

THE CONFERENCE.

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ren we offer our prayers and express our sympathy.

Bro. Jones entered the ministry comparatively late in life, and, being in feeble health for a number of years, was not very intimately known to many of our churches, but the churches who knew of his work appreciated his services, and knew him as a man of God, who did what he could for the advancement of the kingdom. Bro. Jones entered into his rest April 21st, 1903.

Revs. W. E. McIntyre and E. Bosworth of the Baptist denomination, were invited to seats in Conference. They made pleasant fraternal speeches.

On motion, the Corresponding Secretary's report was adopted, the suggestions of the report as to systematic evangelism being referred to the Conference Executive to work out.

Rev. F. A. Currier, for committee on Education, reported:

The man who is to teach men should himself be taught. And of all teaching that which has to do with the spiritual interests of man is the most important, and requires, therefore, the most careful and thorough preparation.

This Conference recommends and urges that every young man having the ministry in view should endeavor to prepare himself for his life's work by an extended course of systematic study at some institution of learning.

This Conference is pleased to know that several of our young men are pursuing their studies at different schools—F. H. Knollin at the Hartford Theological Seminary; Kirkpatrick, at Cobb Divinity School; G. D. Milbury and J. G. Perry at Bates' College; H. M. Manzer, E. H. Cochrane, J. C. Wilson and H. R. Boyer at the U. N. B.; G. F. Bolster at the Sussex high school; and S. J. Case, A. M., is pursuing advanced studies at Yale; W. H. McCutcheon purpose attending school during the present year.

We suggest, as did the Conference last year, that our young men who are not attending any institution of learning be required, except under very exceptional circumstances, to pass satisfactory examination in the prescribed course of study before they be ordained by this Conference.

The Conference is pleased that the Provincial League of the Young People's Societies is showing sympathy with our young men at school by continuing their annual grant to the Students' Fund.

Report adopted.

Rev. J. Henderson, for committee of collections, reported \$48.13 taken on Sunday for the Sick and Disabled Ministers' Fund.

BAPTIST UNION.

According to notice, Rev. Dr. McLeod moved the following resolution:

Resolved, That the Basis of Union as amended by the Baptist convention, August 23rd, 1901, and approved by the Free Baptist Ministers' Conference September 16th, 1904, be now accepted by this Conference.

That the Conference re-appoint its committee on union, with power to add to their number, and instructed to present the matter to the churches for ratification.

That in the event of ratification by the churches, the committee be empowered to take the steps necessary to consummate the union on the lines of the Plan of Organization formulated by the joint committee of the Baptist Convention and this Conference.

Dr. McLeod supported the resolution in a brief speech, which set forth concisely and clearly the steps leading up to the present proposal. The time has come, he said, when definite action must be taken, and our action whatever it is will be definite. He explained and endorsed the amendments of the Basis made by the Baptist Convention, as broad and fair, and urged their acceptance by the Conference. As illustrating the feasibility of union and its great advantages, he cited the union of the Methodist bodies and the union of the Presbyterian bodies in Canada. He believed the time has come when the several branches of the Baptist family in Canada should get together for mutual help and the better prosecution of the great work entrusted to them. By union a wiser and more economical disposition of men and money and all the forces of the denominations can be effected, which will tell immensely in the extension of Christ's Kingdom. We are making history today, he said, and trusted we would be enabled to make history worthy of ourselves as a people of God.

The resolution was seconded by Rev. C. T. Phillips, who suggested that before he spoke Dr. Gates be asked to address the Conference.

Dr. Gates, at the invitation of the Moderator, came to the platform and spoke on union from the Baptist point of view. He gave an outline of the movement from 1884, when the Free Baptist Conference proposed to open negotiations for organic union. He stated the attitude of the Baptist Convention and assured the Conference of the hearty desire of that body for union on terms perfectly fair and honorable to both denominations.

Speeches were made by Revs. C. T. Phillips, A. J. Prosser, R. Heine, J. B. Daggett and W. E. McIntyre. Bro. McIntyre, who is Superintendent of Baptist Home Missions in New Brunswick, was able to point out what great saving would be made in many parts of the province by combination of pastorates and mission fields.

