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(Continued.)

he Corresponding Secretary of the Sabbath School Executive submitted a report. The report stated that from the returns received of Sabbath School work done in the denomination it was clear that it compared favourably in this respect with other denominations. The statistical part of the report showed that in the first district there is one | the text two factors are are employed, | years ago: school with 48 scholars which raised \$20. In the second district are 18 schools with 558 scholars. In the fourth district are 8 schools with 436 scholars which raised \$133.83 In the fifth district are six schools with 270 scholars which raised \$49.95. In the sixth district are 14 schools with 762 to. scholars which raised \$117.42. In the 1462 scholars which raised \$458.41. Hartley, who, with Rev. Wm. King- his work. horn, Rev. Dr. Phillips and Rev. E. N. Fernald, made appropriate speeches on the question of Sabbath School work. There is an increasing interest in this important branch of the church's activities, and the results are

blessed. SUNDAY. The Sabbath was a beautiful day. There was a large attendance at all the meetings. The day's services began with a prayer meeting at 9 a. m. It was led by the pastor, Rev. G. F. Currie, and was a season of spiritual quickening and joy.

At 10.30 a. m. the annual sermon was preached by Rev. J. W. Clark. The text was Luke 12: 39, and the theme, "The great gathering in the kingdom of glory." In the introduction the preacher spoke of the gathering place and the scenes of the meeting in a very interesting and impressive manner, a number of appropriate passages of Scripture being quoted in support of the views set forth. The subject was then considered under the following heads:

I. -WHAT IS THE KINGDOM REFERRED TO? 1-The kingdom of God's glory in

2-A prepared kingdom.

3-A kingdom of incomprehensible greatness and vast extent.

4-A kingdom of purity, order, love,

light, intelligence and bliss. 5-A densely populated kingdom.

II. - WHO ARE TO COME INTO THIS KINGDOM ?

1—God's redeemed people. 2-Jesus will bring into this kingdom all that will allow him to do so. 3-Though man has separated himself far from God, Jesus is abundantly by

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able and willing to bring him back. III. -- WHAT IS THE ASSURANCE OF THEIR COMING INTO THIS KINGDOM ?

If rests upon the immutability of God's wills and shalls.

IV .-- THERE WILL BE VERY PLEASANT ASSOCIATIONS IN THAT KINGDOM. V-THERE WILL BE MUTUAL RECOGNI-TION OF FRIENDS IN THAT KINGDOM. VI-THEY SHALL SIT DOWN IN THAT

1-To rest from work. 2-Having triumphed over all their

3—To converse together.

4-To listen to the heavenly music. 5-To contemplate what thy have

VII-WHAT IS YOUR PROSPECT OF GATHERING THERE.

At 2.30 p. m., Rev. Dr. Phillips, late missionary in India, delivered an eloquent and practical sermon from Hab. 2:14. What, he asked, are the tokens that this cheering prophecy is being fulfilled?

I.—The Gospel of Christ is now preached in many lands. Asia had her China Wall, but now in each of 19 Provinces in China the gospel of Christ is preached. Europe had her Scandi- following report: navians, but from the 1st church planted in Phillipi, now in every country in Europe the gospel is preached. America had her Petigonians; Oceania had her Fiji islands;

through all these countries.

two miracles of Babel and Pentecost printed. In Madagascar at one time

revived again. III. —The rising zeal of the church.

the Book and man. 1.—The church to-day is making schools with 603 scholars which raised broader plans than ever before. The efforts is now in the air.

2.—The increase of agencies is and the Native agency were referred therewith.

3.—Larger gifts are coming into the seventh district are 10 schools with church in these days. The gold that belongs to Jesus will ere long come to others showing how pronounced are Executive was read by Rev. G. A. The number of conversions of Sab- its owner. It comes to Him now in a the convictions of Free Baptists on Hartley, who has been acting Corbath School scholars during the steady stream in the weekly offerings this important subject.

What are the lessons taught?

in the words of Judson, the prospec's are as bright as the promises of God. 2.—Obey the Gospel Commission.

"Heed your marching orders." 3.—Pray and trust.

service followed the sermon, Revs. Wm. Downey and G. A. Hartley officiating. It was a blessed season.

