

# Religious Intelligence.

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

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## UNDERGROUND RAILWAYS AND GLEANINGS.

Underground railways of London only nineteen per cent. carry passenger traffic; eighty-one per cent. is carried by omnibuses and cars.

Spanish Premier, Senor Silvela, has taken the initiative look towards an international conference for the suppression of opium, and the Spanish Government has decided to apply rigorously against anarchy.

Opium produces by far the greatest quantity of camphor. The annual output amounts to between ten million and seven million pounds, and the Japanese annual production about three hundred thousand tons, and that of China two hundred and twenty thousand pounds.

China has still the old-fashioned method of private letter carrying. Shops are to be found in every town. If he has a letter to the Chinaman goes to a letter carrier and bargains with the keeper. He pays two thirds of the cost, leaving the receiver to pay the balance on delivery.

French inventor says that he has solved the problem of sending a number of despatches simultaneously on a single wire. His system recently tried successfully between Paris and Pau. Twelve independent currents were sent on the circuit at once in either direction, making a total of twenty four channels.

Drunk man fell asleep by the roadside at Delagoa Bay. A patrol along thought he was dead, and as burial in that part of the world follows straight on the heels of death, he was speedily taken to the cemetery, where there are always some open graves. The lowering into the grave aroused the toper to such a commotion that he was released. He was immediately fined £5 for creating a disturbance at a funeral.

Great Britain has a larger navy than those of Russia, France, and Germany combined. She has 604,000 tons of shipping, against 221,000 for Russia, 220,635 for France, and 152,929 for Germany. The United States navy is coming rapidly towards the front line, with 708,708 tons. This reckoning is according to a scale which deducts proportionately from full tonnage the ratio of the age of ships, and the age, therefore, represent, with considerable accuracy, the present naval fighting strength of these nations. Clearly enough Britain leads the waves. Clearly, too, she does it at huge expense. But sea power is a tremendous factor in modern problems.

In Chicago there is an organization of Bohemians who call themselves "Free Thinkers Guards." Their principles are declared to be: To work for the banishment of the Bible and all religious instruction from the public schools, colleges and universities; to do away with chaplains and ministers in congress in the state legislatures and in the army of the United States, and to abolish the religious oath in all courts. This movement is doubtless much like that of the French, who, at the time of their Revolution, in the reaction from the superstitions and spiritual despotism which in their minds had come to be identified with religion, threw aside all religious as falsehood and imposture.

A few days ago in New York, Edward L. McWilliams, long employed as a detective in one of the hotels, killed himself, because, as he believed, he had long supposed, he was affected with cancer of his stomach, which could not be cured. His suffering had been great. An autopsy by the coroner's physician revealed that he was wholly mistaken, that the cause of his trouble had been a tumor, which could have been entirely removed without any dangerous operation. The physician said that he had frequently been called to perform autopsies on bodies of suicides who were the victims of similar error, supposing themselves to have fatal diseases, and falling into such despondency that it seemed pleasant to get out of life quickly.

## THE NOVA SCOTIA CONFERENCE.

The Free Baptist Conference of Nova Scotia held its thirty-fifth yearly meeting at Caledonia, Queens Co. Aug. 29th-Sept. 3rd.

The Elders' Conference met at 2 p. m. Wednesday. Rev. J. B. Merrill was received to membership. Rev. J. K. West was appointed Moderator; Rev. C. F. Cooper, assistant Moderator; and Rev. T. H. Siddall, Sec.-Treasurer. Various matters of denominational interest were considered and reported to the General Conference, and will appear in their minutes. Bros. Currie and Hartley were granted letters, if taking engagements in other conferences. Rev. G. E. Sturges was restored to full fellowship. The sessions enjoyed the presence of Rev. Messrs. Hartley, Freese, Twort and A. E. Wilson, visiting delegates.

A WELCOME MEETING.—At 7.30 p. m. Wednesday, a hearty reception was given to the brethren from other parts of the Province. An earnest address was given by pastor Cooper, dwelling especially on the spiritual aims and opportunities of this gathering, and the satisfaction of the people of Caledonia for the privilege of entertaining the Conference again. A response was given, suitable and eloquent, by the Moderator, Rev. J. E. Gosline.

Rev. E. Crowell then read a paper on the "Personality of the Holy Spirit," prepared at the request of pastor Cooper for this meeting, and very attentively followed by the audience.

