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NOTES AND GLEANINGS.

A STATISTICIAN estimated the number of persons killed in battle in the world during the past thirty-four years to be 2,253,000. In his table, the Crimean war leads the list as having cost 750,000 men. In the Franco-German war France lost 155,000; Germany, 60,000. The figures given for the American Civil War put the loss of the Northern States at 280,000. The Southern States, 520,000. This appalling list does not include mortality from sickness nor deaths in prison or from wounds and exposures which end in the life. As General Sherman pithily says: "War is destruction." Yet, vast as the number is, rum has undoubtedly slain many more.

OF EVANGELISTS the *Canada Presbyterian* says,—"We have all heard of the Boy Evangelist," and the "Singing Evangelist," and the Weeping Evangelist," and several other evangelists. It has been reserved for British Columbia to have the honour of finding a home for the "Cow Boy Evangelist." Now all these evangelists may be excellent people and may have done some useful work, but these titles do not increase their influence for good with anybody of reasonably good taste. Such names may attract the attention of vulgar, gaping people, but they do not help anybody to do the Lord's work among any class, and they disgust and repel many whose influence it is very desirable to have in favour of any religious movement.

MR. GEORGE MULLER, who is travelling and preaching among the Himalayas, states in the thirtieth annual report of his orphanage at Bristol, England, that since the institution was founded it has received and spent more than \$5,500,000; more than one hundred and nine thousand persons have been entirely supported and educated in it, and tens of thousands materially assisted; five large houses, capable of affording homes for two thousand and fifty orphans, have been built at a cost of \$575,000, and that sixty-six schools are maintained by the institution. This has all been done without incurring any debt, and without asking, directly or indirectly, any human aid.

THE EXPERIENCE of Switzerland does not give much encouragement to those who advocate the abolition of capital punishment. Switzerland has, in some respects, had the most remarkable history and political development of any country in Europe. It has been a centre for the discussion of all political and social problems. The Constitution of 1874 abolished capital punishment throughout the whole Swiss Confederation. The experiment did not fulfil the predictions made in regard to it. Several murders were committed, and it was found that public sentiment would not brook the then existing lack of a sufficient deterrent. Accordingly in 1879 a revision of the Constitution made capital punishment optional.

THE QUEEN of DENMARK, who recently celebrated her seventy-second birthday, was, on that interesting anniversary, surrounded by her six children, all of whom have made most illustrious marriages. Crown Prince Frederick, the eldest, married Princess Louise, daughter of the late Carl V of Sweden; Princess Alexandra, married the Prince of Wales; Prince William, who is now King George I of Greece, married the Grand Duchess Olga of Russia; Princess Dagmar, married Alexander III, Emperor of Russia; Princess Thyra, married the Duke of Cumberland, and Prince Waldemar, married Princess Marie of Orleans.

A SALT LAKE in East Africa is thus described.—Its surface is 375 feet below the Indian Ocean, and its waters are intensely saline. Despite constant evaporation its level is maintained, though no streams were ever known to flow into it. Its salt has been offered for sale far and wide through East Africa. At last the secret of its briny source has been discovered. Three brooks have been found, flowing evidently from the Bay of Tadjoura, and emptying their saline waters into the low-lying basin.

IN THE MATTER of railroads China moves slowly, yet moves. It has, says

the Herald, but 86½ miles thus far laid down—between Tien-tsin and Taku—and eight months ago the government stopped work suddenly upon an extension of this road to Tung-chow because the censors charged to the malign influence of this new railway a destructive fire which broke out in the imperial palace. It seemed for the time as though the project was doomed. But the Emperor was induced to consult with the viceroys of his provinces, and from two of them at least—the viceroy of Canton and the governor of Formosa—he received opinions so strongly favorable to railroad construction that he has recently issued a decree directing that the work shall be begun at once upon a road 7000 miles long, to connect Pekin with Hankow, 500 miles up the Yang-tse. These termini were selected to keep the road in the interior, so as not to be easily seized by an enemy. Within a dozen years other roads will be laid down, and China will easily outstrip her more progressive neighbor—Japan—which has lately celebrated the completion of 1,000 miles of iron road by a banquet.

THE CONFERENCE.

(Continued.)

