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NOVA SCOTIA GENERAL CONFERENCE

The Twenty-first Annual Conference was held with the church at Beaver River, beginning Sept. 8th.

Elders' Conference met on Wednesday afternoon at 2.30. Absent, Revs. A. C. Thompson, delegate from N. B. Conference.

Visitors—Rev. F. Babcock; Licentiate G. F. Currie, B. N. Nobles, and Rev. A. C. Thompson, delegate from N. B. Conference.

Resolved, That Rev. A. Kinney be Moderator, and Rev. J. W. Freeman Assistant.

Resolved, That visiting brethren be invited to a seat with us.

The Treatise of Faith was considered, and a general discussion ensued. The discussion was resumed in two other sessions held on Thursday and Friday mornings. At both sessions the question of "Union" was talked over. The discussions were profitable and enjoyed; an excellent spirit prevailed, and the most perfect harmony was manifest.

Wednesday evening, at 7.30, Rev. S. N. Royal preached a good sermon to a fair congregation.

GENERAL CONFERENCE.

Thursday, 10 o'clock.

The Moderator conducted the opening exercises. The Moderator, Rev. E. Crowell, was re-elected, and Rev. J. W. Freeman elected Assistant.

Visiting brethren were invited to a seat with us.

Resolved, That Revs. J. J. Barnes and C. B. Atwood be received as members of Conference.

Resolved, That J. E. Morton, a licentiate of Harmony Quarterly Meeting, be a member of Conference.

Resolved, That Revs. A. Kinney, Wm. Miller, and Deacon Jacob Tedford, be the Prudential and Nominating Committee.

The following committees were appointed:

General Committee—Brethren T. H. Siddall, W. C. Weston, A. R. Durkee, J. P. Durkee, Wm. Miller, J. J. Barnes and F. G. Francis.

Public Questions—Brethren C. B. Atwood, J. E. Morton, James Durkee, Robert Prosser, S. N. Royal, W. S. Porter, J. A. Smith.

Adjournd 12 o'clock.

Met 2.15. The Nominating Committee reported officers of the benevolent societies:

Education Society—Rev. A. Kinney, President; Rev. E. Crowell, Secretary-Treasurer.

Ministers' Relief Fund—President, Rev. W. C. Weston; Secretary, Rev. J. W. Freeman; Treasurer, N. D. McGray.

Home Mission Society—President, W. G. Sims; Secretary-Treasurer, Rev. T. H. Siddall.

Temperance League—President, N. D. McGray; Secretary-Treasurer, Rev. T. H. Siddall.

Foreign Mission Society—President, Rev. J. I. Porter; Secretary-Treasurer, Rev. J. W. Freeman.

Sabbath-School Convention—President, Rev. S. N. Royal; Secretary-Treasurer, Rev. J. J. Barnes.

Delegates appointed to other bodies: F. C. B., N. B.—Rev. S. N. Royal; substitute, Rev. C. B. Atwood.

Maine Central Yearly Meeting—Rev. J. W. Freeman; substitute, Rev. Wm. Miller.

F. W. B. Triennial General Conference, Marion, Ohio, U. S.—Rev. T. H. Siddall; substitute, Rev. A. Kinney.

Western Baptist Association—Revs. T. H. Siddall, Wm. Miller and C. B. Atwood.

Disciple's Yearly Meeting—Revs. A. Kinney and S. N. Royal.

Free Baptist Convention—Revs. J. I. Porter, E. Crowell, T. H. Siddall, Wm. Miller, and Bros. N. D. McGray, W. G. Sims and Albert Cook.

Resolved, That the revision of the Constitution and the preparing of a Manual be left in the hands of the Executive of General Conference.

Resolved, That Rev. T. H. Siddall preach the Annual Sermon; substitute, Rev. Wm. Miller.

The following were appointed the Executive of General Conference—Bros. E. Crowell, J. I. Porter, J. W. Freeman, A. Kinney, T. H. Siddall, Wm. Miller, B. F. Kenny, J. H. Tedford and B. B. Woodworth.

REPORTING MEETING.

Rev. A. C. Thompson, as delegate from the N. B. Conference, said he was glad to be present and bring the greetings of his Conference. The year had been one of prosperity. They had to report 700 additions to their membership, which is now 11,750; adher-

ents, 40,000. Raised for support of the ministry, \$11,425.91; current church expenses, \$2,115.14; buildings and improvements, \$6,253.23; total, \$19,794.28. He spoke of their continued interest in temperance, education and Sabbath-schools. Altogether we are prospering and steadily growing. He regretted that Bro. McLeod was unable to be present. He requested a continuance of the fraternal relations which have so long existed. His report was well received and appreciated.