THURSDAY, AUG. 30.—A sermon by Rev. J. B. Merrill opened the public exercises. At 10 a. m. the chair was taken by the Moderator, and after singing "Precious Promise," and reading of Psalm xxvii and prayer, the Conference was declared open for business. At roll call the following ministers answered.—Weston, Freeman, Cooper, Wilson (G. M.), Siddall, Smith, West, Hartley, Gosline and Wall. Porter and McNinch reported at subsequent sessions; Knollin was excused. Other members of Conference present were J. A. Smith, R. A. Sims, L. Cox, Doane Crowell, C. Cushing, T. Wagner, R. Johnson, E. E. Letson, Mrs. G. M. Wilson, Mrs. Greenlaw, Henry Coffin, Mrs. E. E. Letson, Mrs. Sullivan, Mrs. Gosline, Nath. Churchill, Mrs. S. Kendrick, Mrs. Job Swim, Mrs. Merrill, Mrs. G. Phillips, Mrs. Jos. Smith, Miss Blenkhorn, James Cushing.

Rev. J. B. Merrill's name was added to the list. . . . Rev. Messrs. Freese, of Maine Free Baptist Association; Twort and Wilson, of Mass. Free Baptist association; and Hartley, of N. B. Free Baptist Conference were, on motion invited to the privileges of the Conference.

The report of the Executive Committee was adopted. This report recommended special attention to some "Forward" movement, and to our pastors; also, that the Free Baptist interest on the Beaver River pastorate be maintained; and named the following committees:

NOMINATING.—G. M. Wilson, W. C. Weston, Jos. Smith, J. K. West, Leander Cox.

PUBLIC QUESTIONS.—T. H. Siddall, J. E. Gosline, E. E. Letson, C. F. Cooper, F. S. Hartley.

STATE OF DENOMINATION.—J. W. Freeman, D. T. Porter, J. W. Smith, J. B. Merrill, H. Coffin.

PRUDENTIAL.—W. C. Weston, C. F. Cooper, E. Crowell.

The Treasurer's report was read and adopted. The outlay had been for expenses of delegates and Minutes, and for interest on the Halifax Church account (now closed), and special vote for the INTELLIGENCER, and customary office expenses. The receipts had been from Conference dues \$188.28.

The election of officers of Conference was now called for. Bros. Sims and West were appointed scrutineers. The following were elected: Rev. W. C. Weston, Moderator; Rev. T. H. Siddall, Assistant Moderator; Rev. Edwin Crowell, Clerk and Treasurer—all by acclamation. On motion the nomination of Corresponding Secretary, Auditor and the Executive of Conference was entrusted to the nominating committee.

RESOLVED, That this evening a session of the Conference be held in the Baptist Church.

On motion, Bro. R. A. Sims was

appointed to look after the interests of the INTELLIGENCER. Adjourned.

2 p. m. A partial report of the officers of the Home Mission Society was adopted, viz., President, E. Crowell; Vice-Presidents, James Earl, Jos. A. Smith, Albert Cook; Sec.-Treasurer, J. W. Freeman; Executive, Adolphus Corning, J. K. West, J. B. Merrill, J. E. Gosline, E. E. Letson.

RESOLVED, To pay the account of the Programme Committee, \$2.00.

Rev. T. H. Siddall presented report of his visit to the N. B. Yearly Meeting.

RESOLVED, That his bill, \$15.75, be paid.

Rev. G. M. Wilson reported his visit to the Maine F. B. Association.

Rev. J. E. Gosline presented the report of the Shelburne Co. Quarterly Meeting.

Rev. F. S. Hartley presented the report of the Yarmouth Co. Quarterly Meeting.

It was stated that our deceased brother Millar had attended the K. and C. Co. Quarterly Meeting at Canby, but had left no report of his visit.

RESOLVED, That Mrs. Millar receive ten dollars, the estimated expenses of the delegation.

The delegates from the N. B. F. B. Conference and the Maine and Mass. F. B. Associations then were invited to address us. Their excellent speeches were acknowledged by a vote of appreciation.

Rev. J. E. Gosline, delegate to Queens Co. Quarterly Meeting, gave a letter from the officers of Yarmouth Church, enquiring about dismission of members; was referred to the Prudential Committee. Adjourned to meet at Baptist Church on Committee of the whole.