Saturday.—The real beginning of the General Conference is the Saturday morning meeting. To this all look forward with desire, expecting a good meeting; and they are not often disappointed. There, certainly, was no disappointment about the meeting this year. The pastor, Rev. J. G. McKenzie, presided, he and Rev. C. T. Phillips conducting the opening services. The congregation was large, the house being filled to its utmost capacity. From beginning to end it was a meeting of much interest and enjoyment. The spirit was present to quicken and comfort the Lord's people, and they rejoiced greatly in the love of God and testified to the power of His grace in their experience. Not in several years has the opening meeting of the Conference session been so thoroughly good and enjoyable.

At 2.30 P. M. the business of Conference began. Rev. C. T. Phillips, Moderator, presided. There was a large attendance, and we never saw an audience more interested in the reports and every part of a meeting of this kind. The Report of the Corresponding Secretary, Rev. J. W. Clark was a carefully prepared document, and was read in a very effective manner. Appended are portions of the report:

Our Heavenly Father has kindly permitted us to meet again in our Annual Conference.

The occasion calls for devout thanksgiving to Almighty God, who has abundantly vouchsafed to us His blessings.

Eleven years ago our Denomination held its annual meeting with this church.

Reviewing those years, brings to our minds the fact, that much of the Lord's favour has been with us, in that the labours of His servants and people have been Divinely recognized in the salvation of hundreds of souls.

But we have also to notice that some unprayed for, and unlooked for experiences have come to us.

God has called several of his workmen home, among them, some of the most useful and fatherly of our ministers.

But sorer trial than this has been encountered, by the estrangement from the Conference of brethren, who adopted belief different from those held by the Denomination (causing much weakness and harm to the churches) and from whom, after years of patient and painful, but unsuccessful effort to effect union; it was deemed advisable at the annual session of last year to withdraw fellowship.

In assuming the responsibilities and duties which were upon us at the beginning of the year now passed, all hearts were uplifted to God in earnest prayer for heavenly wisdom and direction, and today, it is our greatest pleasure to record the blessed and memorable fact, that the Lord has answered our prayers.

That which for years had been a struggle in the minds of many, has been overcome, the cloud has been dispersed, light has shone, and less than anticipated difficulty has been realized.

It has been a year of more than usual interest and care for the ministers and churches, but from information at hand all things considered we believe it to have been a year of more than average success.

God planted the Denomination; and our faith lays hold of the promise, "Lo I am with you always, even unto the end of the world."

The report then gives an account in detail of each District, concluding with the following summary of statistics:

The total number added to all the churches by baptism is 268; by letter 124; total 392; less by decrease 518; net decrease 126.

Total amount raised for	
Support of Ministry	\$11,521 87
Current church expenses	3,726 14
Buildings and Improvements	5,385 35
Home Missions	94 30
Foreign Missions	964 47
Sabbath Schools	67 00
Education Society	107 00
Grand Total	\$21,866 13

Thus Brethren, have I given you as nearly as I could, from the information at my disposal an account of the standing of our churches and of our work during the past year.

The reports show a net decrease of 126, a number much less doubtless, than any of us had anticipated.

Several reasons may be given for this, the chief of which is entirely obvious, viz, the schism.

But an analytical examination of the reports given, of the work done amongst us during the year, conclusively proves that God has been with us; uniting our hearts; confirming our faith and blessing our work, unto the glory of Himself.

May we remember that our calling is of God, that our responsibilities are great, and that if we walk humbly with the Lord, we are fully equal for the work unto which we have been appointed.

Among the many questions which shall engage our attention at this session, none is of greater importance, we think, than that an earnest effort be made to devise and adopt means, to the end, that every Church especially our weakest ones, may have ministerial care. Unless they get it they will very soon be lost to us, many of them are struggling for life, they are crying for help. Do we hear them? Shall we help them? Do we not know that we are commanded "to bear one another's burdens and so fulfil the law of Christ?"

The strong must help the weak, and now, as we enter upon a new Conference year, may we forget not, that "without Christ we can do nothing," but that, "we can do all things, through Christ, which strengtheneth us."

The adoption of the report was moved by Rev. G. A. Hartley, and seconded by Rev. Jos. McLeod, both of whom spoke encouragingly of the condition and prospects of the denomination. Rev. A. C. Thompson and Hon. Geo. E. Foster also spoke, discussing the chief features of the report the latter referring to the excellent spirit of the Conference, not only as shown in the addresses of the speakers but in the manifest interest of the whole audience as the facts about the condition of the work of the denomination were set forth.

