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Continued.

A WELCOME MEETING

was held Sept. 7th. There was a fair congregation.

Rev. C. B. Atwood, pastor, said on behalf of the people of Cape Island, I extend to each and all a hearty welcome. I am glad to see you, as we all are, and trust your visit will do us good.

Rev. E. Crowell, as Moderator responded. He said we have come to visit you for our and your good, to help each other, and stimulate in our gracious work.

Rev. J. I. Porter, expressed his pleasure in again being permitted to meet them in this beautiful church. He trusted heaven's richest blessings would attend this important Conference.

Rev. A. Kinney, was glad to be with them, to be a Christian, and able to rejoice in the Lord.

Rev. W. C. Weston, His desire was that the Conference would prove a blessing to the entire community; and that the Holy Spirit would permeate all the transactions of our annual gatherings.

Rev. S. N. Royal, I can rejoice with you and desire the rich blessings we all expect, and believe will be granted.

Rev. J. W. Freeman, It is a joy to meet each other. May God abundantly bless us.

Bro. E. S. Parker, glad I am here, my purpose is to do God's will, and my desire is to be given up to His service.

Rev. S. K. West, I have a great regard for the Island as many of my early Christian experiences are associated with its Church and people. I trust we shall have a blessed Conference.

Bro. D. T. Porter, I have attended many of the reunions in the States of the Army of the Republic, and noticed each year their number grew less but in our reunions we have increased.

The meeting was joyous, helpful and a fit opening of our public assemblies. In this as in all our public meetings, the organist and choir, greatly added to the pleasure and interest of the meeting.

ANNUAL SERMON

Thursday evening,

7.15. Text 2 Isaiah 5, "O house of Jacob, come ye, and let us walk in the light of the Lord." There was a large congregation.

FOREIGN MISSION MEETINGS

Friday afternoon 2-30.

WOMAN'S AID SOCIETY.

Vice-President, Miss Aurilla Smith presiding. Responsive Scripture readings led by Mrs. Rufus Crowell. Prayer Rev. W. M. Knollin. Mrs. J. W. Freeman read a letter from Mrs. Burkholder, in which she urged the need of at once sending out some one to work for us in the Mission Field: one of our own people. She spoke of distinct progress being made, and that the Mission was steadily prospering. Recitation by Miss Lizzie Cohoon, was nicely and pleasingly rendered.

The Corresponding Secretary, Miss Emeline Swaine, sent a well written and a good report.

Rev. Dr. McLeod, said I am pleased to be with you. We are doing more for this work. As a people we are well able to support 10 missionaries in India. In the two provinces with more than 13,000 communicants that is not too much to ask. A dollar from each would more than do it. Although not deputed to do so, I can convey to you the Christian greetings of the Sisters of N. B. Miss Smith then gave a lengthy but most interesting reading.

Rev. E. Crowell. The church seeks by missions to extend the Master's Kingdom. All can help in some way.

Mrs. Rufus Crowell, Treasurer, read her report. Amount raised \$300.31.

Rev. Wm. M. Knollin, briefly addressed the meeting urging the need of greater effort.

ANNUAL MEETING, FOREIGN MISSION SOCIETY.

4 o'clock.

President Rev. J. I. Porter presiding. Rev. J. W. Freeman, Secretary, read his annual report, one of interest and replete with needed and welcome facts. He reviewed the work of Free Baptists in India, and showed solid gains, and satisfactory work.

The writer spoke of the character and labors of the Foreign Mission Board, as men every way worthy of our utmost confidence. Wise, cautious, and of undoubted probity, full of zeal and worthy of our highest esteem, regard and generous support.

Rev. S. J. Parsons, I am interested in Mission work, and realize that we are not doing all we can do. "Freely we have received and freely we should give."

Collection \$15.50. A special effort was made to secure \$40, and over \$32.00 was raised, making a total of about \$50.00, so that the salary pledged for Mrs. Burkholder, has been obtained. The meetings were largely attended, and enjoyed.

HOME MISSION MEETINGS,

Evening 7-15

Vice-President Rev. A. Kinney in the chair. Singing. Prayer Rev. S. K. West.

