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orthman's responsibility in connection with God's gracious work. At 7.30 p. m., Rev. G. A. Hartley preached. His text was Phil. 1:17. The preacher said the apostle Paul was intensely interested in the prosperity of the churches. He knew that the influence and spread of the gospel depended largely upon the consolidation and enlargement of the churches of his time. When he wrote this epistle he was a prisoner at Rome, not knowing but that his imprisonment might end in death; but his anxiety was not about himself. He had the church at Philippi "in his heart," and yearning over the cause of his Lord, with unspeakable tenderness he uttered the language of the text. The text had been chosen because of an earnest desire that the churches of our own denomination might stand fast, and strive together for the faith of the gospel. He spoke of (1) the object of Christian striving. The faith of the gospel, as here used, does not mean the attitude of the mind towards the truths of revelation, but signifies what is to be believed. The gospel is the climax of Divine Revelation, and teaches us concerning sin and how to be saved from it—sin in its ruining power upon man, and in its effect upon God. The heavenly Father cannot but be deeply sorrowful over the alienation and rebellion of man. Man was ruined by sin, and God was pained by the rebellion caused by sin. Jesus, knowing it all, came that he might make the way possible for man to be restored to the favor of God, and for the heart of God to be made glad in the reception of his prodigal child. He went on to say that there are but two moral states for man in this life—one a state of sinfulness the other a state of holiness. Regeneration is the way, and only way, of passing from the state of sinfulness to that of holiness. In each of these states there are many degrees. It is the duty and privilege of the soul after regeneration to "perfect holiness in the fear of God." The ideal of the Christian is the character of God; to be holy as He is holy. The process by which this spiritual enlargement is carried on is sanctification. Christian perfection at best is but imperfect perfection. Perfect so far as it has gone, with greater possibilities before us.

The faith of the gospel includes all the teachings of our Lord and His apostles. Amongst other things baptism, which is immersion. Immersion is as essential to baptism as bread and wine are to the Lord's Supper. God's foreknowledge, the possibility of falling from grace, the conscious state of the soul after death, the resurrection of the body, and many other things are included. The preacher then treated (2) the manner of the church's striving. It is defensive. The truth is often assailed. Infidels and false teachers assail it and try to bring it into contempt. But the church is set for its defence. This is the church's work. We must defend our old doctrinal landmarks and not permit new or false teachings amongst our churches. It is aggressive. Every Christian should feel with Paul, that having received the truth into his own heart he should seek to infuse it into the hearts of all others. It should be unitedly "With one mind striving together." Union is strength.

There was preaching in several other places during the day. Some of those appointed to preach, however, were unable to reach their appointments on account of the rain. The preaching at the place of Conference, and doubtless, in the other places as well, was with good effect; and it may be expected that the seed of truth sown will bear fruit. The ordinance of the Lord's Supper was administered in the afternoon service to a large number of believers.

MONDAY.—At 9.30 a. m. business was resumed. The election for Moderator resulted in the choice of Rev. Wm. Downey; Rev. G. W. McDonald was elected Assistant Moderator. Both the retiring Moderator and the new Moderator made suitable remarks, one on leaving and the other on taking the chair.

Rev. A. B. McDonald, and later, Rev. A. Hayward and Rev. C. Goodspeed (Baptists) were invited to seats in the Conference.

The Committee on Revision and Consolidation of the Constitution submitted a report as follows:

Your committee under the direction of resolution 34 (last annual session), beg leave to report:

1.—(a) That the executive committee for Home Missions shall engage missionaries and institute such agencies as may be required for carrying on home mission work. (b) It shall have the power to dismiss any or all of its missionaries before the time of engagement shall expire if circumstances demand it. (c) It shall make an annual report of its work to the Conference. (d) Four members of the executive shall form a quorum for the transaction of business. (e) The treasurer shall have charge of the funds and keep account of the same. (f) The

corresponding secretary shall conduct the correspondence of the executive and prepare and submit a report of home mission work to the conference annually.

