

THE NOVA SCOTIA CONFERENCE.

The thirty-eighth yearly meeting of the Free Baptist Conference of Nova Scotia was held at Pubnico, beginning Aug. 28th at 10 a. m. The first session was opened by singing "All Hail the Power of Jesus' Name," and prayer by Rev. Joseph E. Wilson; the moderator, Rev. J. B. Merrill, occupying the chair. The following members were present:

Elders.—W. C. Weston, J. W. Freeman, G. E. Sturgis, Edwin Crowell, G. M. Wilson, James W. Smith, J. K. West, J. E. Gosline, J. B. Merrill, Jos. E. Wilson, Roscoe Heine.

S. S. Superintendents.—Mrs. Merrill, Mrs. Geo. Phillips.

Deacons.—J. C. Atkinson, M. C. Nickerson, A. R. Durkee, Wm. Randall, T. D. Crowell, J. A. Smith, Albert Cook.

Delegates.—Isaac Porter, Mrs. G. M. Wilson, Mrs. C. J. Fox, Mrs. Edward Ryerson, Mrs. Phebe Malone; W. P. Porter, Hilbert Atkinson, Wm. Powell, Mrs. Laura Potter, Mrs. McCallum Nickerson, Mrs. Serepta Nickerson, Mrs. Wm. Kenney, James Atkinson.

The following members were enrolled at subsequent meetings:

Elders.—W. M. Knollin, C. N. Cooper.

Deacons.—Foster Crosby, John Smith, P. W. Hopkins.

Delegates.—Mrs. Freeman Jeffrey, Mrs. J. A. Smith, L. C. Cunningham, Mrs. M. J. McGray, Lemuel Tinkham, Mrs. Hewey, Mrs. J. H. Smith, Mrs. Wm. S. Hopkins, Mrs. Andrew Hopkins, Mrs. John Allen, Mrs. S. A. Crowell, Mrs. Hannah Hopkins, Mrs. N. Jeffrey, Norman Jeffrey, Mrs. Samuel Kendrick, Miss Bertie Crowell, Mrs. Hilbert Atkinson, Mrs. Orlando Goodwin, Mrs. G. B. Ring, Mrs. L. C. Cunningham, Mrs. Jeremiah Malone, Wm. McConnell.

S. S. Superintendents.—Geo. B. Ring, Wm. Brittain, Theora Spinney, James Durkee.

After the Conference had been duly constituted, a communication was presented from the Elders' Conference, giving notice that the Rev. Sydney A. Thurlow, Rev. Mrs. S. A. Thurlow and Rev. A. H. McLeod had been duly received as members of that body.

On motion the report was received.

Letters of excuse were read from Elders, T. H. Siddall, D. Patterson and D. T. Porter, and the excuses were granted.

The Rev. G. E. Manter, delegate from the Maine F. B. Association; Rev. G. H. Hamlen, of Balasore, India, F. B. High School; and Rev. T. O. DeWitt, of Hoyt Station, N. B., were present and were invited to sit with the Conference.

The programme was read and adopted subject to necessary changes.

The report of the Executive Conference was read and adopted:

(a) We have appointed the following Standing Committees:

1. Nominating: Revs. J. K. West, W. C. Weston, Albert Cook, T. D. Crowell, J. E. Gosline.

2. Public Questions: Revs. J. B. Merrill, A. H. McLeod, C. F. Cooper, J. E. Wilson, and Mrs. L. J. Potter.

3. State of Denomination: Revs. E. Crowell, R. Heine, J. E. Gosline, J. K. West, J. C. Atkinson.

4. Prudential: Revs. J. B. Merrill, A. R. Durkee, G. M. Wilson, J. W. Smith, G. E. Sturgis.

(b) It was found necessary to charge

to the Conference Fund the deficit at the end of last year on the "Banner," due to unpaid subscriptions, and amounting to \$37.25.

(c) Last year we engaged Bro. J. K. West for home mission and evangelical work. We have had a successful year, and the home mission report will show that the pledges then made have been quite generally met, and the collections on Bro. West's field of work have so far supplemented the pledges as to enable us to meet our obligations to him.

On behalf of Executive,
E. CROWELL, Clerk.

Moved and passed, that the manager of the *Banner* be authorized to draw on the Conference treasury, if necessary, to the amount of fifty dollars as a working fund.

Moved and passed, that the bill for programmes be paid.

The election of officers was made by acclamation as follows: Rev. G. M. Wilson, moderator; Rev. G. E. Sturgis, M.D., assistant; Rev. Edwin Crowell, clerk and treasurer; Rev. D. T. Porter, corresponding secretary; Rev. W. C. Weston, auditor.

Moved and passed: (1) That we appoint an assistant corresponding secretary for the coming year;

(2) That Bro. Joseph E. Wilson be appointed to that office.