The Secretary read the annual reports.

Amount raised during the year \$182.51, all of which has been appropriated to the different interests needing aid.

The adoption of the report was moved by Deacon A. K. Durkee. I am interested in this Society because I have invested something in it. Our duty is to heartily support it. We need training as to sacrifice. To me giving is a part of Christianity. Rev. Wm. Millar, in seconding the resolution spoke of his special interest in the home work. We cannot help being interested when we get more than value for our money. Many places have been blessed by the aid afforded by this Society.

Reports were adopted.

The list of officers for the ensuing year was moved by Rev. W. M. Knollin, the strong ought to support the weak. It is our duty to help each other. We either decay or develop. God wants us to do more, and the claims are pressing. Licentiate J. W. Smith in seconding the motion expressed his hearty sympathy with the work, and was desirous to do all he could in the interests of the Society.

The President in putting the resolution, stated the fields are white to harvest, more laborers are needed. Hundreds of places are open to us and need our help.

Resolution passed. The new president Deacon B. F. Kenny, in taking the chair, made a happy speech.

Rev. J. I. Porter addressed the meeting, in doing so said we ought to do more, and care to do so. The pressing needs for help call upon us to sustain the Society.

Rev. Dr. McLeod, being asked to speak urged that giving should not be viewed as a task but a privilege. If we truly love the Lord we shall be glad to give.

The speaking was good. The Meeting House crowded, and the interest never surpassed. It is hoped this year all will strive to do what they can; and in all our churches efforts be made to increase the funds of the Society.

Collection \$12.22, donations \$7.35 total \$19.57.

EDUCATION MEETING.

Saturday 7-30 P. M.

President Rev. A. Kinney in the chair. After singing and prayer the Secretary Rev. E. Crowell read his annual reports. Five Candidates for the ministry have received aid.

Amount received \$147.59. Disbursed \$114.90. Balance in hand, \$22.69. Addresses were given by the following: Rev. C. B. Atwood, who claimed that thoroughness was of more importance than fluency. He believed that elective studies were not wise, for those who can take a regular course. Bro. D. Porter gave an explanation of the work of Bates' Theological School, and the desire of the faculty to aid and help young men.

Rev. S. H. Weyman, believed that the fisherman apostles were better fitted for the ministry, than Scribes and Pharisees, being free from bad habits of life, thought and doctrine. Therefore readier to receive the new truths. A minister should be so educated as to be evenly balanced. The whole man trained and ruled by the spiritual.

Rev. S. N. Royal, said a skilled man was needed to wisely attack sin. False teaching and doctrine could not be eradicated by a novice. The meeting was in hearty sympathy with the work of the Society.

Collection \$12.84. Donations \$15.50. Total \$28.34. Pledges \$11.00.

SABBATH SCHOOL CONVENTION.

Sabbath afternoon 2 o'clock.

President Rev. S. N. Royal presided.

After singing and prayer. Rev. C. B. Atwood, gave the lesson for the day. A number of addresses were also given. The time was well and profitably spent.

RELIGIOUS SERVICES.

Social meeting.

Saturday afternoon, 2 o'clock. The large meeting house was packed. Over 141 took part and more than that number who had not taken part, on request, rose and avowed they were on the Lord's side. It was a glorious and blessed moment to see so many witnesses for Christ.

As all stood up afterwards who delighted in being disciples of Christ, they joined heartily in singing, "Praise God from whom all blessings flow." It was indeed a memorable season, a time of refreshing, and of joy from the Lord. A holy calm, and blissful gladness made it a feast of love and blessing. "For the master was within the doors," bestowing rich treasures of heavenly joy.

"O blessedness, all bliss above,
When thy pure fires prevail!
Love only teaches what is love:
All other lessons fail!
We learn its name, but not its powers,
Experience only makes it ours."

SABBATH SERVICES.

"O day of rest and gladness,
O day of joy and light,
O balm of care and sadness,
Most beautiful, most bright."

Our Conference Sabbath was all the poet has so richly expressed.