2.—(a) That the executive for Foreign Missions shall have control of the foreign mission work of the denomination. (b) It shall institute such agencies as the interests of the work demand, and submit an annual report to conference. (c) Five of its members shall form a quorum for the transaction of business. (d) The executive shall make an annual report of its work to the Conference. The treasurer shall have charge of the funds and keep a correct account of the same. (f) The corresponding secretary shall conduct the foreign mission correspondence and shall prepare an annual report.

3. (a) It shall be the duty of the executive for Sabbath schools to stimulate and extend the interest in Sabbath school work in the denomination, employing to that end such means as may be required. (b) Five members shall be a quorum for the transaction of business. (c) The Sabbath schools in connection with our churches and the district clerks shall report to the corresponding secretary, whose duty it shall be to prepare the executive annual report and report to the Conference.

4. (a) That the word "aged" in 20th line, page 31, minutes 1886, be struck out and the words "sick and disabled" be instituted therefor. (b) That the executive for the Relief of Sick and Disabled Ministers be empowered to grant such temporary relief as they deem expedient. (c) That the treasurer shall receive and take charge of the funds held by the treasurer of the late minister's relief fund association and all other funds contributed for like purpose, and shall prepare the executive annual report and present it to the Conference.

5. That the names of all persons who have been life members of the late Home and Foreign Mission Societies and also of all persons who shall hereafter contribute sums which would have constituted them life members shall be published annually in the minutes and contributions to Home or Foreign Missions as the case may be.

The action of last session which gave rise to the foregoing report was that after the first day of the sessions of 1887 the Constitutions of the H. M. Society, F. M. Society, S. S. Convention and Ministers Relief Fund Association be rescinded, and that the work hitherto done by them be entrusted to Executive Committees appointed by Conference. The object was to bring these branches of work into closer relations with Conference, and so more infuse its sympathy and cooperation. The report above defines the duties of the Committees.

The change will, it is believed, have good effect. Already there is promise of the anticipated benefits. Rev. J. W. Clark, from the committee on Temperance, submitted the following report:

"We desire gratefully to recognize the steady growth of the prohibition sentiment in the country; it is one of the most gratifying signs of the times. The importance of the work being done by the W. C. T. Union cannot be over-estimated; our sisters are devoted to this work in a true Christian spirit, and are not only rescuing many weak and fallen, but are doing as much, if not more, than any other organization to mould public opinion and bring it to bear against the drink traffic.

The C. T. Act has accomplished no little good though not all we desire, it is the best law yet enacted to restrict the traffic. Where there has been an earnest and persistent attempt to enforce the law it has effected a marked improvement. It is not only the duty of all officers of the law to make every effort to enforce it, but it is also the duty of all good citizens to give sympathy and support to the officials upon whom the duty of enforcement devolves.

He is a poor Christian who, even by affecting neutrality on this question, gives countenance and support to the enemy. Free Baptists, it is expected, will be true to the record of the denomination and continue unceasing warfare against the monster evil of our day. The report was adopted.

The discussion on the report brought out the feeling of the Conference on the Temperance question. No uncertain sound is ever given to it. Reference was made by a number of brethren to the C. T. Act; all were anxious for its faithful enforcement wherever it is the law.

A letter was received from Hon. Geo. E. Foster, the Auditor of Conference, expressing his regret that he was unable to be present at the session as he had expected to be. D. McLeod Vince, Esq., was appointed Auditor pro tem.

The election of the General Conference Executive resulted in the choice of Revs. G. A. Hartley, C. T. Phillips, A. Taylor and Jos. McLeod, and Wm. Peters, Esq. The Moderator and Recording Secretary are ex officio members of the Executive.

It was voted that 3500 copies of the minutes of Conference be printed.

2 p. m. After routine, Rev. C. F. Rideout read the report of the Committee on District Meetings. The report (which need not be published here) states the time and place of holding each meeting, and names the ministers other than those laboring in the District, who shall attend. Some discussion arose on the report, objection being made to some of the appointments. The report was adopted. Rev. J. W.