The clerk, Rev. S. N. Royal, of Harmony Quarterly Meeting, read his report, which was of more than usual interest. The churches had had more care than for years past. Additions had been made to several churches, and the present outlook was good.

Rev. J. W. Freeman, clerk of the Yarmouth and Shelburne Quarterly Meeting, presented a most interesting report. All the churches in the Quarterly Meeting, except one or two had, during the year, received pastoral care. The pastorate system had produced admirable results. He carefully reviewed the work done on each pastorate, which showed steady and marked progress all round. Additions in both Quarterly Meetings, 113. Present membership, 3,660. Money raised for all purposes, \$10,441.

Resolved, That the Harmony Quarterly Meeting report be referred to a committee of five on the "State of the Denomination."

Committee appointed: Bros. N. D. McGray, W. C. Weston, A. R. Durkee, J. A. Smith and J. W. Freeman.

Resolved, That in the opinion of this Conference it is not wise for a Quarterly Meeting to appoint delegates to other Christian bodies without the recommendation of General Conference.

Resolved, That hereafter the General Conference Executive present a report of their work at each General Conference.

Annual sermon was preached in the evening at 7.30, by Rev. S. K. West. Text, 2 Samuel, 3 chap., 33-34 verses. Subject, "The Free-will of Man." A good congregation was present, and the subject one of much interest; quite a number took part at the close of the sermon.

Friday—General Conference assembled at 10 o'clock. Report of General Committee:

1. Your committee have marked with great pleasure the improvement in the make-up of the RELIGIOUS INTELLIGENCER, and again reiterate our confidence in and esteem for its worthy editor. We heartily commend it to all our people, and believe that it should have amongst us a larger circulation; for it is a co-worker with us in building up and extending the Master's kingdom.

2. We are pleased with the marked ability manifest in the conducting of the *Morning Star*, and hope it will continue to receive the support its merits demands. Also, we cordially urge the claims of the worthy *Missionary Helper* upon all our friends.

3. We trust that our ministers will continue to urge, publicly, the value and blessings of good religious literature, and do all possible to secure a larger circulation of our religious periodicals.

4. That 1,400 copies of our Minutes be published, and the clerk receive the sum of \$25.

5. That collections be taken up at all preaching services under the control of Conference, in aid of the Ministers' Relief Fund.

6. That a committee be appointed to consider the whole question of ministerial education, and report to this Conference.

7. That should no church ask for the next General Conference, the Executive have power to locate it.

8. That as it is desirable to define our position on the "Union Question," we recommend a committee of three be appointed to draw up a report on the whole question, and report to this Conference during its present session.

9. That as our Jubilee occurs on June 17th, 1887, we recommend that this Conference arrange for commemorating and holding the same.

Report was adopted.

Adjournd at 12.15.

Met at 2 o'clock.

The following were appointed a committee on the "Question of Union": Bros. T. H. Siddall, N. D. McGray and B. F. Kenny.

On "Ministerial Education": Bros. C. B. Atwood, E. Crowell, Wm. Miller, W. G. Sims and A. Kinney.

Bro. N. D. McGray, as Secretary of the Halifax Mission, gave his financial report:

Balance due on mortgage, \$1,000; accumulation of interest to Aug. 1st, 1886, \$422.77; by cash, A. Kinney, \$50; by cash, vote of Conference, per

J. I. Porter, \$50; balance due, \$1,322.77.

Committee on Public Questions reported on temperance, urging the need of pastors giving a sermon on temperance at least once a year; also, that Sabbath-school teachers, as often as possible, give a temperance lesson. That temperance literature be introduced in our families, and text-books in our schools. They also reported on the Sabbath, and called attention to the growing evil of Sabbath visiting. The report on education urged the need of greater support to our Education Society.

The report on Absent Brethren alluded to Revs. C. Cann, A. Swim, and Dr. Sturgis. The kindest sympathy was expressed towards the two former, in their retirement, on account of old age; and to Dr. Sturgis, in his loss of a dear member of his family.

THE DELEGATION.