8.30. Prayer meeting, fit opening of the day. It was a halcyon and helpful season.

10.30. Rev. J. T. Parsons preached. Text, I Thessalonians, 2, chap. 10. "beseech you brethren that you increase more and more." He explained the law of increase as illustrated in the natural kingdom; and showed the correspondence in the kingdom of Christ. That as Christians we could not grow until we had received the seed—principle of life in conversion. Then we were to grow, "increase more and more," by faith, knowledge, love, in the graces of the Spirit. To increase symmetrically in proportion and wholeness. To emphasize one feature of the Divine life in the soul, to make it conspicuous, is to become unsymmetrical, and defeat the true principle of growth. Our aim should be to increase, in all the graces of the Spirit, and so grow. It was an excellent discourse, the thought strong and clear, clothed in terse and rich language, felicitously illustrated. The Word needed, by the hour and circumstances, and so was greatly enjoyed and appreciated.

At the close the ordinance of the Lord's Supper was administered, a large company gathering around the Lord's table, in the Lord's church; and all were glad to be there:—
"Where everlasting love displays
The choicest of her stores."

Afternoon, 3 o'clock, Rev. Dr. McLeod. Text, Luke 5th chapter, 4th verse: "Launch out into the deep." The words were applied to the Church and to Christian life. The mission and history of the Church were reviewed. Progress pointed out of Christ's kingdom during this century, exceeding what had preceded. The mission of the Church was to witness for Christ, by life, service and speech. To be aggressive; to be consecrated, and faithful. Napoleon said an army that remains in its entrenchments is beaten. So of a Church. We are to go forth, and reach forth, seeking greater things, possessed of greater faith, and imbued with greater power. It was an able sermon, one of the best, if not the best, our brother has given in the Province. The breadth of thought, and crispness and clearness of utterance, were alike admirable.

Evening, 7 o'clock, Rev. W. M. Knollin. Text, 9th chapter Ecclesiastes, 10th verse: "Whatsoever thy hand findeth to do, do it with all thy might." The hand, said our brother, is an emblem of power. Man is a being endowed with powers. In all relations of life we are to manifest in earnestness the gifts bestowed. The gifts and duties of life call for resolute and earnest action. As Christians our obligation is with all our "might," to reveal love and sympathy. The sermon was good, and full of

solid practical truth, greatly enjoyed, and fruitful in help and stimulus. The work of the day was joint work: Morning, Growth; afternoon, effort and power; evening, earnestness in whole souledness.

Other services were needed in the old meeting house at Clark's Harbour, to permit those who could not get into the new church, to worship God. Rev. S. N. Royal preached in the morning; Rev. Wm. Millar, in the afternoon; and Rev. S. K. West in the evening. Rev. E. Crowell preached at the Centre in the afternoon. The day was one long to be had in remembrance, full of help, joy and blessing.

Each day of Conference a prayer meeting was held at 8.30 a. m., and they were seasons of quickening and strength.

THE JUBILEE.

Monday, Sept. 12th.—Fifty years ago, in 1837, this Conference was organized on Cape Island. But one who took part in it remains with us, the Rev. A. Swim, now 87 years of age, and who was present at the Conference. Monday was set apart as the Jubilee Day.

9.30. Experience meeting, with old time hymns and music. The Moderator presided. After prayer the meeting was thrown open. A good number took part. Father Swim gladdened many hearts with his rich testimony. The following, with other hymns "to memory dear," were sung during the service:

Lennox.—Blow ye the Trumpet,
Blow, etc.

Hallowell.—As on some lonely building top, etc.

Complaint.—Spare us, O Lord, etc. Buckfield.—When strangers stand and hear me tell, etc.

Devotion.—Sweet is the day of sacred rest, etc.

Turner.—Come, Holy Spirit, etc.

Majesty.—The Lord descended, etc. New Jerusalem.—From the third heaven, etc.

Invitation.—Come, my beloved, haste away.

Bro. C. B. Atwood had been entrusted with the arranging and preparing the hymns and music, and by his zeal and skill left nothing lacking.

Especially to those who soon must pass away were the old songs of Zion precious, awakening the treasured memories of other days. The entire gathering was inspiring, and one long to live in heart and mind, as a memento of the days that are past, "days of bright hope and cheery gladness." But they are gone, yet "the light of other days" is the light of all the days, for: "Lo I am with you always," the Light of Life and Love Divine.

