

CONFERENCE SPARKS.

Let each ask himself: Am I preaching the Gospel?—*R. W. Ferguson.*

Baptist union is the coming together of two denominations on equal terms.—*D. McLeod Vince.*

Our obligations as a Christian body are steadily increasing.—*D. Long.*

That which is born of love never dies.—*J. H. Erb.*

We must take God into our plans.—*E. S. Parker.*

The Lord's way is always the best way.—*J. C. Wilson.*

Thank God for a definite Christian experience.—*W. H. Perry.*

The Lord's presence has been more real, and His love more precious this year than ever before.—*T. D. Bell.*

The best blessings do not come without self-denial, and often suffering.—*J. N. Barnes.*

Drive only such a horse as you can afford to own, and ride in a carriage that is paid for.—*T. S. VanWart.*

We present a Christ who is moved with infinite pity for the fallen, and stoops to lift them up.—*A. M. McIntch.*

Men do not backslide on their knees.—*A. J. Prosser.*

The union of Baptists will not merely double their efficiency; it will multiply it greatly.—*J. B. Merrill.*

WHERE ROMANISM RULES.

A writer in the *Canadian Baptist* gives the following vivid pen picture of the South American State of Bolivia under Roman Catholic rule, spiritual and political: "In Bolivia the Roman Church has had the exclusive religious monopoly for 350 years. What is the result? Sunday desecration, bull-fighting, lying, stealing, deceit, swearing, gambling, immorality, drunkenness. If you wish to form a just opinion of the Roman Catholic Church do not judge of her as you find her at home, where she is continually under the influence of evangelical Christianity, and where she shows the purifying and uplifting effect of this influence every day, even though she is not willing to acknowledge the fact. Visit Bolivia, a purely Catholic country, where she had the full opportunity to yield her own natural fruit, under Government assistance and protection, unmolested by the pernicious heresy of Protestantism. Here you can judge of her as she really is, and your judgment will not be lenient. Here she has frequently proved herself to be inwardly polluted and always utterly unable to restrain the evil passions of her own children and teach them ways of godliness. For this reason Bolivia finds herself in the miserable condition in which she is today."

—The Central American republics have a curious clause in their postal regulations. The posts that go by water or railway are required to carry the Bible without charge. It would be hard to imagine the United States post office department aiding in this way the circulation of the Bible.

News of the Churches.

POSTPONED.—We are asked to say that the quarterly meeting, which was arranged to be held at Wheaton Settlement, W. Co., on the 18th inst., has been postponed on account of the illness of the pastor, Rev. W. H. Perry.

SUSSEX, N. B.—Sunday, Sept. 26th, we received one new member into the fellowship of our church. Everything in connection with our work is moving along encouragingly. Our annual Thanksgiving and thank-offering services, Sept. 26th, were well attended and much enjoyed. The offering was nearly \$100.00.

October 7th.

B. H. NOBLES.

MONCTON, N. B.—Rev. Gideon Swim preached his farewell sermon as pastor of the Moncton Free Baptist church last evening (October 2nd). The church would not hold the large number of people who assembled. All the seating capacity, including the chairs from the vestry, was taken up, and quite a number stood at the back of the church and in the entry throughout the service, while many were unable to gain admittance at all. The choir of the church rendered special music for the occasion.

Rev. Mr. Swim took his text from second Thessalonians, 3rd chapter, last clause of the 16th verse: "The Lord be with you all." The text expressed the very best wish he could have for all of them to-night, and that was why he had selected it.

He preached an earnest and practical sermon, full of cheer and comfort. At the close he referred briefly to the four years he had been pastor of the Moncton church. If he had been successful in his work it was due to the fact that the church co-operated with him, and the Lord had helped him. He never expected in the years to come to preach to a people who would do better work in co-operation. He never expected to preach to a church where he would receive more sympathy than he had received from the church in Moncton. . . He spoke gratefully of the kindness of the members of his own church and the members of the other churches, and in recalling the members of the F. B. church who had passed away since he came here, he paid a touching tribute to the late Deacon Wm. Lewis, who had welcomed him to the Moncton church.

During Mr. Swim's pastorate of the Moncton F. B. church, he has made many friends among all classes of citizens, and both he and his family have won the respect and esteem of all with whom they have come in contact. Mr. Swim has been active in the cause of right and in interdenominational work was ever ready to lend assistance and co-operate in all that was for the advancement of Christianity and the benefit of the community. His many friends here will hope that the rest which he is now compelled to take will have the desired effect, and that he may enjoy many more years in active ministerial work.—*Moncton Times.*

ST. JOHN.—Rev. Mr. Prosser, the successor of Rev. C. T. Phillips in the pastorate of Waterloo Street Free Baptist church, preached his first sermon in that church yesterday morning. In the evening his text was St. Mark 13: 24, "To every man his work."