At 7 p. m. Rev. Wm. Downey preached from Matt. 6: 12. His theme was "Our indebtedness to God." After an interesting introductory remarks the subject was considered under the following hear's:

1.—Living in a christian land.

2. - Influence of the christian moth-

3.—The Bible.

4.—A living ministry.

5.—Christians hope.

6.—The pleadings of the Holy Spirit. 7. - The crucified Christ.

I. -WE NEED TO DAILY OFFER THE PRAYER OF THE TEXT.

II. -ASSURANCES THAT THE PRAYER WILL BE ANSWERED.

1-God has given us hearts and

minds that can pray. 2-Christ has instructed us to offer

3-God's holy character.

4-His immutable promises.

5-His infinite love. 6-His justice.

This practical sermon was followed by addresses from Revs. Dr. Phillips, G. A. Hartley, T. O. Dewitt and

There was throughout the day preaching also at Fredericton Junction

At Patterson Settlement by and in Fredericton by Rev.

There can be no doubt that many deep impressions were made by the faithful and tender presentation of truth through the day.

MONDAY. Elders' Conference met at 8 a. m., and continued in session two hours. Progress was was made in matters under consideration, and an

adjournment made till 2 p. m. At 10 a. m. General Conference met, Rev. Wm. Downey in the chair. of moderator was proceeded with, resulting in the choice of Rev. C. T. Phillips, with Rev. John Perry as Assistant Moderator.....Rev. C. Visitor and Rev. E. N. Fernald publisher of the Morning Star, being ference..... A motion, according to notice given last year, to change the name of the presiding officer from Moderator to President was lost.

TEMPERANCE. The Committee on Temperance, by Rev. B. H. Nobles, submitted the

Bible remained, and christianity soon ment to enforce the regulations made with needed labor. by the board of education of the province, for the temperance instruction of the pupils in our public schools. in the carrying out the declaration of (7) We reaffirm the resolutions of two

opportunity be given the people of \$120.30. In the third district are 11 spirit of union and of more persistent the question of the complete prohibi- ination, especially as it is superior to Hartland, where he held a series of Canada to vote simultaneously upon the Dominion, and that the officers another evidence of the increasing of this conference be empowered to zeal of the church. Women's work petition parliament in accordance given.

discussion, participated in by Messrs | the Mission Work of the denomination.

year was 120. This is good work. It is doing as fitted as he should to ed to the office by the Conference of the Secretary was the exchange of bye it will come in a larger stream. So that the choice is the stream of the secretary was the exchange of the Secretary was the exchan libraries by schools. The adoption of Let it be remembered that he gives of Revs. Jos. McLeod, G. A. Hartley, last year. The report is as follows: the report was moved by Rev. G. A. best who gives himself to Christ and J. W. Clark, and J. Perry, and Wm. of Conference, Rev. C. T. Phillips mit a brief Report for the then Secre-1.—Believe, larger faith needed, for and D. McLeod Vince, are members This year it becomes his duty to per-Ex officio.

session of last year on the reminiscences of Rev. A. Taylor, reported. The regular Annual Communion by the committee be appropriated tothe grave of the late Bro. Taylor.

The report on the Sabbath was

1. We believe the Sabbath to be a sign between God and us and the obligation to keep it holy is perpetuated to the end of time.

2. It is a day of rest from all manner of work, a day in which we are to worship God in His sanctuary, and avoid all unnecessary work, by thought and conversation.

3. Your committee believe that visiting, pleasure driving, sailing or the seeking of any kind of amusement, to be incompatible with its proper 4. We recommend that our people

so far as possible abstain from the burial of the dead upon this day, as it involves much manual labor, also often very great inconvenience to ministers and the people to whom they regularly

5. Your committee very much regret the running of trains upon the Sabbath in this province, and sincerely hope that the managers thereof may at no very distant day see their way

clear to discontinue the same. There was a free expression of opinring to Sunday funerals. The ministers generally have experienced a great deal of inconvenience from such funerals, their regular preaching engagements being frequently interfered with, and of late, and largely augment it, we their work greatly hindered. Except in cases where it is impossible to have that in which we have hitherto been them on other days, the hope was expressed that funerals be not held on Sundays, and that arrangements be not completed for funerals without seeking information as to the engagements of pastors.