Afternoon, 2 o'clock.—Was devoted to reading three papers, which were appreciated and enjoyed by a large congregation:

Historical, Rev. J. I. Porter;

Doctrinal, Rev. T. H. Siddall;

Biographical, Rev. E. Crowell.

As all the papers are to be published in the INTELLIGENCER, it is not needful to give a synopsis of them. Bro. Porter gave a complete and condensed history, with skill and marked excellency. Brother Crowell had an onerous task, involving much labor and calling for great prudence, which he executed with pleasing effect.

At the close the following resolution was moved by Rev. J. I. Porter, seconded by Rev. S. K. West, and unanimously passed:—

I. This meeting gratefully acknowledges the blessings granted to us as a people during the past fifty years by Almighty God;

II. We affirm our continued confidence in our distinctive principles, and pledge ourselves loyally to sustain them.

III. That we renew our covenant with God, and each other, and give ourselves anew to Him and His cause; praying that the Source of all good, and the Giver of every good and perfect gift, will cause His face to shine upon us, and even more than in past days abundantly bless us.

Between the reading of the papers the Choir tastefully rendered the following: "Coronation;" "Sowing the seed;" and "What a gathering that will be."

TEMPERANCE MASS MEETING.

Evening, 7 o'clock. Rev. J. W. Freeman, Vice-President of the Temperance League, in the Chair. After singing and prayer the Chairman made a few introductory remarks. The Secretary spoke of the temperance progress during the past fifty years.

Rev. Wm. Millar said moral suasion was not enough, nothing but the firm grip of the law could restrain a rum-seller from trafficking in liquors.

Rev. S. K. West said, we all know intemperance is a terrible evil. It has left a skeleton in many homes. It is our duty to put an end to the destroyer of all that is precious.

Rev. W. C. Weston said, I claim that prevention is better than cure. Whatever perverts or turns aside the natural appetite is a curse.

Rev. S. N. Royal said, we have three valued periods, formative, working, and advising. All important, and all needful in any solid progress and movement.

Rev. G. E. Sturgess gave with effectiveness some of his western experiences, showing the woes and curse of liquor.

Rev. E. Crowell said, the rum-seller stands in a slippery place. He is an enemy to himself and society.

Thos. Robertson M. P., in a speech of force and ability, said, many blame the politicians, but who makes and unmakes them? The people. In the present House of Commons we have between 60 and 70 members who form what is called the prohibition party in the House. We are a unit upon progress in temperance legislation. We have had meeting after meeting to secure amendments to the Scott Act, but have hitherto failed to secure the needed changes. I am glad to be present and bear testimony to the proud position you occupy as a people upon this question. To the young men present I would say, identify yourselves with the temperance movement; it is the one great question of the near future. Cast your influence with it, and firmly stand by it.

Rev. J. I. Porter, briefly described the rise and progress of the Temperance movement in Yarmouth County.

Rev. Dr. McLeod, as almost everybody knows is "all in all" on the Temperance platform, gave one of his earnest, and telling speeches. In the course of his address he said, we are a people, with a record on this question, and we are proud of it; a record of intense satisfaction to us. In the years of the past when to take square ground against rum and rum-selling meant ridicule and abuse, we faltered not. Gladly we rejoice in the changed sentiment; and believe that the valiant labours of the just have borne rich fruit.

The following resolution was unanimously passed:—

Resolved 1. that this meeting pledges to do all possible to secure the entire prohibition of the manufacture, sale, and importation of intoxicating liquors;

2. That we will heartily support all means put forth to eradicate a traffic of sin, shame, and death.

The choir as usual gave good aid. It was a glorious meeting. The church was crowded. Such earnest, and thrilling addresses cannot fail to do good.

The conference closed was one that cannot fail to make a deep impression, and that for good upon our denominational life.

It was pervaded by spiritual influences, and earnestness that continued day by day. There was throughout an intense desire "to seek peace and pursue it."

Peace in righteousness and truth. Further, a strenuous effort to glorify God was manifest; to build up His cause, and extend His Kingdom.