Clark, who at last Conference, was appointed a delegate of the Penobscot Yearly Meeting of Free Will Baptists, reported that he had been unable to attend because the Yearly Meeting was held so near the time of this session of Conference. He had, however, written the Yearly Meeting, conveying the Conference's greeting and explaining the cause of his non-attendance.

It was voted to discontinue the correspondence by delegation with the Yearly Meeting.

Rev. J. N. Barnes reported: "We rejoice to be able to report that none of our brethren in the ministry have been removed by death during the Conference year just closed, for which we give thanks to Almighty God."

The Committee on correspondence had nothing to report.

Revs. J. Perry and T. S. Van Wart and E. C. Freeze were appointed a committee to consider applications for leave of absence.

The Secretary was instructed to convey the thanks of Conference to the R. R. and steamboat managers who had given the benefit of reduced fares to persons attending the session.

Rev. John Perry desired an explanation of the action of the Sixth District Meeting in granting a license to a brother against the recommendation of last Conference. None of the officers or representatives of the District present were prepared to give the desired explanation. Later on motion of Rev. T. S. Van Wart, the question was sent to the District meeting to be answered at its next session.

The INTELLIGENCER received its annual commendation in the form of the following resolution, moved by Rev. A. C. Thompson:

It has been customary each year for this body to express their approbation of the RELIGIOUS INTELLIGENCER and to commend it to all Free Baptist families; and believing that this annual Conference should not allow this opportunity to pass without reaffirming its confidence in our denominational organ, therefore

Resolved, That we commend the INTELLIGENCER to all Free Baptist people; and as the price has been recently considerably reduced we express the hope that every Free Baptist family will now be able to secure its visits regularly to their home, and we hope that none of our people will allow any other religious periodical to supersede the INTELLIGENCER.

The editor briefly spoke his thanks to the brethren for their repeated expressions of confidence in commendation of the paper, and hoped it might always be worthy.

Rev. A. Taylor submitted the report on absent brethren. The absentees were Revs. E. Sippell, J. Noble, J. S. Jones, E. Garrity, and A. H. Trafton and Licentiate Gosline. Rev. E. Sippell is now the oldest minister in the Conference, being far past four score years. Rev. J. Noble was kept by the serious illness of his wife, whose death may be expected almost any day; the brethren felt much sympathy for him and trust he may have great grace. Rev. E. Garrity and A. H. Trafton sent word that they could not attend. Licentiate Gosline is pursuing his theological studies at Lewiston.

WOMAN'S MISSION MEETING.—The W. F. M. Society had several business meetings in which they arranged all their business such as closing the accounts, making appropriations, electing officers etc. Monday afternoon a public meeting was held in the church. The president, Mrs. Hartley, occupied the chair. After singing, Scripture reading and prayer by Mrs. E. Cosman, the President spoke of the work and success of the years since the society was organized, and urged to still greater efforts. The corresponding Secretary, Mrs. C. W. Weyman, submitted her report, which gave a very interesting account of the work, with suggestions that must help to further efforts.

(The report has not yet come to hand. It will be published later.) In a few appropriate remarks Mrs. R. Alexander moved, and Mrs. A. Turner seconded the adoption of the report. Adopted. The Treasurer, Mrs. Wm. Peters, submitted her report, which was very satisfactory. The amount collected in the year was \$851.91.

Mrs. Munroe spoke to the report, and suggested a generous collection.

Mrs. Wm. Heine presented a good report on Mission Intelligence, the adoption of which was moved by Mrs. E. Cosman and seconded by Mrs. C. Burt.

Mrs. F. Babcock read an interesting paper on "Woman's work for woman." (These reports will be published later.)

Though the sisters had not sufficient time for the meeting, it was a good one, and will bear fruit.