Rev. J.T. Parsons, for the committee on education, read the following re-

1. Since the last report of your committee on education, the earnest hope ed fact. Obstacles, at times seemingly encouraged to help themselves, by insurmountable, have been met and securing pastoral care, which they Educational society is to-day in pos- help. session of one of the most beautiful and commodious structures for school labours of Rev. J. T. Parsons, who purposes to be found in any of the spent five and a half months in hard, school began under most encouraging saw large revivals and added a good present were invited to seats in Con- The directors have succeeded in pro- Havelock, Kings County, where his curing a most efficient staff of teachers labour was highly appreciated. This students at this first term in the present | ed during the two and a half weeks he (1) Our denomination is as strong earnest individual endeavors to assist services had not been held for some as ever in sympathy with every legal in making the N. B. Seminary, of time. With a comfortable house of and moral effort being made to secure which we are so justly proud, a grand worship, and a large community of the suppression and prohibition of the success. 6. While our prayers are liquor traffic. (2) We rejoice that the going to the Lord of the harvest to Writing of this place, and his work signs of our time is that ere long the send faithful laborers into the whiten- there. Our missionary said, "the complete prohibition of the traffic will ing fields, and He in answer to our whole community seemed anxious that Africa had her Ethopia; but the gospel has entered, and is now going gospel has entered, and is now going (3) We heartily and earnestly request feel "woe is unto me if I preach not them. I commenced a series of meet-

language that has a literature. The support, and our personal influence al aid in prosecuting their studies, sliders were aroused, God's discouraged the present year would witness a and help to all officers of the law and and we recommend that a fund be people gathered hope and a gracious others who are endeavoring to enforce raised for this purpose. 7. We also work of grace was begun, that extend-SATURDAY. In the evening session were considered in their relation to the C. T. Act in our immediate comeach other; and also the fact that the murity and elsewhere. (5)-We re- purpose be placed in the hands of the tinued labour for nearly three months, Bible was the first book that was cognize the inestimable services this Home Mission Executive to enable during which I reconstructed the cause is everywhere receiving from them to give employment to our young church, baptized twenty-nine, whom women, our zealous co-laborers. (6) men during their vacations, thus aiding with several others I received into the the missionaries were banished, but the We solicit the aid of our local govern- them, and supplying destitute churches

The consideration of this report elicited expressions of interest in the Seminary and desire for its success. It was strongly urged that Free Baptist Resolved, That in the opinion of parents, intending to send their chilthis conference it is desirable that an dren from home to school give the preference to the school, of the denomtion of the manufacture, importation all others in provisions for the accomand the sale of intoxicating liquors in modation of Students, and second to none in the character of the education

HOME MISSION. The report elicited an interesting | The evening session was devoted to McLeod, Palmer, McDonald and The report of the Home Mission meeting for every day of that time, responding Secretary since the death the churches and collected for the A year ago the Treasurer of our Peters. The moderator and secretary Home Mission Executive had to subform a like service, on account of the The committee appointed at the death of our efficient and lamented Secretary Rev. J. E. Reud, whom the Master has called to his rest since our last Annual Meeting. The Report of It was voted that the money received last year said, "it is greatly desired, that this Conference arise and do much wards the erection of a monument at more for our weak churches than we have been doing for several years past." It is gratifying to be able say that something more has been done submitted by Rev. Wm. Downey as during the past year, than in any year for some time, and yet in view of what our churches need, comparatively little has been accomplished. It is apparent, that our people, as a whole do not sufficiently feel the importance of faithful mission work amongst our weaker churches, and in the many unsupplied places, where we could plant churches by the blessing of God, if we had the men and means to support them-a state of things much to be regretted. And yet we thank God and take courage when we witness any degree of increased interest in this important work. While it is the duty of each denomination of Christians to be diffusive in her character, and world wide in her efforts to give the gospel, it is evidently her first duty to care for the churches of her own communion and to disseminate the gospel amongst the people of her own country. It is well known that all forces are strongest at their centres. If we are to successfully carry forward our Foreign work, our home churches must be made strong. We should not forget that we owe our very denominational existence to missionary labour, and ion on the section of the report refer- itance which our fathers have bequeathed us. So long as we remain true to ourselves we must encourage and extend home mission work. But