The crowded attendance day by day indicated a deep interest in the work of God, and the denomination. It may be said safely that to day the denomination never held a firmer hold of the affections and interest of the body of our people. Our distinctive principles are held with tenacity, and the spirit of loyalty is deep and strong.

The closed Conference has strengthened our whole denominational life, and given lifting impulses to renew and invigorate. It cannot be doubted that the beginning of our opening year so blessed and fruitful, means rich and abundant blessedness across the year.

"For all that faith hath scattered, love shall reap."

The hospitality and kindness of the friends at Clark's Harbour, was most praiseworthy. They did all possible to add to the weal and joy of the gathering. In many a cottage home the pleasant memories of the visit to the sea-girt Isle, will in joy be couched over; and not alone across our province, but in our sister province prayer will ascend for

Heaven's richest blessing to be vouchsafed, "to the dwellers by the sea."

T. H. SIDDALL,
Assistant Clerk.

Liquor or Law.

The present movement in the interests of temperance is assuming huge proportions. Every Christian state is being stirred from centre to circumference, with earnest groanings for deliverance from the liquor traffic. Prohibition is coming to the front in rapid strides. The liquor interest is combining wherever combination is possible, to resist the advance of prohibition. This fact will only increase the rapidity of the prohibitory movement, and the downfall of the rum power. The methods by which prohibition seeks to advance its cause are not, it must be confessed, agreeable to all who in sentiments and convictions are prohibitionists, but this want of agreement in methods, does not change the fact, that the movement is coming with such rapidity and strength that ere long the people of this country must decide whether they want to or not, in favor of or against the rum power. Ere long, the question of present methods will have to give place to the stern fact of longer continuance under the domination, home-ruin and life destruction of the rum power; or immediate, absolute and unconditional deliverance from its death destroying power. When once the issue is fairly and squarely brought, we have no fears of the result. The struggle will be intense, perhaps protracted, and not free of danger, but victory over the rum power will surely crown the contest. We believe that in this country, there is virtue enough to drive away from our borders every foe to our civilization, prosperity and morality. We are strong enough in moral purpose, and healthy enough in the masses of the body politic to throw off any and every poison that vitiates the nation's blood. Many earnest, thoughtful men, unawed by fear or fanaticism are looking on with courageous mien. There is as much silence as outspoken purpose; and in the silence, there is much thought on this grave question. Purpose is forming, conviction is deepening, resolution is gathering strength, and courage is putting calmness and determination into its bow. The contest is surely coming. Skirmish lines are already thrown out. The forces are marshalling, and it can not be long until the shock of battle will be on. The right will be victor.—Sel.

Nova Scotia.

A census taken in 1838 showed the population to be 199,208, while the population now is estimated at over 490,000, an increase of about 250 per cent. during the Victoria era. In 1847—the first year it was wholly collected by the province—the total Customs revenue amounted to \$270,000 and last year it was \$1,663,087, an increase during the 40 years of 600 per cent. During the last fifty years the coal sale increased from 118,942 tons, 1836, to 1,373,666 tons last year, an increase over 1,100 per cent. Then about fifty years ago Nova Scotia only owned about 634 vessels, representing 144,638 tons, and last year—notwithstanding the great and unequal competition of steamships—there were 3,929 vessels, representing 527,021 tons, registered in the province. Similarly the foreign shipping entering the ports of Nova Scotia only amounted to 332,781 tons in 1836, while last year it represents 1,350,774 tons an increase of 400 per cent. There has also been an enormous increase in the value of its fisheries. In 1836 these were valued at \$895,000, and in 1885 they were estimated at \$9,000,000, an increase of 1,000 per cent. The bank note circulation in the province was under \$400,000 in 1836, while last year it exceeded \$50,000,000. With its progress otherwise the cause of education has not been neglected in the province. A return of 1832 shows that then it had 420 schools, attended by 11,771 scholars or 9 per cent. of the population, while the statistics of last year show that then there were 105,400 pupils attending school, comprising nearly 25 per cent. of the population. These figures best testify regarding the present condition of Nova Scotia, and augur well for its future prosperity.—The Scientific American.