The vote being called for, the resolution was passed unanimously. And then the Conference stood and sung out of glad hearts, "Blest be the Tie that Binds," etc.

Adjourned. Prayer by Rev. J. A. Robertson.

Conference resumed business at 2 p. m. Prayer by Rev. A. A. Rideout.

Rev. Dr. McLeod, for committee on Baptist Union, appointed last year, reported as follows:

The committee held two joint meetings with the Committee of the Baptist Convention—one March 7th and the other May 18th. They were meetings of the utmost Christian fraternity. On the part of our Baptist brethren there was a manifest desire to do everything possible to further the union movement. They agreed among themselves to report to the Baptist convention the amendments made in the Basis of Union, and recommend their adoption.

Together we considered the form of organization in the event of agreement on the Basis of Union, and a plan of

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organization was agreed upon, to be recommended to the convention and Conference. The plan is appended to this report. It was presented to the Baptist convention, and was approved by that body. We recommend it for the approval of this Conference.

(Signed) JOS. McLEOD, J. B. DAGGETT, D. LONG, F. C. HARTLEY, A. PERRY.

[The Plan of Organization was published in the INTELLIGENCER of August 31st.]

Rev. A. J. Prosser, for committee to arrange for the ordination service Tuesday evening, submitted the following order of service:

- Doxology— . . . . . Choir.
Invocation— . . . . . Rev. D. Long.
Hymn— . . . . . Rev. O. N. Mott.
Scripture Lesson—Rev. L. A. Fenwick.
Prayer— . . . . . Rev. W. E. McIntyre.
Hymn— . . . . . Rev. R. W. Ferguson.
Sermon— . . . . . Rev. G. W. Foster.
Presentation of Candidates— . . . . . Rev. B. H. Nobles.
Questions— . . . . . The Moderator.
Ordination Prayer— . . . . . Rev. Jos. McLeod, D. D.
Hand of Fellowship— The Moderator.
Charge— . . . . . Rev. T. S. Vanwart.
Hymn— . . . . . Rev. J. H. Erb.
Benediction— . . . . . Rev. T. D. Bell.
Adopted.

Rev. F. C. Hartley, for the committee on Course of Study, reported that Licentiate H. R. Boyer and W. H. McCutcheon had passed the first year's course.

Resolved, That a vote of thanks be tendered to the church and people of Tracey Station, and their pastor, for their kind and hearty entertainment of this Conference.

Rev. L. A. Fenwick, the acting auditor, reported that he had audited all accounts handed to him and found them correct.

The committee on Baptist Union—Revs. Jos. McLeod, D. D., A. Perry, D. Long, F. C. Hartley and J. B. Daggett—was reappointed.

With the consent of the Moderator, Rev. T. S. VanWart took an offering

of \$20 for Rev. Wm. Deware, who has for several years been disabled.

The usual grant was voted to the RELIGIOUS INTELLIGENCER.

The election of the General Conference Executive was proceeded with by ballot, resulting in the choice of Revs. Dr. McLeod, C. T. Phillips, B. H. Nobles, D. Long and A. Perry.

A vote of \$10 was made to the reporter of the INTELLIGENCER.

On motion of C. W. Weyman,

Resolved, That the Conference express its approval of the action of the temperance bodies in their endeavor to organize a temperance voters' league, and urge our people to give the movement their active support.

Rev. G. O. Gates, D. D., spoke a few words of good-by and good cheer before the close of the Conference, expressing the hope that what had been begun with so much of God's blessing might be continued until the final union should be consummated. He was given very hearty applause as he took his seat.

Adjourned. Prayer by Rev. J. Erb.

ORDINATION.

Conference met again at 7 p. m. After routine there was a fifteen minutes praise service. At 7.30 the ordination service began and was conducted according to the order of service given above. There was a large and much interested congregation. At the close the minutes were read and the Conference of 1904 was adjourned.

AFTER FIFTY YEARS—Last Thursday, at Tracey Station, Rev. Jos. Noble met a couple—Mr. Thos. Morrey and wife—whom he had married fifty years ago. Mrs. Morey had not seen Father Noble since the day of her marriage by him. It was an interesting meeting, which they all enjoyed very much.