> we afford this? Your Executive has tried to help a number of the weaker and needy churches during the year. Some of

We were fortunate in obtaining the of Sept., and the autumn term of the helped. In some of the churches he and favorable circumstances. 3. number of converts. He first went to and there is a present attendance of church was encouraged and strengthenlocality of forty-seven. 4. Your com- spent there. Thence he was directed mittee are sure that as a denomination to Perth Centre, in Victoria County. we recognize the growing importance Our church there had nearly lost its of education for all classes, and especi- visibility. Many of its members had ally for young men having the ministry | died and others had moved from the in view. 5. And your committee re- place. From a number of causes the commend that we pledge our most church had become so low, that regular

church." This work naturally spread to the regions beyond, and our brother ports from Rev. A. B. Boyer and Mrs. found it necessary in following it up, Boyer, the missionaries of the Conto go to Lower Perth. Here he held meetings and laboured from house to house, from January 26th to March [These reports will appear in a future 13th. God blessed this mission. The issue.] church was greatly revived and strengthened. Twenty converts were pantized and with others were added to this church. Next he went to meetings from March 15th to April ments are now needed to persuade 9th, when he was obliged to desist, Christians that they ought to give the being overworked. A good interest was experienced there. A number of backslidden ones were restored, and four professed faith in Christ and were baptized. Of the whole mission Bro. Parsons says, "I was in the field five and a half months, averaged one visited and prayed with one hundred and fifteen families, baptized fiftythree, added a much larger number to mission \$142.88." This is good work. come to our cause.

Besides this, several grants were made to churches by which they were aided in pastoral care during the year. | ciate Gospel advantages and blessings, and Seal Cove thirty dollars were given, to aid in retaining the pastoral labour of Rev. F. Babcock. Bald Hill give them to the heathen. He quoted church had a grant of twenty-five freely the Scriptures bearing on this dollars, by which the pastoral care of Rev. J. N. Barnes was secured a part of the time during the year.

Forty-nine dollars were granted the Perth and Tobique churches to aid in Rev. J. J. Barnes, who has moved his family to that field, where it is hoped he will continue and soon be able to have a self sustaining pastorate.

Henderson Settlement church was also made a grant, aud Rev. O. N. Mott's pastoral care secured. We think all those churches thus aided,

The Executive thinks they have done good work for our beloved Zion, may be forthcoming by which more can be done this year.

moved by Rev. John Perry. He spoke of the early days of the denomination when all the work done was mission work, and when every minister regarded himself a missionary. There was no society to send them, and no mission treasury upon which to draw for support. He thought the churches as at present situated were not sufficiently appreciating the benewe cannot hold negligently the inher- fits they had derived from mission labour, and were not doing what they ought forthe weakerchurches. He was glad for what had been done in the unless our people regard this fund a year, and hoped more would be done greater necessity than they have done in the year now begun. Rev. Jos. McLeod seconded the motion to adopt cannot hope to extend our work, or the report, and spoke of the importeven to maintain in due efficiency, ance of aiding the weak churches in prosperous. In several places we have supporting pastors. The strong must weak interests and small churches that share the burdens of the weak. To are gradually weakening and dying bear one anothers burdens is to fulfil out for the want of care and the ministry of God's word. They look to us the law of Christ. There are churches for help, but if they cannot receive it which, if helped for a few years, will not from their own denomination, they only become self-supporting but helpwill accept it from some other. If we cannot care for them others will. Can ers of others. We cannot afford to neglect them. Special reference was made to the Tobique region. There of doing that, he would rather give a are also communities which have no then entertained of the speedy com- them by sending to their aid the mis- regular religious services, in which our pletion of the educational buildings at sionary, and others by giving them sentiments are held by the work of St Martins has become an accomplish- small grants, by which they have been the people, and which need the kind of work God has given us to do. To After prayer and roll call, the election overcome, and the Union Baptist were unable to engage without this neglect to take to them the word of and everything that will help keep it life and establish the worship of God there-weekly giving, home praying, and the regular means of grace is an injustice to them and an unfaithfulness provinces. 2. A formal opening of earnest and successful mission work to God which must react to our own Goodspeed editor of the Messenger and the institution took place on the 27th for us. Every place he visited was weakness and hurt. We must be ag- hear s, and there will be no lack of gressive or suffer loss. That our funds. churches are able to do greatly more than we are now doing was shown by a comparison of their membership and for himself and Bro. Peleg Smith, the amount of money contributed for Home Mission work. We ought to look the matter full in the face, learn our duty and do it. Much depends, the speaker said, on the ministers. It is not enough for us to meet once a a year and make speeches and pass resolutions about these matters; they need to be kept before the people in informed as to the needs of the work, before them, and are given opportunihrough all these countries.