The officers of the Society for the ensuing year are,—President, Mrs. G. A. Hartley; Vice Presidents, Miss Lizzie Perley, Mrs. C. T. Phillips and Mrs. Wm. Downey; Cor. Secretary, Mrs. C. W. Weyman; Rec. Secretary, Mrs. Jos. McLeod; Asst. Rec. Sec. Mrs. G. W. McDonald; Treasurer, Mrs. E. Cosman; Auditor, Mrs. M. Fenwick;

Com. on Missionary Intelligence, Mrs. Simon McLeod, Mrs. Wm. Heine and Mrs. R. Alexander; District Secretaries are—1st, Miss N. O. Bloodworth; 2nd Mrs. S. H. Shaw; 3rd Mrs. C. Burt, with Miss F. Crowdon as Assistant; 4th Mrs. Thos. Alexander; 5th Miss Carpenter; 6th Miss Jane Weyman; 7th Miss L. Fullerton; Mrs. Babcock, Mrs. W. Peters, Mrs. G. R. Burt, Mrs. A. Turner, Mrs. J. A. Shea, and Mrs. A. C. Thompson were elected members of the Board of managers. The executive committee is composed of Mrs. C. W. Weyman, Mrs. Jos. McLeod, Mrs. W. Peters, Mrs. C. Burt, Miss Weyman, Mrs. M. Fenwick, Mrs. E. Cosman and the President and Secretary of the Board. Besides voting the salary of Miss Hooper, \$100 was appropriated for special work under her direction; the support of the orphan boy, Basadeh, was continued; and the support of Daniel Naik, a native teacher, was undertaken. The Society passed a resolution expressive of hearty appreciations of the good work she has done, and assuring her of continued sympathy and support.

The resignation of the office of Treasurer by Mrs. Peters was accepted with regret. She has filled the office since the organization of the Society. A resolution was passed expressing appreciation of her faithful services.

Monday evening was devoted to the consideration of foreign Mission matters. The Corresponding Secretary of the F. M. Executive submitted a report of the year's work. (The report will appear in a future issue.)

The report of the Treasurer, Mr. Peters, showed that the receipts of the year were \$589.59, which is over \$200 less than the expenditure of the year. Rev. C. T. Phillips, speaking to the reports, referred to our experiences: we were doing little or nothing. We prayed, God answered our prayers, and we were glad. Hundreds had pledged to give the missionaries their prayers and support. He wondered if all had kept their promises. Do pastors pray for missionaries in the public services? The effect of an every Sabbath public petition is strong on the congregation; it keeps them in thought of the work and the workers, their hearts are moved, and they readily support. He told of the effect on the children of praying for the missionaries in family worships, and related an incident of a little girl, in her evening prayer, asking in her childish language, the Lord to bless Mr. and Mrs. Boyer and Miss Hooper. He spoke warm words of the missionaries, whom God had given us, and trusted we would show our thankfulness to God and our interest in the work by larger contributions.

Rev. J. W. Clark spoke of the object of the Christian ministry. The commission is to disciple all nations; we cannot afford to neglect doing all in our power to this end. Some are in the habit of excusing themselves from contributing to the foreign work, on the plea that there is so much to do at home, and that they will help in the home work. As a rule those who use this plea do very little for any Christian work. "Who is my neighbor?" Our Lord has taught us that every man is; we must help every one, without respect to the part of the world in which his home is, to the knowledge of Jesus. He exhorted to more prayer for and more preaching about mission work.

Rev. F. Babcock expressed the astonishment he had some times at the manifest indifference to this work of many professing Christians. He wondered how any one who had knowledge and experience of the saving power of Christ, and who believed that out of Christ men are lost, could be destitute of interest in the efforts to make Him known in all the earth.

Rev. G. W. McDonald told of his personal interest in the missionaries, and gave the reasons therefor. He then dwelt upon the fact that Jesus had made atonement for the sin of the whole world, and argued that to be true to Christ we must work to bring all to know the benefits of the great atonement, against the apparent difficulties of the undertaking, he showed the need of more faith in God. Referring to the need of more money, he spoke of the tobacco waste by professed Christians, and said if the money were devoted to Christian purposes it would more than fill the mission treasuries.

Rev. Jos. McLeod dwelt upon the importance of systematic contributions. There is no church, he said, but can do something in this work; there is no church but needs, for its own sake as well as because of the heathens need, to participate in the service to which the evangelization of the world is to be brought about. He expressed the belief that we are not doing half we ought. The people he thought, would be ready to do their part if the matter were rightly brought and kept before them.