Additional members of the Executive of Conference were appointed as follows: J. A. Smith, A. H. McLeod, Albert Cook, R. Heine, S. A. Thurlow, T. H. Siddall, A. R. Durkee.

Moved and passed, that expenses of delegates to Queens Co. quarterly meetings be paid—to Rev. G. M. Wilson, \$12.60; Rev. E. Crowell, \$9.00; also to pay bill for church reports, \$2.60.

The report of the Ministerial Aid Society was read and accepted, showing disbursements of \$71.24, and receipts.

1902.	August—Balance due,	\$8 20
	From Caledonia,	1 50
	Westfield,	2 05
	Port Mouton,	6 00
	Rev. Roscoe Heine,	3 00
	Shelburne Q. Meeting,	5 37
	Mrs. Rachael Hammond,	1 00
	Pubnico Head,	2 34
	Argyle Sound,	87
	East Pubnico,	1 35
	Shag Harbor,	1 15
	Woods Harbor,	70
	F. B. Weston,	1 00
1903.	April 28. Port Mouton,	4 00
	May 7. Bank Nova Scotia,	31 86
	N. J.,	25
		\$71 24

E. J. WAGNER, Clerk.
NORMAN JEFFREY, Pres.

A proposal that the Min. Aid Society return to Bro. Knollin a note held against him was agreed to by vote of Conference.

2 p. m.—Verbal reports were given by the delegates to the Queens Co. Quarterly meeting, and reference made to the resolution at Caledonia re the Superannuation Fund.

Quarterly meeting reports were called for. No reports were given from Queens, Yarmouth or Kings and Cumberland Quarterly Meetings. In K. and C. Counties no meeting was held, and the clerk of Yarmouth Q. M. had moved away. The following was the only report:

To the F. B. General Conference of N. S.
DEAR BROTHERN,—The F. B. Quarterly Meeting of Shelburne Co. would submit the following report:

Only two sessions were held during the year. The first session in October with the church at Port LaTour. Though this session was but poorly attended, yet it was of much profit to those assembled. Rev. A. H. McLeod, who had just settled with the people of Clark's Harbor, met with us. The offering of \$10 was taken for home mission work.

The second session was held in March with the church at Newellton. This session reported revival interest at Clark's Harbor and Stony Island, which resulted in the addition of nine to the church. During the year there have been reported \$10.65 raised for the payment of debts and improvements. New hymn books have been placed in three of the churches. Sabbath school and missions are receiving much attention. While thus prospering outwardly, we have to deplore the lack of interest in the mid-week service, especially on the part of the men. Also the lack of attendance at the Quarterly Sessions. I would also report that South Side, which for some time has not united with the Centreville pastorate, is now receiving the care of Rev. J. B. Merrill. All the pastorates in this Quarterly Meeting are supplied.

Respectfully submitted,
J. E. GOSLINE,
Sec.-Treas. of Shelburne
Co. F. B. Q. M.

This report and actions reported verbally from the other counties, were referred to the committee on the State of the Denomination.

The report of Rev. A. M. McNinch, delegate of N. B. F. B. Conference was read and received.

Rev. J. W. Smith reported that Rev. D. T. Porter had been hindered from attending the meeting of the Mass. F. B. Association by sickness, and had applied to him as substitute, but he was also unable to go at the time.

The Maine F. B. Association delegate, Rev. G. E. Manter, was introduced and gave a good account of their church work. He spoke especially of the work of the Inter-denominational Commission of Maine, and asked for a continuance of delegations.

It was moved by Bro. Gosline, and passed, that a committee of three, consisting of the Moderator and Secretary and Rev. J. W. Freeman be a committee to approach other bodies concerning Interdenominational Comity.

Rev. G. H. Hamlen spoke for an hour giving a most interesting account of language, custom, religious work and prospects in India, claiming that the missionary work was laying the foundation of a Christian nation, and that greatest of all barriers, caste, was crumbling before Christian influences.

Moved and passed, that we appreciate the visits, addresses and assistance of the visiting brethren who have spoken.

After a hymn sung by Bro. Hamlen in the Oriya the Conference adjourned.

Friday, 9 a. m.—The minutes of former sessions were read and approved. Revs. Messrs. H. M. Ford, D.D., Field Secretary of the Triennial Conference, Joseph McLeod, D.D., delegate from the N. Brunswick F. B. Conference; J. Stanley Durkee, of Boston; H. H. Cosman, Ref. Baptist, and L. A. Cosman, of N. B., were invited to sit with the Conference.

The Nominating Committee reported as follows:

FOREIGN MISSION SOCIETY.
Rev. Roscoe Heine, President.
Mrs. Jas. E. Cushing, R. A. Sims, Esq.,
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