Rev. J. W. Freeman, Corresponding delegate from the N. S. Free Baptist Conference, was introduced and gave a clear account of the work being done in the sister Province. He spoke of the pleasure it gave him as a native of New Brunswick and a son of this Conference who had been a number of years in service in the neighboring Province, to return to his old home and meet the brethren whom he first knew and by whose ministry he had received his early religious impressions. He told of the encouragements his conference is having, and expressed the belief that the outlook for the body is full of promise.

Rev. Thos. Kennedy, Corresponding delegate from the Penobscot yearly meeting of Freewill Baptists, being introduced, made a pleasant speech, in which he told of his yearly meeting and its work. He too, was born in New Brunswick; and was glad to be on his native soil again, and especially glad to meet the Conference. Of some of the brethren he had had knowledge from boyhood, and of many others he had known something for many years. He had always watched the work of the denomination with great interest, and had rejoiced in the good degree of prosperity which had attended its life and labours. Referring to the course of some ministers, members of the Penobscot yearly meeting, whose course in the Province had been other than brotherly towards our denomination, he disclaimed on behalf of the yearly meeting all responsibility for their unfraternal conduct and assured the Conference of the hearty sympathy and good will of the meeting which he represented. His address was heard with pleasure. The Corresponding delegates, Revs. Messrs Freeman and Kinney, were, by resolution, cordially welcomed and accorded seats in the Conference.

Rev. Wm. Downey presented a report of his visit to the N. S. Conference as the representative of New Brunswick.

At 7.30 P. M. the report of the Sabbath school secretary was submitted,

and appropriate addresses were made by Rev. J. E. Gosline, Rev. C. F. Rideout, Mr. S. L. Peters and Hon. Geo. E. Foster. There seems difficulty in getting full and satisfactory statistics of the Sabbath Schools of the denomination. Forms for reports are sent with the forms for church reports, but only a few are returned filled. Either the clerks of churches neglect to hand the forms to Superintendents, or many Superintendents neglect to fill and forward them. It is very important that complete reports of all the schools in connection with our churches be made annually. The secretary this year will probably correspond with all the Superintendents, and it is hoped that next year fuller returns will be made than in any previous year.

Sunday.—The Sabbath was a bright and beautiful day, neither too warm nor too cool. At 8 A. M. there was prayer-meeting—a most refreshing season, and a fitting prelude to the preaching and other services of the day. At 10 A. M. the Annual Conference sermon was preached by Rev. Wm. Downey. The text was Acts 9:31. "Then had the churches rest *** and walking in the fear of the Lord and the comfort of the Holy Ghost were multiplied." It was an admirable discourse and made a deep impression on the large congregation which listened with eager attention to it. We do not give an outline of it, as it will be published in full in next week's issue.

At 3 P. M., Rev. J. W. Freeman preached, and at 7.30 P. M., Rev. Thos. Kinney. These were clear, tender and helpful presentations of gospel truth, much enjoyed by hearers. There was preaching at several other places, as follows: at the Village by Rev. Jos. McLeod and Rev. John Perry; at Oak Point by Rev. G. A. Hartley and Rev. T. O. DeWitt; at Upper Hampstead by Rev. J. T. Parsons and F. C. Hartley; at Wickham by Rev. W. K. Burr and H. Hartt; at Hibernia by Rev. J. Robertson and Rev. J. W. Clark; at Jerusalem by Rev. A. C. Thompson and Rev. C. T. Phillips.

At all these places there was a good interest, in several of them the truth had convicting power and a number of persons expressed a desire and purpose to enter the christian life. At the seat of Conference there was deep interest in the closing meeting, the culmination of the interest created by the several services of the day; a number signified their determination to live more faithful christian lives, and several came forward for prayers. The day from first to last was a good one, marked by much of the divine presence and the power of God attending the preaching of His word. That good, more wide spread and lasting than can now be estimated, will result from the Sabbath services there can be no doubt. The Lord's servants and people were very happy by reason of His presence, and there was much rejoicing in Him.

