

THE CONFERENCE.

SEVENTY-SECOND SESSION.

(Continued.)

The Saturday evening session opened with prayer by Rev. G. W. Foster. Minutes approved.

Rev. L. A. Fenwick, for the Nominating Committee, presented its first report, as follows:

1. *Committee on Absent Brethren*—Rev. W. H. Perry and H. A. Bonnell, G. Miles McCready, W. L. Margeson and F. C. Bloodsworth.

2. *Committee on Collections*—Rev. John Henderson, Lee Fox, Rev. C. B. Lewis.

3. *Committee on Correspondence*—Rev. A. W. Currie, W. W. Heins, Rev. E. S. Parker, T. L. Alexander and Rev. T. S. VanWart.

4. *Committee on District Meetings*—Rev. G. W. Foster, H. Allen Bonnell, A. A. Rideout, S. J. Perry and R. W. Ferguson, E. L. Perkins and W. J. Perry.

5. *Committee on Deceased Brethren*—Rev. C. T. Phillips, D. Long, J. N. Barnes, J. Noble, J. Perry and Jos. McLeod, D. D.

6. *Committee on Appeals*—Rev. B. H. Nobles, E. C. Morgan, T. D. Bell, G. F. Bolster.

Adopted.

Rev. D. Long, for the committee on the Sabbath submitted the following:

We believe the Lord's day to have been given to man by the Creator for rest of body and time for communion with him—a blessed heritage which we should highly prize and protect. We regret the growing tendency by many who call themselves Christians to make the Lord's day a day for pleasure, and by so doing to take away sanctity which should attach to the Sabbath. As a denomination, we place on record our disapproval, not only of making the Sabbath a day of pleasure, but also, and especially, of doing unnecessary work.

This was spoken to by Revs. R. W. Ferguson, G. W. Foster, B. H. Nobles, John Erb and D. Long, and it was urged that the Christian Church should stand as a unit in driving out anything that tends to desecrate the Lord's day. The report was adopted.

On motion, Revs. Roscoe Heine and David Patterson, who presented certificates from the Nova Scotia Conference, were received to membership in the Conference.

Rev. E. S. Parker, Corresponding Secretary of the Sunday Schools Executive, asked to have the time extended for presenting his report, not having received the full returns necessary to complete it. The request was granted. Bro. Parker spoke of successful Sunday school teaching and said that much depended on mind study. The human mind was compared to a gramophone record, in regard to the impressions that are made. The child's heart was as virgin soil which has no weeds or anything to combat against. Stress was laid upon impressing on the minds of children passages from the Bible. The Lord had made the heart of the child to receive impressions.

Following Bro. Barker, Bro. E. W. Slipp spoke of Sunday school work from a teacher's standpoint. A teacher

should be filled with the spirit of love, otherwise he cannot succeed. He must be willing to sacrifice something in order to hold the love and confidence of the children. Mention was also made of the encouragements and discouragements which come to the teacher.

Rev. John Erb dwelt on the need of teaching the child the Bible. Love rather than law must be taught, and this will make the highest type of citizenship.

Adjourned to meet Monday morning at 9 o'clock. Prayer by Rev. T. S. VanWart.

SUNDAY.

The following was the order of Sunday services provided by the Conference:

At the seat of Conference—9.30 a. m., prayer-meeting, led by Revs. T. S. VanWart and C. T. Phillips.

Preaching—10.30 a. m., the Annual Sermon, by Rev. E. S. Parker, B. A.; 2.30 p. m., by Rev. J. B. Merrill; 7 p. m., by Rev. B. H. Nobles.

Fredericton Junction—Rev. J. H. Erb. Fredericton—Rev. A. J. Prosser. Marysville—Licentiate G. F. Bolster. St. John, Waterloo Street—Rev. H. H. Ferguson.

St. John, West—Rev. L. A. Fenwick.

Sunday opened bright, and early the people began to gather to enjoy the morning prayer meeting. A day begun with such a meeting as it was could only prove such a good day as followed. The Lord was with Bro. Parker, the preacher of the annual sermon. He held the undivided attention of the large congregation and at its close on every hand could be heard expressions which showed that many had been helped. His subject was "The Keys of Heaven."