FRIDAY, 9 A. M. On motion Bro. Knollin was excused for non-attendance. The Report of the Committee of the whole, Thursday evening session, was read as follows.

RESOLVED, That the recommendation of the Executive be carried out by the Home Mission Board in supplying preaching at least once a month each at Beaver River, Cedar Lake and Port Maitland.

RESOLVED, That the matter of holding an Institute at Beaver River next summer be left to the Executive.

RESOLVED, That we reaffirm the resolutions of last year on systematic giving, and call upon churches and pastors to make the quarterly collections for our societies, using when possible the fifth Sundays for that purpose.

RESOLVED, That our Forward movement take the form of a monthly periodical devoted to Free Baptist interests in Nova Scotia, and that the Executive make the necessary arrangements.

RESOLVED, That bro. West be a committee to formulate his propositions respecting education of licentiates.

RESOLVED, That G. M. Wilson, J. W. Smith, R. A. Sims, Jos. A. Smith, J. W. Freeman be a committee to report on Pastorate changes and Quarterly meeting methods.

Moved to rise and report

EDWIN CROWELL  
Sec. Com.

The report was adopted.

RESOLVED, That Bros. Gosline, Hartley and Siddall meet the Baptist delegation on its arrival.

Invitations for next yearly meeting were received from Glenwood and Clark's Harbor churches. On ballot, Glenwood was chosen. . . . The Report of the Kings and Cumb. Co. Quarterly was presented.

The report of the Nominating Committee was read and adopted.

The Nominating Committee begs to report as follows. Corresponding Sec. Rev. D. T. Porter; Auditor, Rev. W. C. Weston; Executive, Rev. G. M. Wilson, Jos. A. Smith, R. A. Sims, Rev. W. M. Knollin, Rev. J. K. West, Rev. J. W. Freeman, Rev. J. E. Gosline.

FOREIGN MISSION SOCIETY.  
R. A. Sims, President; Mrs. Jas. E. Cushing, Mrs. Jacob Potter, Rev. W. C. Weston, Vice-Presidents; Mrs. G. M. Wilson, Corresponding Secretary; Mrs. George Phillips, Recording Sec.; Rev. J. E. Gosline, Treasurer.

DISTRICT SECRETARIES.  
Mrs. Naomi Cushing, Caledonia, Queen's Co.; Mrs. Chas. Miller, Canby, Kings Co.; Miss Addie Spinney, Yarmouth; Miss Belle Hopkins, Barrington, Shelburne Co.; Miss Rosie Cooch, Port Medway, Queens Co.; Mrs. N. D. McGraw, Cape Island, N. S.

The Officers of the Conference, to-

gether with above officers, constitute the board of managers of the F. M. Society.

TEMPERANCE LEAGUE.  
Rev. A. M. McNinch, President; Rev. T. H. Siddall, Sec.-Treasurer; Rev. J. B. Merrill, W. S. Porter, David Lockhart, Vice-Presidents.

EDUCATION SOCIETY.  
Rev. James W. Smith, President; Rev. E. C. Wall, Vice-President; Rev. G. M. Wilson, Sec.-Treasurer.

EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE.  
Rev. F. S. Hartley, Leander Cox, James Cushing, Foster, Crosby, Jos. A. Smith.

MINISTERIAL AID SOCIETY.  
Norman Jeffery, President; Rev. G. M. Wilson, Secretary; Rev. W. C. Weston, Treasurer; Rev. J. W. Smith, Vice-President.

SUNDAY SCHOOL CONVENTION.  
Joseph A. Smith, President; Mrs. J. E. Gosline, Sec.-Treasurer; D. T. Porter, R. A. Sims, Mrs. W. Blauvelt, Vice Presidents.

PROGRAMME COMMITTEE.  
The Clerk of Conference and the pastor of the church where the next yearly meeting shall be held.

ANNUAL SERMON.  
Rev. J. W. Freeman; Substitute, Rev. J. E. Gosline.

DELEGATES TO OTHER BODIES.  
Mass. Assn., Rev. E. Crowell; Substitute, J. W. Freeman. New Brunswick Conference, Rev. W. C. Weston; Substitute, Rev. D. T. Porter.

EXECUTIVE OF MINISTERS' AID SOCIETY.  
Jacob Ellis, Maurice Forbes, A. R. Durkee.

