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F. B. Y. P. League, '01.

Perhaps the largest number of delegates and visitors ever in attendance at any of our Conventions met for the first service of the Eighth Annual Session, on the evening of August 6th., in the Waterloo St. Free Baptist Church, St. John.

The service of song which lasted for a half hour, was followed by brief addresses of welcome and appreciation of our welcome. The pretty little church was beautifully decorated with plants and flowers, and filled with the young people and their city friends, all of whom entered with hearty interest into the programme.

After devotional exercises conducted by the President, and Rev. Mr. Paul, Rev. C. T. Phillips on behalf of the church and Local Society extended a cordial welcome to the visitors, directing his remarks especially to the young people. Youth, he said, in the course of a strong address, was the gate of the Temple of Life, and if it were not beautiful, the whole structure would be marred thereby.

Youth was the formative period, and, tradition to the contrary, upon what a young man did with his time, depended his future. After a morning of youth well spent, the noon would be glorious, but the evening even more beautiful than either the dawn or mid-day. He welcomed us for what we are, and what we promise to be; for for what we represent, and for the good work, we, with our splendid opportunities, should do in the future.

Though the purpose of the convention was not primarily pleasure, he hoped and promised as far as the church could help that our visit to them would be happily spent.

Rev. G. A. Hartley, D. D., one of the inaugurators of the League told of his pleasure in watching its growth and progress. He spoke of its origin and history, and hoped the present Convention would discuss the questions upon which depended the worth of the Society—whether or not it had done the work intended for it; whether it detracted from, or added to the spirituality of the church; whether it had accomplished its purpose of assisting the education of young men, and aiding the progress of missions, and whether or not it had advanced the cause of Christ. In his own experience he found the young people's work of the greatest benefit to the church and the members of his Endeavor Society among his best workers.

After a solo by C. H. Horne, Dr. R. Bentley Kay, of Coburg St. Christian Church, added his words of welcome and good cheer to the other speakers, and urged the delegates not to forget their responsibility individually in spite of the tendency of an assembly to obliterate individuality.

President Rideout spoke of the Convention as a halting place between the years, to review the mistakes of the past, and plan better for the future. We were here not merely to receive and discuss reports, but to help one another and to bear home inspiration to the workers left behind. We must advance with the progressive spirit of the times and make ourselves better workmen for the cause of the King of Kings. He urged us to be faithful and striving, and as a test for the League to signify the power and willingness of God to help us, Jeremiah's exultant cry, "There is nothing too great for Thee."

Brief addresses were also given by Rev. J. B. Daggett, of Hartland, W. O. Kierstead of Gagetown, J. C. Wilson of Blisville, and Mr. Amos O'Brien of Fredericton, after which Rev. F. Clark Hartley, B. A. regretting that the hour forbade the formal introduction of

the delegates to one another, pronounced them all introduced, and instructed each one to further their acquaintance themselves. The meeting then adjourned till the next morning.

At 8.30 Wednesday morning a Quiet Hour service was conducted by Rev. F. C. Hartley, who gave a very thoughtful Bible-reading on Sin. This was one of the most helpful hours of the League.

The first business session commenced at 9.30, President Allan Rideout in the chair. The following committees were appointed:

Devotional—Rev. M. L. Gregg, Mr. A. W. Case, Miss Seely, J. Barry Allan, Mrs. Paul.

Report of Societies—Rev. J. B. Daggett, Geo. Tapley, Miss Tweedie, Miss VanDine, Miss Vanwart.

Resolutions—T. K. Knollin, Miss J. J. Robinson, Miss Dorcas, Rev. A. J. Prosser, Miss Giberson.

Correspondence—W. O. Kierstead, Miss Alexander, Miss Allen, Geo. Bolster, Miss Phillips.

Nominations—Rev. A. D. Paul, Mr. Brehaut, Miss Vince, Miss Denier, C. J. Lake.

Credentials—A. O'Brien, G. Perry, Miss Black, Miss Colpitts, Miss Allie Robinson.

Press Com. (to report League proceedings for the INTELLIGENCER)—J. C. Wilson, Miss Lewis, Rev. A. J. Prosser.

Reports were received from the following Societies:

St. John West, Dover, Fredericton, Bear Island, St. John, Woodstock, Grand Harbor, Millstream, Gibson, Marysville, Sussex, Fredericton Junction, Cornhill, Eagle Settlement, Sommerville, Knowlesville, Castalia, South Gordonsville, Beaver Harbor, Bath, Lower Perth. These reports were accepted and referred to the statistical committee, which will make a detailed report.

The Roll of delegates was then called by the Cor. Sect., Rev. F. C. Hartley.

Greetings were received from the Maritime C. E. Society, with a request to read I Cor. 3:9, "For we are laborers together with God, ye are God's husbandry, ye are God's builders." The communication was received and referred to a committee to frame a suitable reply.

Rev. F. S. Hartley of Fredericton Junction read a paper on Vowing and Performing. He referred to the fact that vows sometimes were made with a wrong conception of them, with the idea of bargaining with God. Vows made in the right spirit and fulfilled, were bound to aid someone; unfulfilled they must bring weakness. The reason for unfulfilled vows were then discussed in detail.

