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TO OUR SUBSCRIBERS.

READ THIS AGAIN.

There are on our books a number whose subscriptions are now due. There are also some—not a few either—who are allowing themselves to get in arrears. They have probably forgotten the time when their renewals should have been made. We are in much need of all the money due us. Publishing expenses must be met promptly. We are looking to our subscribers for the necessary funds. There are hundreds of small bills now due, which amount to a large sum.

The ministers and others coming to Conference will willingly bring all the cash subscribers wish to forward. We hope none will be neglectful, for every dollar is needed, and that just now. We are expecting payment from a good many. Do not disappoint us, for we cannot make the paper live without the cash.

PROTRACTED MEETINGS.

We have been pleased to record recently blessed results arising from protracted meetings. God has especially owned the efforts of the brethren appointing them, to the quickening of His own people and the conversion of sinners. Why is it that such seasons are less frequent than formerly? We can remember when it was very common to appoint a series of protracted meetings to be held in different places, at times which made it convenient for several ministers to be in attendance; the same ministers often being at a number in succession.

The servants of God were "full of faith and of the Holy Ghost," and very extensive revivals were almost invariably the result. We are very glad that some of our brethren have revived the good old custom, so many times blessed of God to the conversion of precious souls. If we mistake not the brethren used at their annual meetings to make a number of appointments, and arrange to meet in force. They expected God to bless them, and He did not disappoint. Why may not similar means be used now for the extension of Christ's kingdom? Souls are quite as precious, and the danger of their being lost is quite as great as ever. God's purpose to save remains the same, and so also does the duty of His people to use all means in their power to bring sinners to a knowledge of the truth as it is in Jesus. "Union is strength," in most senses; undoubtedly in Christ in one place, with all their energies directed to one point could not fail of effecting good. Two, three, or a half-dozen ministers in a district might easily arrange for a succession of protracted meetings; the times and places being so fixed that all the Churches might be sharers in their work and the blessings that would doubtless follow.

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GENERAL CONFERENCE.

Saturday, Oct. 1st, will witness the opening of the Twenty-eighth General Conference of Free Baptists of New Brunswick. Through many years God, in His love and wisdom, has preserved this people, giving them a name and place among the various Christian bodies. Every year the number of adherents has been increased, and the influence of the denomination has grown proportionately. "The little one has become a thousand." What was a small company has, through the blessing of God, become a strong people. Each Conference has been of course grown in importance. The business annually transacted is of a weighty character, influencing, in a greater or less degree, every section of the denomination. The members require to bring to their work much earnestness of heart and clearness of mind. The session approaching promises to be one of much interest. Questions of moment, the consideration of which will demand much wisdom, will probably be submitted. The mission work, with other benevolent interests, requires more than a few passing thoughts or words. We hope the Committees on "Ways and Means," appointed at the District Meetings, will be prepared with their reports. If so, we are hoping for some action that will give the different Societies a greater permanence than they now possess. Educational matters need, and will likely receive, some attention.

We trust that all will offer special prayer to God for blessing. He has honored us by giving us a great work to do; and also by making our efforts successful. Gratitude should ever fill our hearts in remembrance of past mercies; and with strong faith and earnest desire we should look to the Great Head of the church for wisdom to guide all our deliberations to the promotion of His glory. Remember, in God must be our trust, if we would work efficiently and have a season of spiritual refreshing. It is "not by might, nor by power, but by My Spirit, saith the Lord." May the Spirit of the Lord Most High preside over all the meetings.

Thanks to Bro. Porter for report of N. S. Conference. We are always pleased to have news from the Churches in the sister province for the sake of our readers there, and because it is interesting to ourselves as well. We hope the brethren will keep us informed of their work and success, &c.

Bro. Libby writes that owing to press of duties at home, he will be unable to attend the approaching Annual Conference.

ELDERS' CONFERENCE.