In the afternoon Rev. J. B. Merrill, delegate from the Nova Scotia Conference, preached an effective sermon. At the close of this service the Lord's Supper was commemorated. Over two hundred people sat at the Lord's Supper was observed. Over two hundred people sat at but be cheered and strengthened. It was a blessed service.

Again in the evening the people assembled expecting to get good, and they were not disappointed. After preaching by Rev. B. H. Nobles, Rev. A. D. Paul took charge of the social service and made an appeal to those who wished to become Christians; more than twenty-five decided to start on the new way. God fulfilled His promise that day to His people.

MONDAY.

Conference opened Monday morning with singing and prayer by Rev. A. W. Currie. After roll call and reading of minutes, the election of Moderator was proceeded with. Rev.

J. B. Daggett was the choice of the Conference for Moderator, and Rev. G. W. Foster, Assistant Moderator.

E. H. Cochrane, for committee on Literature, submitted a report:

God teaches us to "get wisdom, with all thy getting get understanding." Recognizing the force of this command, and that wisdom and understanding are acquired through our conversation with others, our own experience, but more especially by what we read, we recommend:

1. That as the statute-book is to a nation, so the Bible, the statute-book of God, is to us as a denomination; and that as an intelligent knowledge of the law is requisite to true citizenship, so a clear apprehension of God's law is necessary to Christian discipleship, for which cause the Bible should be placed by us before the world as the ideal book.

2. That as the singing of God's praise is an important part in his worship, and the Calvary selections of songs has proved satisfactory, it should be placed in every church, when change is made, in order to have uniformity.

3. That as the position of the adult is due to early environment, that as taste in literature is a matter of cultivation, we, as teachers and people who are placed in responsible positions, should see to it that no book or periodical with evil influence should be allowed to come into the hands of the children or people placed in our care.

4. We re-affirm the position taken by this Conference so many times by resolutions in regard to the RELIGIOUS INTELLIGENCER, as the denominational paper, and urge that pastors and people should aid this home missionary by increasing its circulation.

On motion of Dr. McLeod, Rev. Dr. Gates was invited to a seat in the Conference. He spoke briefly of the pleasant relations existing between the two Baptist bodies, and of his joy in being permitted to meet brethren of the same faith and working to the same great end—the salvation of men and the glory of God.

Rev. L. A. Fenwick submitted a report on nominations:

Executive for Home Missions—Rev. A. J. Prosser, Corresponding Secretary; Rev. B. H. Nobles, Treasurer; Revs. G. N. Foster, L. A. Fenwick, D. Long, A. Perry and A. A. Rideout.

Executive for Foreign Missions—Rev. A. W. Currie, Corresponding Secretary; E. W. Slipp, Treasurer; Revs. A. M. McNitch, Jos. McLeod, D. D., J. N. Barnes and Gideon Swim.

Executive for Sunday-schools—Rev. David Patterson, Corresponding Secretary; T. L. Alexander, Rev. H. H. Ferguson, E. L. Perkins and W. J. Owens.

Executive for Sick and Disabled Ministers—Gideon McLeod, Treasurer; Revs. J. J. Barnes, A. Perry, C. T. Phillips and C. B. Lewis.

Committee on Literature—Revs. F. Allison Currier, A. D. Paul and W. H. Heine.

Committee on Education—Revs. E. S. Parker, F. Allison Currier, A. D. Rideout, R. Heine and E. H. Cochrane.

Committee on Sabbath—Revs. R. W. Ferguson, O. N. Mott, H. Allen Bonnell, W. H. Perry and T. D. Bell.

Committee on Temperance—Revs. L. A. Fenwick, H. Hartt and John Perry, and G. F. Bolster and C. W. Weyman.

Board of Managers—D. McLeod Vince, Treasurer; Revs. Jos. McLeod, D. D., Jas. E. Good, Geo. McLeod, B. S. Palmer and E. J. Clark.

Delegate to N. S. Conference—Rev. Abram Perry; substitute, Rev. A. J. Prosser.

D. McLeod Vince, for the Board of Managers, reported Conference

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