They need instruction, and should be kept informed about the progress and the needs of the work. Much depends on the ministers. They are the teachers and leaders of the people in things religious, and should be careful to instruct them as to the will of God in this matter, and to lead them to undertake great and greater things for Christ. He also spoke of the importance of having the right motive.

Rev. G. A. Hartley said our interest is in proportion to our knowledge of the work. He referred to the growing interests in it among the children, regarding it one of the most promising indications of the time.

Rev. C. Goodspeed told something of the work being done by his denomination (Baptist), and of the encouragements they have in it. He said he was sure their Foreign Mission has been a great benefit to the home churches.

The meeting was good, and will, without doubt, have good effect. It is hoped that in this year the interest in the work will be more general, and that not a single church will fail to both pray and pay for the support and success of the mission.

TUESDAY. At 8 a. m. the Elders' Conference had a meeting. At 9.30 a. m. Conference met again. After routine, Rev. J. W. Carpenter submitted a report on the Sabbath. It referred especially to the steamers with pleasure parties and the tug-boats on the river which desecrate the Lord's day, and condemned their violation of God's Sabbath law.

The Treasurer of the Ministers' Relief Fund, R. E. McLeod Esq., reported thus:

Invested in notes.....	\$442 55
Cash on hand.....	433 98
Interest received.....	44 12
Collection for year.....	99 22
Total.....	\$1,019 87
Amount disbursed.....	105 42
Balance on hand.....	\$914 45

Rev. Jos. McLeod, from the Committee on Baptist Union, submitted a report as follows:

"Your committee appointed by resolution of last Conference to cooperate with a like committee of the Baptist convention in considering the question of the union of the bodies beg to report as follows:

Immediately after the close of the Conference session, the joint committee met in St. John. After a full and free discussion of the matter in all its bearings, a sub-committee consisting of three members of each body was appointed to examine the articles of faith and the polity of the respective denominations and to arrange an agreement, if possible. Their work when submitted to the joint committee was approved. Later, at the suggestion of the committee, a general meeting was held, to which the proposed basis of union was submitted. The meeting approved and voted that it be published in the denominational papers. At the meeting of the Baptist convention held in August last, the basis was approved by that body. We herewith submit it for your consideration.—(then followed the Basis, which we omit as it has already been published in the INTELLIGENCER.)

Instead of giving in this report any of the reasons which have influenced our attitude towards the question of union we prefer in committing it to ask a thorough examination of it with earnest prayer that we may know God's will in this important matter and have the wisdom and courage to do it."

The consideration of the report was made the order of business at 2.30 p. m.

The Secretary of Elder's Conference communicated the action of Elders' Conference on the subject of Sanctification. (That action was published in the report of Conference in last week's paper.)

The following resolutions, moved by Rev. G. A. Hartley and seconded by Rev. A. Taylor, were adopted without division:

Inasmuch as the harmony and efficiency of this Conference and of a number of the churches of the denomination have for some years been greatly disturbed and injured by what is new and unscriptural teaching on the doctrine of sanctification:

Resolved, 1st, That this General Conference is pleased to know that the ministers of the Elders Conference have so clearly defined and set forth the views of the denomination on this subject as in their report just adopted by us.

2nd, That in view of the disturbed and divided state of several of our churches brought about by this new and unscriptural teaching we believe the time has come when this Conference should do more than set forth its views and should defend and protect the same by making the teaching of "instantaneous entire sanctification" as it has been taught by some of our ministers of late years and as this conference believes to be unscriptural a matter of discipline.

3rd, That any minister of this Conference who shall hereafter persist in teaching the views on sanctification disapproved both by the Elders' Conference and by this Conference shall thereby make himself a subject of discipline.

4th, That the General Conference shall be the body before whom charges in such cases shall be brought, and that it shall be in the power and the duty of the General Conference to withdraw fellowship from or suspend for a time such ministers as it may be thought expedient.