Monday. Rain fell on Monday; part of the day it rained very hard. But not even a heavy and cold rain-fall could dampen or chill the ardour of those who had met there for the work of the Lord. At 9 A. M. the Conference was called to order by the Moderator Rev. C. T. Phillips, and prayer was offered by Rev. R. French. After roll-call, the ballot for Moderator for the ensuing year was taken. The choice fell upon Rev. Jos. McLeod, with Rev. A. C. Thompson as Assistant Moderator. The retiring Moderator spoke words of thanks for the courtesy of the brethren during his occupancy of the chair; he also told of his joy at the condition of our work and bade his brethren devote themselves to the work with ever increasing devotion. The Moderator elect acknowledged the honour done him in his election to the chair, and expressed the hope that the work of the session might be done with great thoroughness and greatly promote the Kingdom of Christ.

3500 copies of the Year Book of 1889 were ordered to be printed and circulated in the churches.

The ballot for the five elective members of the General Conference Executive resulted in the choice of Revs. C. F. Phillips, G. A. Hartley, J. W. Clark and J. T. Parsons and Wm. Peters. These brethren with the

Moderator and Secretary of Conference are the Executive for the year.

Rev. J. N. Barnes for the Committee on absent Brethren reported as follows:

1. We find that ten ministers whose names are on the role of this Conference are absent, viz., Revs. E. Sipprell, Jacob Gunter, E. B. Gray, J. S. Jones, A. H. McLeod, E. Garrity, J. H. Erb, A. H. Trafton, J. Gravinor and H. H. Cosman.

2. That brethren E. Sipprell and Jacob Gunter, in consideration of their advanced age and ill-health, are excusable for non-attendance. And that brethren E. B. Gray, J. L. Jones and A. H. McLeod who are at present sick be also excused.

3. That the cases of Bro. E. Garrity be left in the hands of the committee appointed by the Minister's Conference.

4. That brethren J. H. Erb and A. H. Trafton, who are out of the Province one in Texas and the other in California, be excused, but that they be requested to report themselves at the next Conference.

5. That whereas brethren John Gravinor and H. H. Cosman, much to the regret of this Conference, have joined another body, their names be dropped from our roll.

6. That we regret the absence of several of the Clerks and Treasurers of Districts and some of the Delegates appointed to attend this session.

Rev. G. Swim for the committee on temperance submitted the following:

1. We believe the liquor traffic to be the greatest curse of this age.

2. This Conference continues to be opposed in the emphatic way to said traffic and to give its support to every moral and legal effort to suppress the abominable curse.

3. We believe that temperance people in general are looking to the Parliament and the local Legislatures of the Dominion for more stringent laws on this question.

4. We hereby pledge ourselves to secure as far as possible, as representatives, both in the Local and Dominion Legislatures, men who are pronounced on this question; independent of party politics.

5. This Conference is in favor of the complete prohibition of the importation manufacture and traffic in intoxicating liquors, and can be satisfied with nothing less.

Rev. F. Babcock, for the committee on the Sabbath, reported:

This Conference again puts on record its profound regard and reverence for the Christian Sabbath. God commands man to keep it holy. It is a sign between us and God. The Bible, history and observation prove that those nations, communities and persons who most scripturally and carefully observe the Sabbath command in its spirit, are the most moral and Christian and the most prosperous in every way. We earnestly protest against all kinds of Sabbath desecration either in worldly pleasures, money making or man-made necessities. We also rejoice to learn that strong efforts are being made both in Europe and America to secure a better observance of the Lord's Day than has of late years prevailed in many places in those countries.

Rev. C. T. Phillips, for the committee on Education, read the following report:

1. They are glad to note that our churches are nearly a unit in their demand for an educated as well as consecrated Ministry. "The school master is abroad." The pulpit and the press have taught the people that education and consecration are not incompatible. While our churches gladly avail themselves of the services of the ministers who have not had the advantage of a liberal education, every careful observer must have noted how cordially and even with what enthusiasm our students are welcomed to the churches during their vacation and the evident interest and pride taken in them by the older as well as the younger members of the church.

2. Your committee believing that there cannot be reasonable excuse for any young man in this day of free schools to be without the advantages of a liberal education would recommend that this Conference urge every young man before asking or expecting license from it to be able to pass any examination required by the Conference.

3. That a committee be appointed to report at next session the best means of carrying out section 2 of the report.

4. Your committee is glad to know that the outlook for the Union Baptist Seminary seems so promising. Over 70 students are enrolled, and this number will soon be increased. That this institution is second in respect of building, teachers and appliances to no other seminary in the maritime provinces cannot be questioned. We would therefore urge upon Free Baptist families the importance of being loyal to their denominational school, and when their children are sent away from home to school, preference should always be given to their own. Your committee also would recommend that the pastors of churches be requested to bring the claims of the educational society before the churches, and that collections for the use of the society be taken at least every quarter.

