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Religious Intelligencer.

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WEDNESDAY, OCTOBER 24, 1888.

—ROMANISM STRONG. How strong Roman Catholic influence is in the Capital of the United States may be inferred from the statement of Rev. Dr. Fulton, that while he was invited to preach in six Protestant Churches in Washington, he was in every case requested not to say anything against Romanism.

—MISSIONARIES. Three men missionaries for the Free Baptist India Mission Field—Rev. E. B. Stiles and wife, and Rev. F. W. Brown are to sail from Boston Nov. 3rd. The reinforcement will greatly cheer the hearts of those now in the work. There is room for many more, and we are fully able to send and support them. "Pray ye the Lord of the harvest, to send forth more labourers," into both the home and foreign work.

—STANLEY. While there is a good deal of uneasiness about Stanley, from whom no word has been heard for so long, confidence in his safety is expressed by some men whose judgment is worth much. Sir Samuel Baker says in the London Times that "the first wedge through new ground in Africa is hard to drive." This "wedge" of untrodden country between the Aruwhimi and Wadai measures 500 miles. He also reminds the public that he himself was cut off from all communication, even with Khartoum, for two years and five months while commanding the Khedive's expedition for the suppression of the slave trade in the White Nile basin, and reported dead.

And Bishop William Taylor, the African Bishop of the M. E. Church, says that from his knowledge of the condition of things in Africa, it was highly probable that Stanley had gone into the interior of the country, where

he could not be heard from for a year or two, and that interested persons were taking advantage of his absence to create friendship for individual schemes, to organize searching parties, whose real object was something else than the recovery or assistance of Stanley. He did not believe there would be any special cause for alarm if Stanley were not heard from for a year or two yet.

These statements are quite reassuring, and every body will hope that they may prove correct.

—SONS OF TEMPERANCE. The Grand Division S. of T. of this Province held its Annual Session in Woodstock last week. The report showed that the order has made progress during the year. Ten new Divisions were organized, and 1920 persons initiated. The number of suspensions was large, but, notwithstanding, a good net gain. The present membership in the Province is 5,936. James Watts Esq. of Woodstock was elected Grand Worthy Patriarch.

—WOMAN'S WORK. The managing board of the Woman's Missionary Society of the Methodist Church of Canada, held its seventh annual meeting in Toronto last week. Delegates were present from all the Provinces. The reports show the society in a thriving condition. It is carrying on work in Japan, in the North West, British Columbia, and amongst the French Canadians. The receipts for the year were in excess of the previous year. The Treasurer's report showed a balance from last year of \$10,950. The receipts by general treasurer for this year were \$19,070 being an increase over the income of last year of \$4,872. The total expenditure was \$12,849, and the society now has in hand about \$17,000. Christian women in all the denominations, are doing grand work, and, somehow, they manage generally to have a surplus of funds, and never a deficit. Some of the men who manage the finances of christian work, might do well to take lessons from them.

The Conference.

The report of Conference proceedings occupies a large part of our space this week. And yet it is not completed. Several reports of committees &c. have had to be held over. And we have not been able to give any space at all to the proceedings of the Woman's Foreign Mission Society, which were among the most interesting of the session. In our next issue we expect to be able to give a report of this society, with a good share of the other remaining matter, and also some editorial observations of the chief events of the session.

We have only space in this issue to say that, while the Conference was called upon to perform some painful duties, it was a session of no little interest, and the business was conducted in a manner becoming a christian assembly.

Our India Letter.

Dear Bro. McLeod,

I should have written to you before but various things have prevented. Little Bessie has been very sick with diarrhoea, so sick that we were ordered by the English resident physician of Balasore to go to Midnapore with her for a change. We have now been here sixteen days under the care of Dr. Bachelor, and Bessie has so much improved that we start for Balasore again tomorrow.

Many of the missionaries are sick at this season of the year. Mr. Colclough of Chandbally, writes that he has had a number of severe bilious attacks, and does not expect to be much better until the cold season arrives. Mr. Griffin of Balasore, left to-day with his family for a trip to the hills. They are nearly all sick with fever.

At Midnapore none of the Missionaries perhaps would say they are sick, but, certainly more than one of them are feeling the weakening, and malarious effects of the rainy season. The work at Midnapore is going on nicely.