One week from this day (Friday), the Elders' Conference of Free Baptists will meet in Hampton, Queen's Co. The Elders' meeting is not by any means unimportant, as it is not infrequently gives tone, pleasant or otherwise, to the meetings that follow, both devotional and business. Almost every year some of its members are absent. Perhaps they persuade themselves that their attendance is not really required; and they allow business engagements or other trivial excuses to keep them from putting in an early appearance. The obligation to be there is binding, and should be lightly treated. "We have sometimes heard the abolishing of Elders' Conference advocated, but as yet have failed to see the force of the arguments used. It may be that the meeting is not made to accomplish all it might. So much more the necessity of all the members giving their hearty cooperation to make it good and profitable. By reference to the Constitution the object of the meeting will be seen. It is our prayer that all the members may be filled with the Holy Ghost. Then will all hearts be more closely knit together, and God's glory be more surely promoted.

DENOMINATIONAL NEWS.

UPPER MILLSTREAM.—We have good news from this place. Bro. B. A. Sherwood writes: "About four weeks ago I commenced a protracted meeting at Upper Millstream, Studholm. (I believed it my duty, and dare not refuse.) Our meetings were at first thinly attended. After a few however, the good Lord began to display His power, so that the joys of His salvation have been restored to many, transgressors have been taught His way, and sinners have been converted. The old church, which had almost lost its visibility, has been filled with new life.

Bro. Weyman has laboured here most of the time, his labours being much appreciated. He has baptized twenty-five. There are others who will soon follow Christ in His ordinance, I expect. We have laboured almost three weeks in all."

PRESQUE ISLE AND BRIGITON.—Bro. Vanwart writes under date 13th inst.: "The interest at Presque Isle continues good. Bro. Connor baptized three there last Sabbath morning; and in the afternoon of the same day baptized three at Upper Brigiton. Four more were baptized in the latter place to day. The work is deep and good, and the prospect looks very favorable for an extensive revival. We have a real good time; God has been with us of a truth. To Him be all the praise."

For the Religious Intelligencer.

NOVA SCOTIA F. B. YEARLY MEETING.

DEAR BRO. McLEOD—I regret that I had not time to send you a report from the place of meeting, but a press of business prevented.

As you are aware, our Annual Conference was held at Port Medway, Queen's County. This is a compact and somewhat thriving village. Large quantities of lumber are shipped from this port. Five ships are built here, and considerable other trade transacted. On entering the village one has a pleasing view of the fine building erected for school purposes, and this is no extraordinary thing in our country at the present day; they are found throughout the land. From the number and size of the Church buildings, one would judge that the inhabitants are a church-going people. The Free Baptists have a good place of worship. Rev. T. H. Crowell is the Pastor of the Church.

The Conference met on the 8th inst., and was a very harmonious and pleasant Session. The representation was not large, yet all seemed intent upon carrying forward the denominational work. We were glad to greet your delegate, Rev. J. Reid; in most senses; undoubtedly in Christ in one place, with all their energies directed to one point could not fail of effecting good. Two, three, or a half-dozen ministers in a district might easily arrange for a succession of protracted meetings; the times and places being so fixed that all the Churches might be sharers in their work and the blessings that would doubtless follow.

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son which will bring forth fruit to God's glory. As a large number came around the Lord's table, many spoke of their hope of reunion in Heaven, although we must part again so soon on earth. At the close of the evening service, many gave the Lord the glory, perhaps to meet no more on earth, as the brethren and friends of Port Medway, who deserve much credit for the manner in which they entertained the Conference.

As we journey homeward we are constantly reminded of the fury of the late storm. Fallen trees, wrecked vessels, and boats high upon the land, as well as damage to buildings, show clearly that it was a storm of no ordinary force. Sad news comes from the ocean, and sadder still we fear to hear; or, perhaps, we must experience that heart sick- ness, which comes because of home-land. But may His grace enable all to say, "The will of God be done." These things teach us that, what we do for God we must do with all our might. As we retrospect the Conference, and the condition of our Zion, we feel that God has called us to work there in, and is being glorified thereby.

J. I. PORTER, Clerk Conference.

Barrington, Sept. 15, 1870.