From the Western Baptist Association: Revs. A. Cohoon, A. Cogswell, and J. I. DeWolfe, were then introduced. Rev. A. Cohoon said he was glad to bear to you the greetings of the Western Baptist Association. There is a growing desire for a closer union. It would be a matter for rejoicing if we could unite as one body. There are many things to be gained by such an union. Of course there are some things too dear for us to give up. We can and should give up our prejudices, but our convictions of truth we cannot give up. In closing, he explained the action of their Convention in appointing a committee to meet a committee of the F. C. Baptist Conference of New Brunswick, and thought it would be well for Nova Scotia Conference to appoint a committee to meet with them. Should the union not be possible just now he hoped they would not be less friends, or cease to esteem each other the more.

Rev. A. Cogswell—I join in sympathy with the statements made by Bro. Cohoon. I do not know why we cannot be one. In the past I have mingled much with you, and hope to see the union brought about ere I close my service on earth.

Rev. J. I. DeWolfe—I am pleased to meet the Conference to-day. I have always felt a nearness to this body; having received much help from you. Sometimes I am not sanguine about the matter of union, but I live in hope.

The Moderator responded, and explained that we had appointed a committee to consider the whole question.

A hearty vote of thanks was passed to the delegation.

General Committee again reported:

1. That the Minutes and Constitution of the Woman's Foreign Missionary Society be published in our Minutes.

2. That our ministers be requested to give an address to children, occasionally.

3. That the arrangements for a jubilee service be left with the executive of General Conference.

Adjournd 4 o'clock.

ANNUAL MEETING WOMEN'S AID SOCIETY

4 o'clock. The chair was taken by Miss Aurilla Smith. After singing Mrs. J. J. Barnes read the Scripture lesson, and Rev. F. Babcock engaged in prayer. Miss Swain read the reports, which were spoken to by Mrs. J. W. Freeman and others, and adopted. A letter was read by the President, *pro tem*, from Mrs. Burkholder. Revs. A. C. Thompson and E. Crowell delivered short speeches which added much to the interest of the meeting. Bro. and Sister Atwood gave a duet which was greatly appreciated. Subscribed during the year \$312.00; collection, \$11.48. The meeting was a good one. It was deeply regretted that so many of the active workers were unable to be present.

HOME MISSION MEETING

was held in the evening 7.30, President G. W. Sims presiding. The annual reports were presented. The work done has been good. Amount received and expended during the year \$295.00. The chairman, Revs. A. Kinney, J. J. Barnes, J. I. Porter, J. W. Freeman, Wm. Miller, S. K. West, and Bros. N. D. McGray, A. R. Durkee made effective addresses. Bro. and Sister Atwood sang together a piece with excellent taste. The following resolution was cordially passed:

Whereas, In the past our Home Mission Society has been the means of greatly enriching all our denominational interests;

And whereas, We believe that it is an imperative need that this Society

should be heartily sustained and supported;

Therefore resolved, That we pledge ourselves to do all we can to support this Society during the present year.

There was a large congregation and the interest pleasing. Collection, \$15.50.

GENERAL CONFERENCE.

Saturday 9 o'clock.

Resolved, That we recommend the H. M. Society to put a missionary to work for a month in Kings County under the control of H. M. Board.

Report of Committee "on the State of the Denomination":

1. That a delegation be appointed from this Conference to attend two sessions of the Harmony Quarterly Meeting. One to be held in Queens and the other in Kings County; also that they have power to act in the name of General Conference, and report to our next Yearly Meeting.

2. That two be appointed to go to Kings County and two to Queens County, and that we request the present Clerk of Harmony Quarterly Meeting to co-operate with the delegation.

3. That a collection be taken up at each of the aforesaid meetings towards the expenses of the delegation, and the same be reported to our next General Conference.

4. That the expenses of the delegation be paid by this Conference.

5. That in the event due notice is not given in the INTELLIGENCER of the aforesaid meetings, that the delegation have power with Bros. James Cushing, J. E. Morine, Z. West and A. Kinney to give notice and call the meetings.

6. That a committee of three be appointed to aid in obtaining pastoral help for any of our parishes.

Report adopted.

Resolved, That Revs. J. I. Porter, Wm. Miller, be the delegates to the Harmony Quarterly Meeting to be held in Kings County; and Revs. T. H. Siddall, E. Crowell, to the one to be held in Kings County.

Resolved, That Bros. N. D. McGray, Josiah Hopkins, James Kenney be the pastoral help committee.

Resolved, That we have received with pleasure the report of the delegation from Halifax church—Bro. Parker—in reference to the standing and future of that interest, and that we extend to Bro. Boyd and the church our hearty sympathy and co-operation in their work.

C. B. Atwood, } Committee.
A. Kinney, }

The following report was read and adopted "on the union question":

1. We rejoice in the spirit and desire for union now pervading the heart and mind of so many Christian bodies, who are one in so much common to all.