Rev. L. A. Fenwick reported for the committee on the constitution that it had been revised and one thousand copies printed. The report was received and adopted.

The convention reassembled at 2 p. m., when devotional exercises were conducted by W. O. Kierstead the subject being "What we owe Christ." An interesting paper on "The Tenth Legion" was read by Miss Jessie Vince of Woodstock, followed by a discussion in which Rev. J. B. Daggett, Rev. M. L. Gregg, and Miss Vanwart participated. Another instructive paper on "The Quiet Hour" by Miss Gertrude Hartley of West St John, was discussed appreciatively by Revs. A. D. Paul and J. N. Barnes.

The Corresponding Secretary's report was then read by Rev. F. C. Hartley, showing the phenomenal growth and undoubted utility of the Society and its adaptability to the needs of the 20th century. Our League was organized eight years ago at Marysville, and since then has accomplished much in the way of aid to the local churches, and benefit to our individual lives. As far as can be judged the last year has been the best in the League's history. More work has been done, more money raised, and more souls saved than in any other since the organization. Nine new Societies had been organized during the year. We have now on the roll 26 societies, with 576 members. Each ministerial student connected with the General Conference has been granted assistance this year, and arrangements have also been made for the education of the young sister accepted last year for missionary work. In closing the Corresponding Secretary said: "We believe it is the earnest desire of the officers and members of the League to follow the way as God marks it out. In so doing we cannot go astray. No more can we refuse to enter into every activity that affords an opportunity for the performance of our vows to work for Christ and the Church, and in all let us remember that there is nothing too great for God."

The Treasurer's report showed the total receipts for the year, to have been \$1,433, which is to be credited to the following accounts:

Missionary Fund....\$741 88 Education Fund..... 397 94 Orphan Support..... 20 00 General Fund..... 273 18

The expenditures totalled \$443, distributed as follows: Missions.....\$182 50 Education..... 100 00 Orphan Support..... 20 00 General Expenses.... 140 50 Leaving a balance on hand of \$990.

Rev. J. B. Daggett, for the committee appointed to summarize the reports from the various societies, reported as follows:

(1) Twenty-one societies have reported by letter. Four have been reported as extinct, viz., Seal Cove, Cumming's Cove, Lambert's Cove and Wilson's Beach. Of two Societies we have no knowledge, viz., Middle Southampton and Lincoln.

(2) The membership reported is 839—active, 618; associate, 221; increase in membership 89. During the year 100 have been converted. This, we think, is the largest in the history of the League, and is a cause of great thankfulness to God.

(3) There is an average attendance at the weekly church prayer-meetings of 333; at the regular meetings of the Society 467; at the Sunday Schools 569.

(4) Financial statement—A total of \$1,049.52 has been raised, as follows: For missions, \$306.56; local church purposes, \$275.40; education, \$161.00; society and miscellaneous expenses, \$306.56.

(5) Two Junior Societies have been organized, with a total membership of 72.

The reports are not always as clear as we could desire. For instance, in answer to the question "How many attend the weekly meeting?" It is said often, "The majority" or "nearly all attend." While this shows a good condition, yet it is insufficient upon which to base a statistical report. It is to be hoped delegates present this year will endeavor to remedy this next year. This report was taken up section by section, and passed.

Those taking part in the discussion were Revs. J. B. Daggett, C. T. Phillips, Dr. Hartley and D. Long. Rev. M. L. Gregg reported briefly for the devotional committee laying down the programme for the devotional meetings during the convention.

The report of the Committee on Resolutions was read by F. K. Knollin. The report was laid on the table for future discussion, and the meeting adjourned.

WEDNESDAY EVENING.

At 7.30 a song service was conducted by Mr. Barry Allan who also sang a solo. After the President read the second Psalm, Rev. C. T. Phillips offered prayer, Rev. B. H. Nobles was the first speaker. He took up the theme of the evening, Foreign Missions, in a very interesting and persuasive manner. He was followed by Rev. Edwina Crowell, of Yarmouth, N. S., who conveyed fraternal greetings from the young people of N. S., though not a delegate from them. He said his purpose was to speak words of encouragement to the young people. He dealt with the hopeful aspects of Foreign Missions centering his thought around the words in Isa. 42:4.

Pres. Rideout reviewed briefly the situation and made an appeal for more earnest and zealous mission work.

Closed by Mizpah benediction. Thursday 8.30 a. m. quiet hour service led by Prof. S. J. Case. The subject was Faith. Meeting opened with prayer by the leader, followed by singing of 'Sweet Hour of Prayer' in which all heartily joined. A few minutes were then devoted to prayer for Divine aid. After this all joined in singing 'My faith looks up to thee.' Bro. Case then took up the subject and in his remarks said active faith is a step out into the dark, a launching out on His promises. Faith is the exercise of the soul's imagination, its reaching out towards that which is beyond and surpasses the physical. Faith is the only means by which we get an idea of His infirmity and by which we see Him. Without it we cannot please Him. It was accounted to Abraham for righteousness. To have faith in God means to have an aggressive and a progressive attitude; and assurance of His nearness and a revelation of Himself.