HOME MISSION REPORT.

To the Corresponding Secretary of the Home Mission Society:

DEAR BROTHER.—I remained in this place two weeks after I wrote my last report, and baptized four more. I found the Church in a very low and scattered state. The people in different settlements, some five or six miles apart, and the time I was there was the most unfavorable of the whole year, having, harvesting and the fires called their attention from the meetings. I held meetings every evening, and three times on each Sabbath, baptized two, and added three to the Church. They had kept up their prayer and Conference meetings. When I left there was a good revival, and a prospect of extensive revival. The people were very anxious for me to remain longer. Could I have stayed two months longer, I have faith to believe there would have been a good revival, and many would have been added to the Church. Stanley is destined to be one of our best farmers, and a good man. He is good and plenty would advise any young man who wishes to settle in our Province to visit Stanley, Green Hill, or Maple Grove settlements, a short distance from the village of Stanley. It is a growing and thriving place. They have a good school, and an excellent place for any one who wishes a new farm. It lies within thirty miles of Fredericton, and has a good turnpike road all the way to it. I left Stanley with the intention of going to Covehead, but on learning that the Church in Stanley was in a low state, I have thought best to labor with them here until the time of General Conference. The work is going forward. I baptized five last Sabbath and seven joined the Church. I think it would be best to leave Stanley this season. There is much need of more people here. Pray for us. I have baptized eleven since my last report, and collected for the Home Mission Society \$60.12, and have attended twenty-six meetings. JACOB GUNTER.

Nashua, September 20, 1870.

For the Religious Intelligencer.

THE SIXTH DISTRICT held its annual session with the first Church in Haverlock, King's County, commencing on the 17th inst., at 10 o'clock a. m. Revs. Noble, Weyman, Perry and French were present, also, Brethren Sherwood and Phillips. Licentiate. The opening meeting was a Social Conference, and about forty persons were present. The services, many of whom were young men, recently having professed faith in Christ, and are very zealous for his cause. This meeting was one of the most interesting we have ever attended.

At half-past two p. m., the meeting for business was opened. The Rev. Weyman was chosen Chairman. Fifteen Churches were represented, some of which were spoken of as having been much encouraged during the past year; others reported that nothing very special had transpired during that period, while others were laboring under discouragement. The Churches in this District report as having added 72 to their number since the last District Meeting—one person restored to Church membership, while there were six deaths. After hearing the reports the Chairman made some very interesting remarks, after which a number of resolutions were adopted. The Rev. French, on Saturday evening a Missionary Meeting was held. This meeting embraced the claims of the P. B. Foreign and Home Missions. Rev. J. Perry very ably presented the claims of the Foreign Mission. The amounts raised were for the Foreign \$38.00, and for the Home \$10.00.

At 9 a. m., Sabbath morning, a Prayer Meeting was held in the Church, and at 10 a. m., Rev. J. Perry preached to a large congregation. Rev. R. French preached at 2 p. m., and Bro. B. Sherwood at 7 p. m. Phillips preached at the Anguaise Ridge at 2 p. m.

Bro. Phillips is highly spoken of, and has the entire confidence of the District Meeting. Bro. Sherwood's license was renewed by a unanimous vote. The next Annual District Meeting will be held in the Church in Upper Millstream, on the third Saturday in September, 1871.

This section of the country is one of the finest upland districts in the country. The people are very hospitable, and deserve the praise of all who attended this meeting. G. W. S.

Haverlock, King's County, Sept. 20, 1870.

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PICNIC.

One of the most pleasant picnic excursions of the season took place on Wednesday, the 14th inst., on the River, below Fredericton. The Baptist and Free Baptist Sunday Schools in that city united for the occasion, and accompanied by many friends of the Schools, making a party in all of about 350, proceeded down the river to the picnic place, where they arrived at 10 o'clock. A pleasant season together. They arrived at the island about 12 o'clock, and left at 4 o'clock, getting to Fredericton about 7 o'clock. The party was accompanied by Stewart's Band, and the day being very fine, and not a drop of rain falling, the excursion was a most enjoyable one. The music and the delightful mild air rendered the trip, especially the return in the evening, exceedingly agreeable. On the island the tables were spread in one continuous line, and the children and teachers sat in the same row, until the day mingled together in one cheerful company, each trying to make everybody else as happy as possible. The long double line of happy faces stretching away over the meadow, was a sight of itself well worth seeing.