The committee appointed under section

tion three of the foregoing report is composed of Messrs. G. E. Foster, Phillips, Babcock, Hartley, Downey, Perry and McLeod.

W. F. M. Society.—Monday at 3 p. m. the public meeting of the Woman's Foreign Mission Society was held. Notwithstanding the heavy rain there was a good audience, and the meeting was, as usual, a very interesting one. The President, Mrs. G. A. Hartley, occupied the chair. The opening prayer was offered by Mrs. Parsons. The report of the Corresponding Secretary Mrs. C. W. Weyman, reviewed the work of the year. This report has not yet come into our hands, but will appear later. Its adoption was moved by Mrs. C. T. Phillips, and seconded by Miss Perley and adopted. The report of the Home Secretary, Mrs. F. Babcock, was read. It was adopted on motion of Mrs. C. H. Ebbett seconded by Mrs. Downey. This report also cannot be published in this issue. The Treasurer's report showed that good work was done during the year, the amount raised being \$841.42, a considerable increase over the receipts of the year before.

Mrs. Babcock, who was appointed to represent the Society of the annual meeting of the Baptist W. M. Union reported as follows:

DEAR SISTERS: As I cannot meet with you at this Annual Session, which I deeply regret, it becomes me as your representative to the W. B. M. U. to send you a report. I am happy to say that I had the pleasure and benefit of attending that Missionary Union. As your representative (although a very unworthy one in my feelings) I was very cordially received, and I tried as best I could to extend to them the greetings of the F. C. B. W. M. Soc. of N. B., and spoke briefly of the history and work undertaken by the Society. I was much helped in the few remarks I tried to make by the presence of several of the dear sisters from Fredericton. I requested a continuation of the delegation so agreeably begun. I thanked them for the worthy representative they sent to our society last autumn, and assured them that we watched their progress with interest, and their prosperity with gratitude to our Heavenly Father; for in this grand work of the world's evangelization we should know no denominational lines or rivalry. I tried in as befitting way as I could to thank them for the privileges they had extended to the F. C. B. W. M. Society, &c.

Speeches were made by Rev. C. F. Rideout, Mrs. Munroe, Rev. F. Babcock, Rev. Dr. Hopper, Hon. Geo. E. Foster and Rev. J. W. Freeman. The last named conveyed the greetings of the N. S. Woman's Society, and spoke encouragingly of their work.

The Society held several business meetings, in which they looked into its affairs, made appropriations amounting to \$945, and arranged plans for the year's work. The following officers were elected:—President, Mrs. Geo. A. Hartley; vice-presidents, Mrs. E. J. Clarke, 1st district; Mrs. Henry Hartt, 2nd district; Mrs. Wm. Downey, 3rd district; Mrs. Thos. McMullin, 4th district; Mrs. Chas. Ebbett, 5th district; Mrs. C. W. Weyman, 6th district; Mrs. James Patterson, 7th district; corresponding secretary, Mrs. C. W. Weyman; home secretary, Mrs. F. Babcock; recording secretary, Mrs. Joseph McLeod; assistant recording secretary, Miss Perley; board of managers—the above mentioned officers and Mrs. Wm. Peters, Mrs. Thos. Robinson, Mrs. C. Burt, Mrs. A. Turner, Mrs. Dr. Secord, Miss Jane Weyman, Mrs. Vince, Mrs. A. C. Smith, Mrs. J. T. Parsons, Mrs. C. T. Phillips; committee on missionary intelligence, Miss Fullerton, Mrs. Alexander and Mrs. Babcock.

At 7 p. m. the Conference resumed business. Prayer by Rev. T. Kinney. Rev. Dr. Hopper, Principal of the Seminary, being present, the following resolution was passed,—

"Whereas, the Rev. J. E. Hopper, D. D., Principal of the Union Baptist Seminary, is present as the representative of that institution; therefore resolved that he be invited to a seat with us, subject to the rules of Conference, and that he now be heard."

He said he had almost thought himself a delegate without a formal vote, as he was Principal of a school which is as much Free Baptist as Baptist. He declared himself greatly interested in the work of the denomination, having followed in closely for some years. He has had it on his heart that we should be one people some day. In many respects we are already one, The Seminary, in which we are equally

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