws concerning the Sabbath. We recommend that our people set no example productive of injury to this sacred institution; further, that all that is possible be done to aid the work of the "League for the observance of the Lord's day." Also, that all our

ministers preach one sermon annually on the observance of the Lord's day.

EDUCATION.

We are pleased with the efficiency of our Provincial school system and believe that every effort should be made to aid those who in their way are attempting to equip themselves for efficient service. We recommend that these schools be used by our young men to secure a good general education and that a sharp outlook be kept lest these schools assume sectarian tendencies.

The Beaver River Church letter was referred to the Executive.

On motion the Conference gave its consent to the holding of the annual meeting of the F. B. Y. P. Union in connection with the proposed "Institute" at Beaver River next Summer.

A "course of study" for candidates for the ministry was submitted by the Elders Conference, and adopted as follows:

That candidates for Conference License receive at least an English Academic course, and that the Executive of Conference interest themselves in the matter of procuring employment for such candidates where they may have opportunity to take the prescribed course of study under some of our pastors in or near Yarmouth.

J. K. WEST,
Com.

The appointment of a committee to supervise and examine students was left to the Executive.

The conference adjourned to the call of the moderator.

EDWIN CROWELL,
Clerk.

Woman's Foreign Missionary Society.

"Rise up ye women that are at ease. Isaiah 32: 9.

[All contributions for this column should be addressed to Mrs. Jos. McLeod, Fredericton.]

FOURTH DISTRICT SOCIETY.

The annual meeting of the Fourth District W. M. Society met at Fredericton Junction on the afternoon of the 15th inst. The officers were re-elected: Mrs. Taylor Mersereau, President; Miss Dora Mersereau, Sec.-Treas. The only change in the vice president was naming Miss Bertie Purvis for Upper Gagetown; Tracey not yet chosen. The following are the vice presidents who retain their offices: Mill Settlement, Mrs. Fred Byers; Lincoln, Mrs. H. B. Mitchell; Waasis, Mrs. Duncan Grass; Oromocto, Miss Eliza Curry; Patterson Settlement, Mrs. F. M. Kirkpatrick; Clarendon, Mrs. Jos. Hoyt; Rusagornis, Mrs. J. A. Noble; Geary, Mrs. Darius Carr; French Lake, Mrs. Chas. Wood; Three Tree Creek, Mrs. Wilber Webb; Greenfield, Miss Laura Banks; Otta-bog, Mrs. L. McIntyre.

Trusting the coming year may be one of much heart-felt prayer and faith that the God of missions may move us to better service, as those dear young sisters who go forth to labour in the Foreign field, that we may not be as unfaithful as in the past, but be earnest to help them by our work and prayers. The following report was read in the evening meeting by the Secretary:

Time with unerring precision brings us to the close of another year, and it becomes my duty to report to you the work done by the W. M. A. Society of the Fourth District. . . . Since our last annual meeting we have had much to be thankful for in our own experiences as individuals, and especially in sparing our faithful missionary, Miss Gaunce, whose labours are being so much blessed in saving souls in the dark land of India. Do we not realize that there is need of more earnest work and prayer at home? Here in this happy land we have the light shining from God's own word, free, and bright; shall we not send to them Bibles to read, teachers and preachers, and all that they need? Surely we ought to give some of our time and money to send the light of the Gospel to that benighted land.

The reports from the societies this year are somewhat discouraging and many have failed to report at all. P'ton Junction holds no monthly meetings, has six members, sends \$14.50. Blissville Society has many things to contend with, the leaders of the church are not in sympathy with missionary work, sends this year only \$14.00. Patterson Settlement, \$6.95.

Clarendon, \$3.55; Tracey Station, \$3.75; Rusagornis, \$5.50; Mill Settlement, \$3.25; Three Tree Creek, \$2.70; Lincoln, \$1.00; Upper Gagetown, \$1.00. Special mention should be made of Three Tree Creek, as it is the first year they have ever contributed.

Sisters, let us not grow weary in well doing. Let us pause a moment and consider: If our love to God is measured by what we have done, can we meet the King and look in his face and say we have done what we could? Let us ask ourselves that question: Have we done what we could; would we be willing to have our love measured by our works? Let us to-night consecrate ourselves anew to this great work, and the Lord will be with us. He has promised never to forsake us in any good thing. . . . Total amount raised this year, including collection \$3.42 at annual meeting, \$60.62.

DORA B. MERSEREAU.

Methodist Women.

The woman's missionary society of N. B. and P. E. I. met in annual session in Woodstock last week. There were sixty delegates present. The report showed that there are 85 auxiliaries and 69 circles and bands, and that the amount raised during the year was \$5,474.44—an increase of \$82.75 over the previous year.

MRS. C. W. WEYMAN,
COR. SECY.

Notice.

The annual Session of the Board of Managers of the Free Baptist Woman's Mission Society of New Brunswick will be held at Hampstead, Queens Co., on Friday, Oct. 5th, 1900, at half past two o'clock in the afternoon.

A PRAYER BY LUTHER.

M. Hoff, in his Luther d'apres Luther, gives a prayer by the great Reformer uttered when at the Diet of Worms. He had appeared before the Diet for the first time on April 17, 1521 and had asked for time to reply to the questions which had been put to him. It was on the following day, in the interval granted him, and when greatly agitated, that he poured out his soul in a prayer, which a friend present preserved, and from which the following is an extract. The words vividly recall to us the strength of the inner conflict and the faith which came in that crisis of the Reformer's, and with him of Europe's religious fortunes:

Oh, God, my God, be my help in spite of this world's wisdom, be my help for Thou canst, and Thou alone! It is Thy cause and not mine. For me what do I here, what have I to do with the affairs of these great ones of the earth! I would fain, Thou knowest pass happy days, leading a peaceful and tranquil life. But the cause, O Lord, is Thine; Thy just, Thy eternal cause. Help me, Thou God who art faithful from eternity to eternity, for I count not on man; all flesh is vanity. O God, my God, dost Thou not hear me? Slumberest Thou? No, Thou slumberest not, but Thou hidest Thy face from me. Hast Thou, indeed, chosen me for this work? I know Thou hast chosen me, therefore let me feel Thy strength, and help me with Thy light. My God, where art Thou? Come, O come, I am ready to give my life, even as a lamb for sacrifice. My cause is just; it is Thine; never will I separate myself from Thee. The world cannot force my conscience, were it filled with devils. Let my body perish if that be necessary! My soul is Thine and shall abide with Thee for ever. Amen. May God be my helper. Amen.

AMONG EXCHANGES.

TRY IT.

The man who cannot see any good in the church might find a similar result if he looked in a mirror. Free Baptist.

How To Do It.

Every Christian is doing something to keep the Church pure, when he is keeping himself pure. United Presbyterian.

CHEAPENS HIM.

No one thing more effectually cheapens the character of a minister, or destroys the effect of the gospel he preaches, than acting the clown or getting off "smart" jokes in the pulpit. The Telescope.

THE LATEST GUESS.

The old question is raised Who wrote the Epistle to the Hebrews? Prof. Harnack suggests that woman wrote it, and that Priscilla was her name. Chris. Standard.