He outlined the difference between the Episcopal and Congregational branches of the Christian church, and dwelt upon the importance of adaptability and ability in a clergyman. The present

age is the age of specialists, yet it was hardly possible for a minister to be a specialist in his profession, the minister had such a variety of conditions to meet. Some in a congregation wanted the clergyman to be more of a financier than a preacher. Others demanded that he exercise the social side of his nature, and some wanted him to be a preacher and to expound the doctrine, and do nothing else. The minister's fundamental duty is to preach. He must create in others the desire to be a Christian. He must comfort the sufferer, and denounce sin, whether it be a prince or pauper.—*Telegraph, October 3rd.*

PRESENTATIONS.—The Moncton correspondent of the *Telegraph* says: "Fred. Keirstead, a member of the Free Baptist choir, who leaves this week to attend Acadia College, was presented with a trunk, accompanied by an address, by the F. B. Sunday-school yesterday afternoon. Pearl and Edna Swim, daughters of Rev. G. Swim, the retiring pastor, were also remembered by the classes in which they are in."

A RUMSELLER'S OPINION.—A rumshop keeper in New York, who probably voices the views of the majority of his kind, has this to say of Bishop Potter's endorsement of a rumshop: "I don't think a preacher has any business giving countenance to a saloon in any way whatever. Everyone knows it's wrong to sell rum, and a preacher's business is preaching against wrong things, and not helping them. I wish I had never gone into the business."

"If Bishop Potter thinks he can do good by encouraging a decent, cleanly saloon, it is for him to do what he thinks best; but my opinion of doing good is entirely different. If I were a minister, I shouldn't give sanction to drinking liquor in any way."

MINISTERS.—Rev. A. A. Rideout began his pastorate in Fredericton last Sunday, preaching twice to large congregations.

Rev. Gideon Swim's friends will be glad to know that the treatment he is receiving has benefitted him much and that he expects to be quite restored. By advice he will rest for some months, having his home at Apohaqui.

Rev. J. J. Barnes will this year continue to have the care of the Hainesville, Staples Settlement and Millville churches. He hopes, also, to be able to do some mission work during the year. He reports that work on the Millville church building has been suspended till spring.

Rev. T. D. Bell, who has been at his old home in Sunbury Co. since Conference, returned to his Tobique pastorate last week.

Rev. C. B. Lewis was in Fredericton Saturday. He preached at Gibson Sunday morning.

Rev. A. D. Paul preached at Gibson Sunday evening. He is moving to Presque Isle this week.

Rev. E. H. Cochrane spent last Sunday at Waterville, C. Co.

Rev. W. H. Perry, we regret to hear, did not recover from the illness he had at Conference. He was able to go home, but soon after reaching there he was found to be suffering from typhoid fever, and has been very ill. His friends are now hopeful. All his brethren will pray for his speedy and complete recovery.

Rev. J. N. Barnes has gone to the

Tobique to do mission work. He is now at Riley Brook. He reports his health considerably improved since Conference.

OTHER DENOMINATIONS.

—Miss Loretta L. Shaw, B. A., of St. John has started for Japan to engage in mission work under the direction of the Church of England Mission Society.

—Special meetings are being held in the Coburg St. Disciples' Church, St. John, with encouraging interest.

—Rev. Dr. Weeks, of Toronto, has accepted a call to a Baptist church in Springfield, Mass. Dr. Weeks was at one time pastor in Moncton.

—Revival meetings are being held in the Brussels St. Baptist Church, St. John. The pastor is assisted by Evangelist Pugsley, of Toronto. There is an increasing interest.

—Reports presented at the annual meeting of the Fredericton Y. M. C. A., showed receipts for ordinary expenses during the year, \$945.74. The debt on the property was reduced nearly \$6,000.

—At the annual meeting of the New Brunswick Baptist Convention, held on the 24th ult., it was resolved, "in the event of union with the Free Baptists, to merge itself into the united body."

—The election of Archdeacon Worrell as Anglican Bishop of Nova Scotia, the legality of which was questioned, has been found to be legal. The consecration of the new bishop will take place Nov. 18th.

WOMEN DRUNKARDS.—A New York paper of late date says one of the police courts of that city has the unique record of more women than men "drunks" in the past two years, and the alarming showing of eleven one day recently, all of them wives and mothers, caused the magistrate to declare that reform was impossible to women drunks. The statement reveals an alarming condition; and yet the masses of Christian men, business men, and otherwise good citizens are content to do absolutely nothing to stay the ravages of the legalized rum traffic. It is Nero fiddling while Rome is burning.

SOLDIERS OF THE POPE.—A writer in the *Canadian Baptist* tells of "The Papal Church and its Canadian Soldiers," and explains that he means "a body of uniformed and thoroughly drilled men existing in this country pledged to the maintenance of the temporal power of the Pope of Rome, the army of a foreign potentate existing in our land. Too many overlook the fact that the church of Rome is an institution claiming control of kings and kingdoms, but think of her as simply looking after the moral and spiritual affairs of her people. These Papal Zouaves are the remnant of the Canadian volunteers who in 1870 volunteered to fight side by side with the Pope's soldiers in Italy in defence of his temporal supremacy during the rebellion successfully led by Garibaldi. That the Pope is not now supreme in the kingdom of Italy is not the fault of these Zouaves. Why should this organization be perpetuated? Why should there be constant addition to its members? Already the French are nearly two-fifths of the population of the Dominion, and are increasing at a rate more than three times as rapidly as the English-speaking people. This organization is a menace to the peace and security of the future. The remedy is to evangelize them."