It consists of school and genana teaching, preaching, village work etc., much the same as in other cities. I have been much interested in the Bible School here, of which Dr. O. R. Bachelor is the Principal. Certainly the work done in it is of a lasting character, and will yield excellent results. The boys go daily to the bazaars of the city, and sing and preach to the people. Their studies consist chiefly of the Bible, but they combine with it English Language, Sanskrit and Mathematics. I had the pleasure of seeing some work in Algebra which would do credit to a first class teacher in New Brunswick.

Another department of work which interested me much here, is the high caste girls' school in charge of Miss Coombs, who by the way, is a native of Maine, U. S.

Here were assembled about twenty very bright and beautiful children, from eight to fifteen years of age. I think one of them was older even than that, for she was a woman grown, and a married woman too. I was quite surprised at this, for usually a girls' education is stopped as soon as she is married, if indeed she is educated at all. The father and husband of this woman are said to be liberal Hindus.

In this school I was pleased to see three English children, who seemed to enjoy the association of their darker sisters. I found too, two daughters of Purna Chandra Basu, the native preacher who died in 1884. They are very bright children, and promise to be useful to the mission.

It will give you some idea of the Christian teaching they receive when I tell you that they sang various Christian hymns, such as "Jesus loves me this I know" etc., both in Bengali and English. They also quoted many passages of Scripture. It was really beautiful to hear the whole school repeat the sixth chapter of Ephesians in concert. The impressions made on these young hearts, certainly can never be lost.

The church here is in a very healthy state. Among their other plans, there is one which divides the church into sections of five or six members each, each section having an overseer. These overseers look after the spiritual welfare of those under them, and report once each month. There is a Missionary Society in connection with the church, and a monthly missionary prayer meeting.

One of the members of the church said to me a few days ago. "I don't believe it is right for the pastor to do all the work of the church. We should all be workers for Jesus, and the pastor should be leader." I of course assented to this. Would that more of our church members at home appreciated this fact! How many of them are mere children who need constantly to be helped when they should be helpers—strong valiant workers for the Master.

Yours in the work,
A. B. Boyer.
Midnapore, India 6-9-88.

F. C. B. Conference.

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Robertson, also, is out of the country, but contemplates returning soon; Bros. Mott, and G. T. Hartley sent excuses for absence; in the cases of Bros. Carpenter and Garrity, the Committee had no information as to the causes of absence.

The District Meetings Committee reported. The meetings are to be held as follows:

- 1st. District at Lower Perth first Saturday in July, 1889.
- 2nd.—At Knowlesville last Saturday in June, 1889.
- 3rd.—At Nashua third Wednesday in September.
- 4th.—At Upper Gagetown second Saturday in September.
- 5th.—At Johnson [Narrows so called] first Wednesday in July.
- 6th.—At Corn Hill second Friday in July.
- 7th.—At St. John [Waterloo street] 4th Saturday in August.

Several ministers are named to attend each meeting, their names will appear in the Year Book.

According to a suggestion in the report of the Foreign Mission Executive, a Committee was appointed to apportion the amount needed for foreign work to the Districts.

The Committee consisted of Rev. C. F. Rideout, W. J. Owens, W. G. Gaunce, T. L. Alexander, A. Palmer, G. L. Good and Wm. Peters.

The Secretary of Elders' Conference communicated the action of that body in the case of S. H. Weyman, and it was voted to consider it later in Committee of the whole Conference.

In the afternoon Session, Rev. J. A. Gordon, Superintendent of the Union Seminary, was present, and was invited to a seat.

The following resolution concerning the RELIGIOUS INTELLIGENCER was passed.

Whereas, the RELIGIOUS INTELLIGENCER, the recognized and highly appreciated journal of the Free Christian Baptists of New Brunswick and Nova Scotia, has for many years been the medium through which our denominational work has been disseminated, and is also the exponent of questions pertaining to the moral and religious welfare, not only of the members of our churches, but to all that may receive admonition and instruction therefrom,

And Whereas, We believe its esteemed editor has only had in view the most effectual way of accomplishing the foregoing objects,

Therefore resolved, That we hereby express our sympathies with him in all his arduous duties in connection therewith, and reaffirm that all the F. C. Baptists of New Brunswick and Nova Scotia should become its patrons, and that we ought in all proper ways give it our hearty support, so that it may be a great success in the mission for which it was designed.