On the return it was noticed that another picnic party had been spending the day on Oromocto Island. This was supposed to be Mr. Seely's Sunday School, who had come there expecting to meet the Schools from the city; for it was on that island that the Schools first met. The Schools had not met. The party on the island came to the shore as the boat passed, and there was a hearty exchange of salutations; while the singing which was going on on the boat was changed to the louder and more lively strains of the hymns of the two parties, until, even for the passing moment, enjoying something in common. Had the City Schools known of the intention of the other to meet them there, they would certainly not have gone farther. No doubt all would have been better together, and it was possible that they might have enjoyed a more pleasant excursion. This union of these Schools for pleasure excursion purposes is an experiment which will bear repeating. We hope to see it often repeated; and if others find it convenient to join with the whole party, they will find no cause to regret doing so.

The boat the party used, the "Antelope," was kindly placed at their disposal gratis by Mr. Glazier; and the attention and kindness of Capt. Duncan and the hands left nothing wanting in that direction, while it was for them, they were the whole party. On Sunday both Schools voted thanks to Mr. Glazier for the free use of the boat.

We are much indebted to Bro. Reid for the interest he took in the INTELLIGENCER at the N. S. Conference.

HARPER'S MONTHLY, for October, has some capital articles. Every number contains something worth more than the price. For sale by J. & A. McMillan.

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ORDER OF BRITISH TEMPLARS.

The M. W. G. Lodge (the highest tribunal of the Order) assembled at Woodstock, Carleton County, N. B., on Tuesday, 30th ult. It was the largest Session ever convened by this branch, there being present over 160 members, 100 of whom were representatives—representing the Provincial Lodges of Ontario, P. E. Island, New Brunswick and Nova Scotia. In many respects the Session was very important. The Order throughout the entire jurisdiction was reported in a very flourishing condition. The following is the reported membership:

New Brunswick	13,000
Nova Scotia	12,000
Ontario	2,300
P. E. Island	2,000
Newfoundland	240
Bernadine, Quebec and New Zealand	117
Total	29,557

Juvenile Lodges—
Nova Scotia, 869
Ontario, 400
New Brunswick, 400
P. E. Island, 200

Total membership, 31,557

NEW LODGES FORMED DURING THE LAST YEAR.

New Brunswick	40
Ontario	22
Quebec	1
P. E. Island	1
Nova Scotia	10
Total	80

The following is the List of Officers for the ensuing term:

John P. Bell, St. John, N. B., M. W. G. C. T.; Mrs. G. P. Tanton, Charlottetown, N. B., M. W. G. V.; A. M. Henson, Liverpool, N. S., M. W. G. Sec.; G. C. Frazier, Truro, N. S., M. W. G. Treas.; Rev. W. Savage, York, Ont., M. W. G. Lec.; C. W. Hall, Charlottetown, P. E. I., M. W. G. Coun.; Rev. S. C. Moor, Woodstock, N. B., M. W. G. Chap.; Robert Martin, Sydney, C. B., M. W. G. Rec.; E. P. Flewelling, Clifton, N. B., M. W. G. Sec.; Miss A. J. Colpitts, Petrolia, N. B., M. W. G. D.M.; C. G. Ruttan, Wooler, Ont., M. W. G. I.G.; W. J. McKean, Port Hastings, C. B., M. W. G. P. G.; Hon. W. P. Flewelling, Clifton, N. B., M. W. G. P. G.

Considerable alterations were made in the Constitution of the different Lodges and in the Rituals, together with a large amount of General Business in reference to the future working of the Order. The next Session is to be held at Truro, N. S., on the 2nd Tuesday of August, 1871.