2. We believe it is our duty as a people to foster and promote this excellent spirit, especially within the Baptist family.

3. That we should in every possible way reciprocate the spirit and sentiments expressed by the delegation of the Western Baptist Association sent to this General Conference.

4. We recommend the continuance of fraternal relations with the Western Baptist Association.

5. As we have convention relations with the Free Christian Baptists of New Brunswick, and as they with us are interested in this question of union with the Baptists, we think that the consideration and formulating of a possible basis of union can best be undertaken by the aforesaid Free Baptist Convention.

6. As a committee of the F. C. B. Conference is to meet a committee of the Baptist Convention in St. John shortly, we urge, if thought by the executive of the Free Baptist Convention and the executives of the two conferences united in convention advisable, to hold a convention after the aforesaid committees have met in St. John.

7. That we at this conference appoint delegates to the Free Baptist convention.

8. That we neither in convention or general conference ratify a basis of union if formulated and agreed upon, until such a basis has been submitted to our Quarterly Meetings, and by them to our churches for endorsement or otherwise.

9. That while we cultivate and cherish the spirit of union, we do not abate in our desire to strengthen and build up all our interests, but do all possible to fulfill the duties of to-day, as the best preparation for that which may or may not await us in the future.

T. H. Siddall,
N. D. McGRAY,
B. F. KENNEY,

ANNUAL SOCIAL CONFERENCE

was held at 2 o'clock. Bro. G. F. Currie, the esteemed pastor, presiding. It was a season of great blessing. A very large number took part.

EDUCATION MEETING

at 7.30. President Rev. J. I. Porter presided. The Secretary, Rev. E. Crowell, read an annual report full of interest. The President, Revs. A. C.

Thompson, T. H. Siddall, A. Kinney, and Bros. B. N. Nobles, G. F. Currie addressed the meeting. The speaking was good and the meeting-house crowded. Collection and pledges over \$200.

SABBATH SERVICES.

9 o'clock prayer-meeting led by Bro. Wm. Miller. 10.30, Rev. A. C. Thompson preached; text Isa. xxxiv. 17. The sermon was practical, impressive and helpful.

2.30, Rev. C. B. Atwood; text 1 Samuel xvii. 49. Both the subject and sermon were alike profitable and good. At the close the ordinance of the Lord's Supper was administered, and all felt it blessed to be present.

7.30, Rev. T. H. Siddall; text Romans i. 16. At the close a number took part, and a consecration service held.

OTHER SERVICES.

Baptist, 10.30, Rev. E. Crowell; Baptist, 7.00, Bro. B. N. Nobles; Lake George, 10.00, Rev. J. W. Freeman; Cedar Lake, 7.30, Rev. J. J. Barnes; Sanford, 10.30, Bro. Francis; Sanford, 7.30, Bro. Gideon Swim; Yarmouth, 7.30, Rev. A. C. Thompson. The congregations at Beaver River were very large.

MONDAY.

General Conference met at 9 o'clock. Resolved, That hereafter we have General Conference Licentiate; also, that we request the General Conference executive to draw up rules to govern the same.

Resolved, That the General Conference executive be an arrangement committee.

Report of committee on the Halifax interest.

Whereas, That owing to the financial position and difficulties of the Halifax Mission,

Resolved, 1. That the Secretary of the Halifax Mission be instructed to notify the trustees unless provision is made for the interest of the debt that we shall be obliged to bring the matter to a close.

2. That the executive of General Conference have power to deal with the whole matter, and look after the interests of this Conference.

(Signed) J. I. PORTER,
E. CROWELL,
A. KINNEY,
T. H. SIDDALL,
C. B. ATWOOD,
J. A. SMITH.

In committee of the whole the Licentiate were examined. Bro. J. E. Morton expressed that he purposed fitting himself for a teacher and to do what good he could.

Bro. James Smith that he intended to go to Northfield, N. S., prior to going to Bates' Theological College.

Bro. Francis intends to pursue his studies, and was requested to confer with the Education Board.

The examination was interesting and profitable to all concerned. A recommendation was made that Yarmouth and Shelburne Quarterly Meeting grant Bro. J. Smith a license at the November session, as he will not be able to be present.

SABBATH-SCHOOL CONVENTION,

10.30, Rev. S. N. Royal, President, presiding. The proceedings were of a beneficial character. A number of speeches were made. Bros. A. R. Durkee, E. King and J. J. Barnes, were appointed a committee to arrange a programme for next year.

