

THE UNION FEELING.

From word that comes from various quarters we are assured that the action of the Conference on Baptist union is received with much favour by the churches. Already some churches have voted approval. From Moncton and Upper Gagetown reports have been received of such votes; both were unanimous. We will be glad to have reports from any churches that have voted on the question, or that do so soon. All that is necessary in any case is a resolution approving the Conference action. The Conference committee expects to be able soon to address the churches that do not voluntarily take action.

"It is the Lord's will," is what one and another of those who were uncertain about the wisdom of Baptist union, are saying. A lay brother who went to Conference in doubt has since been saying to his brethren at home: "If you had been there, you would have known that it is right." Doubtless, many others are saying the same. We wish every member of the denomination could have felt the spirit of gracious power that was manifest there.

CONFERENCE SPARKS.

This union is surely God's will.—*C. T. Phillips.*

In the hardest experiences of life the richest blessings are received.—*W. H. Perry.*

I am coming to believe more and more in public testimony for Christ.—*D. Long.*

I have been at every Conference since 1859. All through the years God has been good.—*J. N. Barnes.*

Baptist union will remove the necessity of our young men going out of the country for their degrees.—*F. A. Currier.*

I have been a Christian from my youth. The Lord has been with me all the way. His presence has been especially precious in the last year.—*J. Noble.*

Jesus is my King. I would be His willing and faithful subject.—*J. Henderson.*

May our love always have expression in the sacrifice we offer to our Lord, the Saviour.—*A. J. Prosser.*

I am not sure that I have been any marked benefit to this denomination, but I never can tell how much it has done me.—*T. S. VanWart.*

I have been trying for sixty-two years to "speak a good word for Jesus Christ."—*J. Perry.*

I thank God for Christian experience—the unanswerable evidence of the divinity of Christianity.—*B. H. Nobles.*

Any offering I make to the Lord is not worth anything unless it costs me something.—*R. McIntyre.*

—Kaffirs riding cycles in South Africa have been suspected of so many cycle thefts that they have been ordered to ride only machines painted yellow.

News of the Churches.

The farewell tendered Rev. C. T. Phillips, of Waterloo street Free Baptist Church, was the occasion of a spontaneous and universal expression of regret at his departure, not only by members of his own congregation and faith, but by representatives of nearly all the other Christian denominations in the city. The work and aims of Mr. Phillips have brought him into more or less intimate relationships with many phases of life in St. John, and the broadness and true Christian character of his spirit have won friends for him among all classes and creeds.

Among the clergymen present last evening were: Dr. Gates, Rev. A. B. Cohoe, and Rev. Christopher Burnett, of the Baptist church; Rev. Charles Comben and Rev. Geo. M. Campbell, Methodist; Rev. W. O. Raymond, Church of England, and Rev. T. F. Fotheringham, of St. John Presbyterian church.

The service was opened with the hymn "All Hail the Power," after which Rev. C. Burnett offered prayer. Letters of regret were read from Revs. P. J. Stackhouse and C. W. Hamilton.

Dr. G. O. Gates, the first speaker, while expressing regret that Mr. Phillips was to leave the city, said "but he is departing to fields where he may continue the kind of work he did so well here, and I trust he will be as successful in the future."

Rev. Dr. Fotheringham was the next speaker. The Methodist church was represented by Rev. G. M. Campbell, who was followed by Rev. Dr. W. O. Raymond, rector of St. Mary's church. Dr. A. A. Stockton and Mr. S. D. Scott spoke in the highest terms of the reverend gentleman, as did Rev. Mr. Burnett and Rev. Mr. Cohoe.

Rev. Mr. Phillips' response was brief and hearty, and after the singing of God Be with You Till We Meet Again, Rev. Dr. Raymond pronounced the benediction.—*St. John Evening Star.*

ST. JOHN.—All the Baptist and Free Baptist churches of the city will unite and hold a mission conference in Main street church, October 12-16, for the deepening of the spiritual life and the discussion of mission topics. W. Spencer Walton, superintendent of the South African general mission, and his associate, N. W. Keyes, will speak each day, and so will Rev. L. D. Morse, of Wolfville, and Rev. H. Y. Corey, returned missionaries. Special prayer services will be held in the same church Monday and Tuesday nights, and each forenoon during the conference.—*Telegraph.*

FROM REV. J. J. BARNES.—A few nights ago a number of our friends from Millville surprised us. The ladies of the party spread the tables with the best, and we had an enjoyable time. We were glad to see them.

J. J. BARNES.

FROM LICENTIATE McCUTCHEON.—The past year has been one of great help to me in spiritual experience. During the summer vacation I had the pleasure of caring for the church at Beaver Harbour. I went there as a stranger, but come away feeling I had many friends. Rev. C. T. Phillips was with me during the first week, and very kindly introduced me to the people and helped me. Revs. A. D. Paul and E. S. Parker also visited the Harbour and were enjoyed. I found the people very kind, and learned to love them. I did the best I could, and hope the work was "not in vain in the Lord." There is

need of a strong man there; he could do a good work. I feel much interested in the community, especially in the young men.