A resolution of thanks to the railroads and steamboat managers for reduced fares was passed.

RESOLUTION OF DISFELLOWSHIP.

The Secretary of Elders' Conference made the following communication:—

Bro. Moderator: The accompanying resolution has been adopted by the Elders' Conference and is communicated to the General Conference with the request that that body take like action:

Whereas, for several years there has existed among the Ministers of the Elders' Conference a difference of belief and teaching on the doctrine, known amongst us as "Instantaneous entire sanctification as a second work," and

Whereas, this teaching has been declared by this Conference and by our General Conference as well, not to be now, nor never to have been, the belief of this denomination; and

Whereas, the persistent schismatical teachings of these doctrines has brought great harm to several of our churches, and has injured all our denominational work;

And Whereas, we have labored a number of years in the spirit of brotherly care to bring about unity of faith, until we have become satisfied that this is not possible;

And Whereas, we think it essential to our denominational prosperity that our ministers, as teachers and leaders, should be in harmony on all such important doctrines;

And Whereas, we find at the close of another year, in the application of the usual denominational tests, a number of our brethren still dissenting from the beliefs of Conference;

Therefore Resolved, that this Elders' Conference in heartfelt sorrow, and in the spirit of brotherly kindness, and the spirit of denominational loyalty, in doing the only thing that now seems to us possible, and just to our cherished interests, declare that this Elders' Conference is not in sympathy with, and cannot longer fellowship as ministers of this Conference, brethren who teach or preach the doctrine of instantaneous entire sanctification, and we hereby withdraw fellowship from Revs. G. W. McDonald, W. Kinghorn, B. Colpits, G. B. Trafton and G. T. Hartley.

The resolution to endorse the action of Elders' Conference and make it the action of the General Conference as well, was discussed at great length, and was participated in by a large number of ministers and laymen. The discussion was continued through the afternoon and occupied nearly the whole of the evening session. The vote was taken by yeas and nays, the roll being called, and resulted in the adoption of the resolution, 57 voting for it and 6 against it.

A communication from Rev. Prof. Kierstead, Secretary of the Baptist Convention of the Maritime Provinces, was read; and also one from Rev. Dr. Bill, Chairman of the Convention's Committee, on Baptist Union.

[The letters will appear in a later part of this report.]

WEDNESDAY.—The Committee to apportion the sums to be raised in the Districts for foreign missions reported thus:

Your Committee appointed to apportion upon the Districts the amount of \$1,200 for foreign mission purposes, as recommended by the Executive of Foreign Missions, beg to say that they have attended to that duty and report as follows:—

- 1. We have taken into account the number of churches and the financial ability of each District and have divided the amount as below:—
- 1st Dist., \$75.00; 2nd Dist., \$200.00; 3rd Dist., \$210.00; 4th Dist., \$100.00; 5th Dist., \$175.00; 6th Dist., \$280.00; 7th Dist., \$130.00.

2. We recommend that each District adopt a plan for the distribution of the same over the churches, and for the collection of the same.

3. We suggest that the Clerk and Treasurer of each District, with this year's delegates from each District, be a District Committee for apportionment of the above this year. The Committee to meet at the call of the Clerk of the District.

4. We recommend that a Circular letter be issued at once by the Executive of Foreign Missions, advising churches of this action, and enclosing blanks for collection.

5. We recommend that all our ministers be urged to preach a distinctive missionary sermon at the beginning of each quarter.

DECEASED BRETHREN.

The following report of the Committee on deceased brethren was submitted:

Your Committee on Deceased Brethren submit their Report this year with feelings of unusual sadness.

The remembrance of sorrow felt on account of a like bereavement reported a little more than twenty-one years ago, when the Conference last met with this church, intensifies the grief of to-day. Then your report contained the names of those lamented, and ever to be remembered men of God, Elders S. Hart and E. McLeod. By an impressive co-incidence, at this, the next meeting of the Conference held in this place, we have to report the deaths of two more of our prominent and beloved brothers of our ministry, both of whom were with us and took active part in the doings of our annual gatherings one year ago; and also a lay brother who was one of the most prominent members of this Conference. Elders A. Taylor and J. E. Reid are both dead. The Master called them. They have gone to heaven. But they died at their posts. Veterans of the Cross, as they were, they died in the work. We greatly miss them to-day, and shall continue to miss them for many years. Bowing before the will of their Lord, and of our Lord, concerning these

bereavements, we can only say, "Thy will O God be done." They were clean and good men of God. Their names and works will long live amongst us.