DELEGATES TO QUARTERLY MEETINGS.  
K. and C. County Quarterly Meeting, Rev. T. H. Siddall and Rev. J. W. Freeman; Substitutes, Rev. W. M. Knollin and Rev. E. C. Wall. To Queens Co. Quarterly Meeting, Rev. J. K. West and Rev. E. Crowell; Substitutes, Rev. J. B. Merrill and Rev. G. M. Wilson.

OBITUARY COMMITTEE.  
E. E. Letson, J. W. Smith and T. H. Siddall.

The report of the Ministerial Aid was read and adopted.

The expenditure for the year was \$80.00; a loan of \$40.00 had also been made.

On the report of the Committee on Superannuation, it was

RESOLVED, That we reaffirm the plan of superannuation adopted by this Conference in 1898, and appoint a committee to work it out. The committee was bro. Cooper, Cox, Smith, Mrs. Cushing, Reuben Johnson.

Bro. Siddall then introduced the Rev. Messrs. Balcom, Archibald and Shaw of the Western Baptist Association. On motion they were invited to sit with us, and to address the Conference. The desire for closer union of the two denominations was expressed by these speakers.

Bro. Siddall in reply showed that progress was making along the line of interdenominational good-will.

Moved and PASSED, that we thank our Baptist brethren for their fraternal visit, and that we advise them that a committee has been appointed to report action on relations with the Baptists at this session of Conference. A recess was taken until 2.30 p. m. At 2.30 p. m., after prayer by bro. Wall, letters were read from Little River, Port Medway and Port La Tour churches.

RESOLVED: That the churches be encouraged to communicate matters of special interest in their year's work directly by letter to this Conference.

RESOLVED: That next year we print the names of those who pay the Conference dues in the Minutes.

The Secretary of Elders' Conference presented a report prepared by a committee of that body respecting our deceased brother, Elder Millar.

RESOLVED to adopt it by a rising vote. Prayer was offered, at the request of the Moderator, by Elder E. Crowell and the Conference joined in singing "Nearer my God to Thee."

The following was then passed: "Whereas our brother the late Rev. Wm. Millar, has been removed by his lamented death it is therefore

RESOLVED: That we deem it becoming to our respect for him and his bereaved family to devise means and procure a monument to be erected at his grave."

J. W. Smith }  
G. M. Wilson } Com.

RESOLVED, That bro. West and Gosline be a Committee to receive subscriptions and to hand the same to the Executive, who are authorized to

supplement the same according to their judgment, and to carry into effect the previous resolution.

Bro. Freeman then read the financial report of the Home Mission Society, showing collections amounting to \$241.83; expenditure of \$215.51; balance in hand \$26.32.

Following discussion of the year's work and especially the services of bro. J. K. West as evangelist, it was voted (1) That the Home Mission Board be instructed to employ a Home Missionary, for the present year, and that this Conference stand behind the Home Mission Board in this matter.

(2) That pledges be taken for Home Mission work, to be only for the expenses of a Home Missionary.

Bro. J. W. Smith then circulated a paper and obtained many subscriptions for this work.

The Elders' Conference presented a resolution on Baptist union for the approval of this Conference, as follows:

"Under the circumstances we fear it would not do at the present time to further organic union with our Baptist brethren but we think that fraternal relations in the interest of God's Kingdom and for the common cause should be carefully and jealously guarded, and that the spirit of mutual helpfulness should be ever maintained. We do think it wise and feasible to promote Interdenominational Comity. We rejoice to see the growing acceptance of the principles of the Kingdom and pray that the Holy Spirit may ever lead us into truth, and that the spirit of harmony and brotherly love may be even more strongly evidenced between the different branches of the Baptist family.

As there are relations existing between us and the Free Baptists of New Brunswick, we could not entertain any proposition without participation of our brethren in New Brunswick.

Adopted.

The Cor. Secretary's Report was read and referred to the Committee on the State of the Denomination.

..... Elder F. S. Hartley was granted leave of absence to attend the Minister's Institute at Lewiston, Me. . . . Recess was voted until 9 a. m. Saturday.

Woman's Foreign Missionary Society.

T. H. Siddall  
F. S. Hartley } Com.  
J. K. West  
J. B. Merrill

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

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

Presbyterian Women.