Some people confound historical belief with real faith. For instance, one who believes that Christ is God's son, even though he has not been born again, is said to have faith in God. The exercise of true faith brings conviction to the soul. Many confound false inspiration which arises from the enthusiasm of a crowd with deep and true inspiration which is the entrance of God's truths into the soul.

At the close of the very helpful social service which immediately followed bro. Case pronounced the benediction.

At 9.30 a. m., a very interesting and instructive paper on our work in India supplemented by a map lesson on that country was given by bro. Amos O'Brien.

The map lesson was opened by a description of the two routes from this country to our field of labor in India. Continuing he referred to the population of India as being about 300,000,000 and about 250,000,000 of these can neither read nor write. He said further that about 30,000 die daily without either Christ or hope. In reference to the hindrances to missionary work he said the caste system, intemperance and the opium habit are among the greatest.

Some one says, why send women? There are 125,000,000 women in India who are classed by the natives with the lower animals. He clearly explained what a low, degraded state this sex of society was in and in this way tried to impress upon the minds of his listeners the need of sending women. He next spoke concerning the progress made by Protestantism in India. Denmark was the first to send Protestant missionaries to this country. Their first missionaries which were sent out in 1705 were the first to translate the New Testament into an Indian language.

In 1793 the English Baptists sent out Wm. Carey and in 1799 he was followed by Ward and Dr. Despite the active opposition from the government and other sources these men labored on for seven years before they had their first convert. They established schools in which 10,000 children were taught and by the year 1816 had baptized 700 converts. Those who have toiled so hard and long in India have done a great work, but when we remember that taking the whole population there is only about one missionary to every 350,000 people we can see that there is much more to be done.

On motion Rev. Edwina Crowell, the young people's representative from Nova Scotia was invited to a seat in the deliberations of the League.

At 10 a. m., Rev. M. L. Gregg addressed the meeting on "What can we do for Christ this year?" This was followed by a pledge service with the result that the societies pledged the following amounts for missionary and educational work during the ensuing year: Carleton, \$70; Gibson, \$60; Woodstock, \$50; Fredericton, \$75; Marysville, \$50; Sussex, \$35; St. John, \$40; Grand Harbour, \$20; Dover, \$20; Bath, \$30; Fredericton Junction, \$15; Lower Perth, \$10; Corn Hill, \$10; Castalia, \$10; Beaver Harbour, \$20; Bear Island, \$10; Upper Gagetown, \$5; Total, \$530.00.

Individual pledges were then called for. In this way \$205.00 were raised, making in all \$735.00. This is considerably above last year's record. (To be Continued.)

Time Well Spent. Do not live a single hour of your life without doing exactly what is to be done in it, and going straight through it from beginning to end. Work, play, study, rest, whatever it is, take hold of it at once, and finish it up evenly, then to the next thing, without letting any moment drop between.

It is wonderful to see how many hours prompt people contrive to make of a day; it is as if they picked up the moments that the dawdlers lost. And, if you find yourself where you have so many things pressing upon you that you hardly know how to begin, take hold of the very first one that comes to hand, and you will find the rest all fall in line and follow after, like a company of well-drilled soldiers; and though work may be hard to meet when it charges in a squad, it is easily vanquished if you can bring it into line.

A man was asked how he accomplished so much in life. My father taught me, was the reply, when I had anything to do, to go and do it. Leisure Hours.

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No one is worthy of the best the world can afford who has not schooled himself to do without it when it cannot be obtained except at the price of dishonor.—G. W. C. Oke.

We cannot save ourselves, but we can keep Christ from saving us. "Ye will not come unto me that ye might have life."

To take up the cross of Christ is no great action done once for all; it consists in the continual practice of small duties which are distasteful to us.—J. H. Newman.

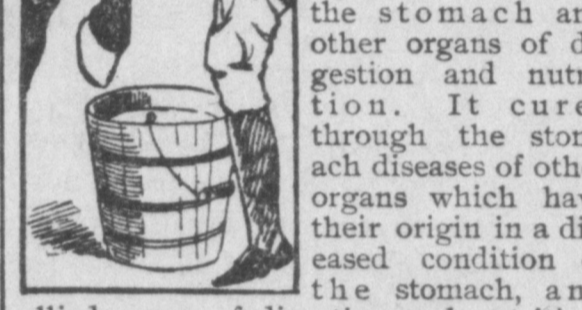
Horse Sense.

"Any fool can take a horse to water, but it takes a wise man to make him drink," says the proverb. The horse eats when hungry and drinks when thirsty. A man eats and drinks by the clock, without regard to the needs of nature. Because of careless eating and drinking "stomach trouble" is one of the commonest of diseases. Sour and bitter risings, belchings, unnatural fullness after eating, dizziness, headache, and many other symptoms mark the beginning and progress of disease of the stomach.

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