Rev. A. Taylor died at Hampstead, Queen's County, on January 14th, 1888, aged 71 years. His remains were interred in the grave yard near the meeting house at Central Hampstead. He had been in declining health several months, but preached on the Lord's Day preceding his death, and had an appointment for the next Sunday, which he did not live to overtake. The last time many of us heard him preach was the ordination sermon at the Conference one year ago. He was a man of strong individuality, a clear and independent thinker, clean cut and Scriptural in his Theology, thoroughly loyal to the polity and doctrines of the denomination, familiar with all denominational work and constitutional questions, a truly pious and spiritually minded man, and a superior preacher, possessing the power of throwing the warm sympathy of his heart into his sermons. He was decidedly a denominational man. So conspicuous was he amongst us, because of his deep interest and uniform activity in all our doings, that it seems hardly real that we are in General Conference without him. For fifty years he had been abundant in gospel labours. He united with the Conference when in its infancy, and through the changes of its history, rejoiced with his brethren in their seasons of prosperity, and when clouds darkened our denominational sky, he never swerved in his allegiance to what he conscientiously believed to be for the best interests of our cause. He was a man of strong emotions, and had an especially expressive countenance. His face lighted and shone, or clouded and frowned, according to his feelings, as did the face of no other man of our ministry. But he is now beyond such changes. He is free forever, beyond the possibility of clouds and cure of the Churches. He has entered the land of light, life and joy.

Our beloved brother Rev. John Edward Reid, of precious memory, died in Portland, St. John, May 18th 1888. Aged 50 years, comparatively a young man. He had entered upon his new pastorate in Portland a few months before, with the prospects and hope of eminent usefulness. This church had been upon her knees, earnestly looking to the Master for a pastor, and had not diminished in their joy on account of the right man whom they believed God had sent them, when they were plunged into deep grief over his death. Truly God's ways are past finding out. Last year he preached the Annual Sermon of this Conference. He had spent about twenty-five years in earnest and successful ministry amongst our churches. He was one of the most gifted and graceful of our ministers. His large and warm heartedness made him attractive, and drew towards him both young and old, making for him hosts of friends, who mourned sadly over his death. Few men possessed such a happy faculty of making and retaining friends in all the walks of life, as did our deceased brother. He was a zealous and efficient temperance worker, being above the average as a platform speaker. But in no place was he so much at home, or did his soul go out in such earnestness, as when in the pulpit preaching the glorious gospel of the grace of God, and when labouring for the salvation of sinners. He also fell at his post. On the second Sunday in March last, he entered the pulpit of his church, and commenced the services. Soon after announcing his text he became so weak that he was obliged to sit down or fall. Being taken to his home, he never again went out of his house until he was carried out in his casket. Of him, it may truly be said, that he was "faithful until death," and there can be no doubt about the "crown" promised by his Master. By his own request he was buried in the grave yard near the Mouth of Keswick, York County, in which section of the country he had lived and laboured several years. He was a fine preacher a good man, a christian gentleman, and a lover of souls. We shall miss him. Long shall we miss him. But, in the midst of our sorrow, we are comforted concerning these dear brethren, whom we so tenderly loved, as now being free and happy in that "Far away home of the soul

Where no storms ever beat on the glittering strand,
While the years of eternity roll."

May we all meet them in that thrice happy home on high.

It is highly fitting that we place on record, our appreciation of the noble lives, and truly christian characters, and eminently faithful services of these deceased and sainted brethren; and express our deep sense of the great loss sustained by us as a denomination.

Also, that we express, and tender to the widows, and fatherless children, of these dear brethren of our ministry, our hearty sympathy, and assure them of our continued love and united prayers for their consolation and support.