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The Free Baptist Conference of New into so many languages. It is in every hereby pledge our moral sympathy and Brunswick. Back- than is now being done. He hoped marked revival in Home Mission interest.

FOREIGN MISSIONS.

Rev. Jos. McLeod, Corresponding Secretary of the F. M. Executive read the annual report, together with reference of the work in the India fields.

In moving the adoption of the Secretary's report, Rev. B. H. Nobles said Foreign Missions long since passed the stage of experiment. No argu-Gospel to the heathen. The love of Christ is the motive that must actuate us in this as in everything we undertake for Jesus. We are asked to do what we can, simply that, and no more. It is a question which every Christian may with profit put to himself whether in view of all he owes to the Gospel of Christ and the grace of eternal life, he is doing as much as he should to

ignorance of Christ. Rev. Wm. De Ware, said if we appra To the churches at Grand Harbour | both relating to this world and the next, we must have intense desire to poirt, and with clearness and earnestness urged the great reponsibility of the church to evangelize the whole world. For our own sake also we the support of the pastoral labours of must not fail in this matter, for in blessing others we receive our own richest blessings.

Rev. E. N. Fernald said he had spent nine years as Financial Agent of the Free Will Baptist, Home Mission, Foreign Mission and Education Sohave been permanently helped, and cieties. He had for a time been hope they may be able to get along troubled to determine which interest in the nature of thing should come first. In the outset he felt that he with what means were at their dis- must give the education work the posal. And hope and pray that funds | first place, since it had to do with the training of ministers. But, later, after studying the whole subject The adoption of the report was carefully, he had concluded that the Foreign Mission Work should be first. When the church becomes filled, and moved by the spirit of love for all souls, none of its interests will be permitted to suffer. If christians are for anything, it is to spread the Gospel abroad, not merely to enjoy themselves. Every christian is, by virtue of his character; and profession as a disciple of Jesus, a missionary; is sent to tell and show the story of

love and life through Christ. There is pitiable ignorance on the subject of missions. This may be cured by Missionary Preaching in all the churches. He spoke of the unparalleled rapidity of missionary progress in the last half century. He also urged the necessity of carrying on our missionary undertakings in a business-like way, and commended the weekly offering plan wherever it possible to introduce it. He told of talking to a good deacon about putting aside a small amount each week for the mission. The deacon replied that he didn't want to have the bother large sum at once, and "have it off his mind." That, said the speaker, is the trouble, too many want to get the matter off their minds. What they need is to keep it in their minds. frequent preaching about it &c. -ought to be done. Let the people have this great work in their minds and

TUESDAY. Conference met at 10 a. m. Bro. Albert Palmer, speaking said that, after consultation they had concluded to invite the Conference to hold its next Annual Session with the church in Hampstead, (Little River). The invitation was accepted, and it was voted to hold the Conference of

The Committee on absent brethren. reported that ten ministers were the churches. If they are carefully absent from the session. Bro Sipprell's age prevented his attendance; Bro. their privilege and duty to help kept Boyer is in India; Bro. Erb is South on account of ill-health, and Bro. A ties to contribute regularly, there are H. Trafton and Cosman on account of the ill-health of their family ; Bro. (Continued on fourth page.)