5th, That this Conference recommends the churches of the denomination to exercise caution and carefulness about the doctrinal views of the ministers whom they engage as pastors.

6th, That the churches are also recommended to be more particular in the exercise of discipline in connection with our church covenant and treatise of faith.

On behalf of the Second District Meeting, the Conference was asked to define what is meant by "labour" as the word is used in the constitution of District Meetings.

Some claim that it means service as a pastor, while others think it means or should mean any religious work done by a minister whether regularly engaged or not. In order to put the matter beyond the uncertainty of different interpretations, notice was given by Rev. A. Taylor of a motion in the next Conference to more clearly define it.

Rev. G. A. Hartley, from the committee on education, reported as follows:

1st. It affords our committee much pleasure to be able to report encouragingly concerning the erection of the fine buildings at St. Martins for the use of the Union Baptist seminary. After some reverses and considerable discouragements the directors now have strong hopes that the buildings will be completed and ready for use within a year. The location is beautiful for situation and finer structures for educational purposes or a better system of heating and ventilation are not to be found in the Maritime provinces. The Baptist denomination may well feel a becoming pride and satisfaction in owning such school property. It is greatly to be hoped that our people will come up to the full standard of duty and earnestly take hold of this grand undertaking and push it to a speedy completion, and also that when the school shall be in operation we shall avail ourselves of the superior advantage afforded for the education of our sons and daughters. Funds are especially needed at this very time.

2nd. The seminary that for a number of years has been in operation in St. John, has for the present been closed. The directors thought best not to reopen the school after the summer holidays until it could be opened in the new buildings in the new location.

3rd. We have a few young men who during the year have been studying with the ministry in view. Your committee cannot express too strongly our convictions that young men whom God calls to the work of the ministry should be fitted for their important life's work so far as a liberal education can fit them before they enter fully into the work and think this conference should do what it can to encourage and aid such young men.

4th. The small amount that was in the students' fund, \$13, has been expended in books for the students attending the seminary. Your committee believing that this conference cannot afford to allow worthy young men who need assistance to go unassisted, recommended that the students' fund be replenished by a grant of \$150 from the funds of this conference in the hands of the board of managers, and that the churches and individuals as well be requested to kindly remember the young men who feel the hand of God to be upon them, and who are thirsting for the educational advantages which they feel are so necessary for them to possess.

In the discussion on this report, the Seminary was spoken of and its claims on our people urged. It seems that an impression has been abroad that the gift of \$10,000 to the Seminary by Capt. Marsters was uncertain; this wrong impression was corrected.

The delegates from the Baptist Convention—Revs. Dr. Bill, J. A. Gordon and C. Goodspeed and John March Esq.—came into the Conference at this point, and were introduced and heartily welcomed. Rev. Dr. Bill took a seat on the platform with the Moderator. He also spoke for the delegation, expressing the pleasure they felt in being present, and telling how long and how much he desired that the Baptist bodies should be one.

2 P. M. The sitting opened with prayer by Dr. Bill. The report on Baptist Union was then taken up.

Rev. Jos. McLeod briefly related the steps that had been taken by the Joint Committee, and suggested that on the motion to consider the report *seriatim* there might very properly be a discussion of the whole question. He hoped there would be a free and full interchange of views.

The discussion which occupied the whole afternoon was participated in by Revs. F. Babcock, A. Taylor, C. T. Phillips, R. French, G. A. Hartley, T. Connor, H. Hart, J. Perry, W. Kinghorn, J. N. Barnes, J. H. Erb, E. B. Grey, G. W. McDonald, J. E. Reud, W. M. Knollin and Jos. McLeod, and Messrs. W. Peters, G. Draper, E. C. Freeze, T. W. Perry, G. McLeod and Dr. Burnett. Perhaps some others, also, took part in the discussion, whose names we failed to get.

There was, as was to be expected, diversity of views. Some of the sections of the Basis were regarded unsatisfactory by some brethren, because not explicit enough; others thought the churches had not yet given enough thought to the question and that it would be a mistake to take definite action now; while some were of opinion that the Conference might safely take further steps towards union at once. The