THE UNITY OF BAPTISTS IN EDUCATIONAL INTERESTS.

In 1828 the Baptists of this country founded their first educational institution, and from that period up to the present time their Associations and Conventions have made the subject of secular and religious education a constant matter for consideration and support. Experience has taught them that education, under denominational guidance, constitutes a powerful element in ministerial and church progress. Our Free Christian Baptist brethren of New Brunswick have been talking for some years past of founding an educational institution, but they have not entered practically upon the work. The expense of such an enterprise is, of course, a serious obstacle in their way. Any denomination engaged in the support of efficient Seminars and Colleges must have their benevolent funds largely directed in this course. The course of these means will be to the detriment of other benevolent objects.

For many years it has seemed to us that the two sections of the Baptist family in this Province would be mutually benefited by co-operating together in this business of education. One institution, established upon a large scale, and thoroughly supplied with first-class teachers and with all needful apparatus for carrying forward the work of education, in accordance with the most approved methods of the age, would be much more efficient than two inferior ones. Consistently and judiciously carried out, and if under the patronage and guidance of the two denominations, it would justify claim all the support from the Provincial funds, which, under other circumstances, would be divided between the two bodies.

Can there be any serious objection to such co-operation? We are essentially the same people. True, there are shades of difference both in doctrine and practice, but both sections profess to believe in the doctrine of justification by faith, and in salvation by grace alone from first to last. Then, in our hearts, we are all brethren, and we are all united in the same end, the absolute necessity of a converted church membership, and immersion as the only scriptural mode of baptism. We are, of course, divided on the communion question; but any shades of difference that may exist on this or any other matter is of no sufficient magnitude to prevent us from co-operating most heartily in educational interests. Indeed, union at this point may tend to break down the bars in other directions.

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THE FIRST FRUITS—ENCOURAGING.

Under date of Sept. 16th, Rev. J. G. McKenzie writes:—
"I take the opportunity of introducing to you five brethren as new subscribers to your paper."

We are happy to be made acquainted with the brethren named, and hope our acquaintance may be mutually profitable and pleasant. Bro. McKenzie will accept our thanks for the part he has acted in the matter, and be assured that we shall be only too glad to form similar acquaintance with many more of his friends.

It is evident the talk at the 4th District Meeting meant work, since the letter, containing the names, is dated only four days after the close of the D. M. We have no doubt others who were at the meeting are interesting themselves in like manner; and we expect to hear from them soon.

Will the friends of the paper, and the denomination of which it is the organ, "go and do likewise?" We need their aid, and hope to have it.

ADDRESS FROM THE COMMITTEES

OF THE LONDON AND AMERICAN PEACE SOCIETIES TO

DEAR FRIENDS:—That which we have long feared has come upon the nations. The system of armed peace which the Governments of Europe have insisted on maintaining has issued, as such a system could not fail, sooner or later, to do, in open war between the two Powers which had most distinguished themselves by the excess of their warlike preparations. The conflict which has now commenced will, beyond doubt, prove to be one of the most awful in the history of the world. It will involve incalculable destruction of human life and property, will mar the minds of millions of people with horror and anguish, will derange those beneficent ties of commerce by which mankind are bound to each other, will arrest the progress of liberty and civilization, will envenom men's spirit by evil passions, and will make the very name of Christianity a mockery in the ears of the world.

But while overwhelmed with sorrow at this terrible event, we at least can look upon it with a conscience free from remorse. For many years we have not ceased, to the extent of our abilities and opportunities, in our endeavor to improve upon God's order, and peoples the duty of using the lucid intervals of peace in adopting means which would give some guarantee to the nations against so dire a calamity as that which has now overtaken them. Far from having proclaimed, as we are sometimes mistakenly accused of doing, an approaching millennium of universal peace, our voice, on the contrary, has been one of constant deprecation and warning, on the ground that there was no security for peace while Europe was incessantly preparing for war, and while the nations were engaged in the continuance of peace, the mercy of the excited passions and hazardous accidents of the moment. Therefore it is that we have been