It is good for us to know what the women of other denominations are doing. The Women's Foreign Missionary Society of the Presbyterian Church in Canada (western section) is not yet a quarter of a century old. The 24th annual report has just been issued. It shows a membership of 9,486 in the General Society, 10,106 in the Auxiliaries, and 7,471 in Mission Bands, making a grand total of 27,123 enrolled in the various branches of the organization. The Society has been a great success in every way. It has been exceptionally well managed. The revenue for the past year, including balance carried forward, amounted to \$47,333.40; the disbursements footed up \$29,730.77, leaving a balance on hand of \$15,573.03. The Society during its twenty-four years' existence, has done a much greater work than merely raise money for missions. It has increased the liberality of the people, encouraged systematic giving, promoted interest in missions; and, better than all else, deepened the spiritual life of every one taking part in the work of the Society.

How She Died.

A missionary was called to the death-bed of a heathen convert—a young girl of eighteen summers. She hastened at the summons, and found the beautiful girl already in the dark valley of death, but her countenance was bright. Seeing the missionary, she said, with feeble voice, "Come near; let me take your hand. Dear missionary, I am dying; but I'm so happy! Jesus is my Saviour. I'll

soon see him! And, dear friend, when I get to heaven the first thing I'll do will be to go before the great white throne, bow before the Saviour and lay my crown down at his feet; and then I'll ask him to let me go and stand at the gate of heaven, where I'll watch for your coming, and when you come, I'll take your hand, and lead you before the throne, and I'll say: 'Dear Jesus, here is the missionary who was willing to leave home and friends to tell a poor heathen girl like me of a Saviour. Place a very bright crown upon her head, and then we'll spend all eternity together in love and praise.' And thus she died in joy. Shall not all God's children be so self-sacrificing with their money, talents, prayers, work and lives, that redeemed souls will be waiting and watching for them at the beautiful gate?

Zenana Work.

The eighteenth report of the English Zenana Society tells something of what English women are doing for their sisters in India. There are now under its care 36 missionaries, 6 of whom have a full medical qualification and under their superintendence is a staff of native women workers numbering 158. The ordinary income of the mission has now reached £6,013. The Zenana Mission Quarterly has now reached a circulation of upwards of 20,000.

The United States Presbyterian Woman's Board of Home Missions reports in all 126 schools and missions, 372 missionaries, teachers, and Bible readers, with 8,446 pupils, and the receipt of \$40,000 for tuition and boarding expenses in the schools. The total receipts of the board for the last year were \$345,857, of which \$55,736 were for the freedmen's department.

The Woman's Missionary Board of the United Brethren Church in the United States recently celebrated its twenty-fifth anniversary. Its total income for the year was \$30,665.

Pundita Ramabai says, "When women are reached, India will be saved."

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.

Mrs. C. W. WEYMAN,  
Cor. Secy.

HOME RELIGIOUS NEWS.

The Presbyterian Synod of the Maritime Provinces is to meet in Chatham Thursday of next week.

Rev. A. B. Hubley, son of Rev. A. M. Hubley of Sussex, has accepted a call to the Reformed Episcopal church in Montreal.

Rev. C. C. Burgess has resigned the charge of the Dorchester church to become Superintendent of Baptist Home Missions in Nova Scotia.

This week the Baptist church in Prince William, Y. Co., is celebrating the hundredth anniversary of its organization. Rev. J. Cahill is pastor of the church.

The Jewish New Year was celebrated on Sunday, Monday and Tuesday of this week. St. John being the headquarters of the Jews in this Province, a considerable number from various sections were in that city to join in the services held in the synagogue.

Rev. James McLean (Presbyterian), former pastor of Shubenacadia, N. S. church, and who has labored for nearly a quarter of a century at Great Village, N. S., now retires from active service after a ministry of 47 years. At the end of September his pastorate closes. In retiring he leaves behind a people ardently attached to him, and he still retains the honorary position of pastor emeritus. He will probably reside in California during the winter.

AMONG EXCHANGES.

The Christianity that is too good to use at the ballot box is like good little boys of certain old Sunday school books that always died young.—Free Baptist.

A BLUNDER.—That preacher makes a big blunder who lowers the standard of service for a small audience or a stormy Sunday. Let the word go out, "Our minister always does his best on a rainy day," and see what comes of it.—Christ. Register.