FOREIGN MISSION SOCIETY,

3 o'clock, held their annual meeting. Rev. A. Kinney, President, in the chair. The Secretary, Rev. J. W. Freeman, read a report of more than ordinary interest. The work of the year has been fairly good. Speeches were made by Brethren F. G. Francis, C. B. Atwood, G. F. Currie. A general determination was made to do more in the coming year.

General Conference met 4.30.

Resolved, That Bro. N. D. McGray be Secretary of the Halifax Mission.

Resolved, That we tender our hearty thanks to the friends of Beaver River for their generous hospitality; to the choir for their helpful services; to the proprietors of the Memorial Hall for the use of it; to the Rev. S. K. West for his annual sermon; and to the Moderator for his services.

Resolved, That we adjourn as per constitution.

MEMORIAL HALL TEMPERANCE MASS MEETING

was held in the above building at 7.30. The hall was packed. Rev. A. Kinney in the chair. Ten minute speeches were made by the following brethren, T. H. Siddall, Wm. Miller, G. F.

Currie, S. K. West, A. C. Thompson, C. B. Atwood, B. Nobles, S. N. Royal, J. I. Porter, E. Crowell. An excellent choir rendered efficient service. The following resolution was unanimously passed:

Resolved, In the opinion of this meeting the time has come when temperance men should band themselves together to secure a prohibitory law suppressing the sale, manufacture and importation of alcoholic liquors.

Further resolved, That in our opinion nothing less will satisfy the best interests of our common humanity, the weal of the people and the claims of God's Word.

The meeting was one of the best! Conference temperance meetings we have had. The hall in which we met has been erected to commemorate the formation of the oldest temperance society in the Dominion, which took place in a building on the site of the present Hall, in April 28, 1828.

During the sessions of General Conference prayer and preaching services were held in the hall at Maitland, and in the one at Beaver River with good interest.

Bro. G. F. Currie and the Committee of Management did all possible to look after the large number of friends and members of Conference who attended. The entire Conference was good from first to last. Goodwill and harmony prevailed in a marked degree throughout. God's blessing rested upon us in an especial manner. As this coming year is our jubilee, it is hoped that it will be one of rejoicing because of God's rich blessings vouchsafed to us.

No doubt that the executive will arrange for not only the marking of fifty years labor, but for gifts of gratitude to our various benevolent societies. It is hoped that Father Swim, the only one living of those who took part in the organizing of the denomination on Cape Island, June 17th, 1837, may be spared and have health to be present at our next Yearly Meeting.

T. H. SIDDALL,
Assistant Clerk.

Among Our Exchanges.

TOBACCO USING.

It is amusing to see the number of men who defend their use of tobacco on the score of health, especially of the tooth-ache. How would it do for our wives and sisters, who frequently have tooth-ache, to resort to this remedy? Perhaps the men think it would be better for them to have the "old snags" pulled.—*Cumberland Presbyterian*.

DO NOT STAY AWAY.

Do not allow a frivolous excuse or a little weariness to keep you away from prayer-meeting. You need that season of grace. Others need your influence and help in serving the Master. Every church and pastor should do the utmost to have the prayer-meeting the best service of the church. It is the meeting of the people. Have good music and singing and earnest-hearted service.—*Telescope*.

BORROWED HORSES.

There are some young men we know whom we could expose and ruin, and would do so if we had not privately written them and warned them. We are now waiting for the warning to take effect. Sermon thieves in the end are exposed. We could give the name of a man who would have been called back to a church for the second time if the fact that much of his matter during the first term was stolen had not come to be generally known among the members.—*Church Advocate*.

FEAR OF COMPANIONS.

Many minds when under conviction are held back from repentance and faith by the ties of companionship. They are either too strongly attached to their ungodly associates to quit their company, or they are too much afraid of their scorn to become disciples of Him who alone is able to save them from their sins. To all such a poet says very earnestly:

"Oh, do not damn yourself for company! And a wiser than the poet warn them with the weighty declaration that 'a companion of fools shall be destroyed.'—*Zion's Herald*.

IN YOUR HEART.

Hide the word of God in your memory and in your heart. David hid the law of God in his heart that he might not sin against God. The word of God hid away in a loving heart will prevent all sin. When a Catholic found a little girl with a Bible, and took it from her violently, she cried for a while, then she said, "You may take that Book from me, but you can't take that sweet text out of my heart." We do not love the blessed word of God as we ought. It is not enough to have a nice copy of the Bible—have it in your heart.