We have also to record the death of one of our most excellent laymen. Bro. Robert E. McLeod, who for several years, had been a member of the Board of Managers, died quite suddenly during the past year. We had no more highly respected and beloved brother amongst us. He was a man of sterling qualities of head and heart. He is missed from this Conference today, and it will be long before he can be forgotten by us. We hereby express our appreciation of his worth and helpfulness to us in all our denominational work.

The committee on Baptist Union reported. The report was adopted. [It, with the two letters on the question, before referred to, will be published together later.]

The committee on Denominational

Literature presented the following report:

Your committee on Denominational Literature report:—

1. We heartily endorse the RELIGIOUS INTELLIGENCER as the ably conducted and a faithful exponent of our denominational views, and urge all our people to subscribe for and read it, and promote its circulation as far as possible. We believe that the Conference should make every effort to encourage and aid the editor in his work, to the end that this journal may be of more value to him and by wider circulation, of more use to our denomination.

2. We trust that all loyal Free Baptists will regard it their duty to show their allegiance to the denomination by making this journal their first choice in the selection of a religious and family newspaper.

3. Wherever our Sabbath Schools are able to secure Free Baptist Literature in the way of Quarterlies, Lesson Leaves etc., we would recommend such.

4. Your committee recommend our churches in the selection of Hymns in social service to use only those whose doctrines are in harmony with the teachings of the denomination.

A resolution expressing the pleasure of the Conference at the presence of Revs. C. Goodspeed and J. A. Gordon, of the committee of Baptist Convention on Baptist Union, and reciprocating the kindly feelings of the Convention, was adopted.

The following resolution was adopted:—Whereas, it is desirable that the young Christians of our churches should be organized for Christian work as a means of developing true Christian character and training them for efficient service in their churches;

And Whereas, an organization called the Advocates of Christian Fidelity is in existence in a number of Free Baptist churches in the U. S.;

Therefore resolved, that we look with favor upon the A. C. F. Society movement, and recommend our churches, wherever practicable, to organize their young people into like societies, believing such a course will tend to hold our young people to our beloved denomination, and increase their efficiency and influence in it.

An interesting discussion was had on the subject of this resolution, both ministers and laymen expressing their deep interest in it.

A resolution of thanks to the people of Blissville for their warm-hearted hospitality to the members of Conference and others who attended the session, was carried by a hearty and unanimous vote.

The committee on Licentiate reported having examined Bros. H. A. Bonnell and F. Currier, and recommended that they continue to labour by authority of their District Meeting Licenses. Bro. Currier is recommended to attend the Seminary at the earliest practicable date. Brethren Rogers, Hartley and Gosline (Licentiate) who are now pursuing their studies were commended.

The case of S. H. Weyman, charged with immorality, having been considered in committee of the whole Conference, the committee reported recommending that he be expelled from the ministry of the denomination. The report was adopted.

The Conference Executive reported the meetings held during the year. The Report of the Board of Managers was submitted. The Executive of the Minister's Relief Fund presented a report. [These reports will be published later.]

The following letter to the churches was adopted:

Dear Brethren:—We are instructed to communicate to you the following resolution adopted by the Elders' Conference and the General Conference in their recent sessions: [Here will follow the resolution of disfellowship as printed in an earlier part of the report.]

We also have it in charge to say to you that the action in this case was taken after much careful and prayerful deliberation, and after having exhausted every known means to avoid it and to persuade the disfellowshipped brethren into harmony with the doctrines and practices of the denomination.

During the several years that efforts have been being made to avoid the separation from us of the brethren named, the unauthorized and, as the Conferences believe, unscriptural doctrine has been persistently promulgated, despite repeated protests and many entreaties. The effect on those churches that have been under the influence of this teaching and the attendant methods of work has been mischievous; they have been divided in spirit and aims, their loyalty to the denomination has been seriously weakened, their interest in its work has been lessened, and their christian strength and influence have been greatly impaired. The evidences of these facts have been so many and strong, that their force could not longer be resisted.

The withdrawal of fellowship from the brethren named in the resolution has been with great reluctance. No action taken for many years, if ever, has caused the Conferences so much pain. It was in the hearts of all to avoid it if possible. But in faithfulness to the denomination's beliefs and life, and to conserve the interests committed to them, they have been compelled, in great sorrow to take this action.

For the information of the churches we are instructed to say to them that no minister from whom fellowship has been withdrawn can be engaged as pastor of any church of the denomina-