I enjoyed the General Conference beyond expression. I formed the acquaintance of many of our good ministers. My soul became glad and my heart rejoiced in the manifestation of brotherly love and spiritual power in all the meetings. For the coming year I have decided to pursue my studies at Lewiston, Maine.

HARTLEY McCUTCHEON.

MINISTERS.—Rev. J. E. Gosline has accepted a call to the Kempt, N. S., pastorate, and will enter upon the work there at the end of this month.

Rev. C. T. Phillips began his ministry in Hartland and Brighton last Sunday.

Rev. A. J. Prosser began work as pastor of the Waterloo St. church, St. John, last Sunday.

Rev. A. D. Paul has taken charge of a church at Presque Isle, Me.

Rev. T. O. DeWitt is improving slowly, but is still confined to the house. He hopes to be able for work soon if an opening offers.

Rev. J. J. Barnes, who was not in good health at the time of Conference, is somewhat better.

Rev. F. C. Hartley and family moved to Houlton last Thursday.

Rev. F. A. Currier, Woodstock; preached on Baptist union last Sunday evening.

Rev. H. H. Ferguson reports work on the new church at Marysville proceeding well.

Rev. J. C. Wilson occupied the pulpit of the Fredericton church in the morning and Rev. E. H. Cochrane in the evening, last Sunday.

OTHER DENOMINATIONS.

—Oct. 18th has been named as the day for the consecration of the new Anglican Bishop of Nova Scotia.

—At the annual meeting of the Women's Missionary Society of the Methodist Church, held in St. John last week, the reports showed that there are 82 auxiliary societies and 86 bands, with an aggregate membership of about 4,000. The receipts were \$7,491.57, and the expenditures \$7,316.82.

AS DR. GATES SAW IT.

Whiting in the *Messenger and Visitor*, of the Conference, and the action of Baptist union, Dr. Gates says:

The speakers had the undivided attention of the large audience. It was a time of great solemnity. Prayer was offered before the discussion and during the same, and when the vote—which was unanimous—was taken, feelings that had been restrained broke the restraint in tears and trembling voices sang "Blest be the tie that binds."

The Rev. Jos. Noble—now 90 years of age, who attended the first Free Baptist Conference seventy-two years ago, and who, I am told, has attended every Conference since, but one—raising his eyes to heaven cried out "Glory to God"—and it seemed to us all as if it was God's amen to what had just been done. Thus has happily progressed the matter of union so far as the Baptist convention and Free Baptist Conference are

concerned. It will now be for the churches of both bodies to do ratifying work. The Conference meetings were largely attended—the business was transacted with despatch—the kindest of feeling was manifest, and more than one of the older brethren expressed the opinion "no better Conference had they ever attended." The representatives of the Baptist committee were made to feel at home, and already we feel as if the boundary lines were of the past and the oneness is ours."

A GREAT RESCUE WORK.

The greatest rescue work in the world is the description of the Jerry McAuley Mission, New York, in an article in the *September Quiver*. In 1902 over 45,000 men came to the mission hall, 400 of whom professed conversion. Started thirty years ago by Jerry McAuley, it has for many years been conducted by Mr. S. H. Hadley, himself a reformed drunkard, now wonderfully successful in dealing with outcast men of every kind, chiefly with drunkards. Mr. Hadley sometimes goes to Sing Sing Prison to speak to the prisoners, and "after every visit," he said, "we receive so many hundreds of ex-prisoners, that it costs me a thousand dollars to meet their needs." Mr. Hadley seldom gets defeated by a man. He tells a touching story of how, losing patience with an obstinate "won't work," he told him to get out of the hall. The old man went, but Mr. Hadley had many an uneasy hour of repentance. At last the man came back. "I hugged that old man for joy, and then I set to work to help him." This time he succeeded.

JUST A BUSINESS WORD.

Kindly Heed It.

Many of this year's subscriptions remain unpaid, and some for a longer period. We have feared we would be compelled to send reminders to all in arrears. We would like to be spared the labor and expense of doing so. Will our friends kindly take this little notice as a reminder of their forgetfulness and our need, and at once forward the over-due payments? By doing so they will help our work very much. Do it now, please.

Marriages.

CRONKHITE-PATTERSON.—At Middle Southampton, York Co., on the 20th inst., by Rev. J. J. Barnes, Mr. Richard L. Cronkhite and Miss Mabel Annie Patterson, second daughter of Stephen Patterson, both of Middle Southampton.

EARLE-COGGAN.—At the home of the bride's grandfather, Mr. Charles Scribner, Long Point, Kings Co., September 28th, by Rev. S. J. Perry, William J. Earle and Lena Maude Coggan, both of Springfield, K. Co.

SANBURN-FOLKINS.—At Portland, Me., on September 1st, by Rev. Lewis Malvern, D. D., Charles Freeman Sanburn and Harriett Ann Folkins, daughter of Mrs. M. A. and the late George A. Folkins, formerly of New Brunswick.

Deaths.

SMITH.—Thomas E. Smith, a resident of Farnham, Sunbury Co., died at his residence, September 22nd, of heart failure, in the 70th year of his age, leaving a sorrowing widow, three sons and seven daughters. All were present at the funeral, with the exception of one daughter, who resides in Lewiston, Me. Burial took place at Geary.