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Let us have large lists from every church in the denomination.

NOTES AND COMMENTS.

THERE ARE thirty-five thousand Swedes in New York.

A House for friendless cats is the latest "benevolence." Six acres of land in the northern part of New York have been secured for this purpose. It is a ladies' project. The Christian Inquirer somewhat ironically, says:

All the sick and orphan babies, all the poor and destitute children, the hard-working sewing women and shop-girls having been cared for, and all the opportunities for doing good to the destitute, impenetrable and fallen having been exhausted, there is nothing for these few tender-hearted, cultured, benevolent women to do but to found a cat home.

STANLEY says that Emin Pasha declares that he saw many apes using torches for their night excursions. The *Revue Scientifique* discusses this and counts it reasonable. It used to be taught that man was the only animal which could make a fire. But why should not monkeys and apes learn the art, as they learn so much by imitation. Three centuries ago they were seen sitting round a fire lit by men. Still they are nothing but apes.

THE NUMBER of newspapers published in all countries is estimated at 41,000, 24,000 appearing in Europe. Germany heads the list with 5,500, then comes France with 4,100, England with 4,000, Austria-Hungary with 3,500, Italy with 1,400, Spain with 850, Russia with 800, Switzerland with 450, Belgium and Holland with 300 each, and the rest is published in Portugal, the Scandinavian and the Balkan countries. The United States have 12,500 newspapers, Canada has 700, and Australia also 700. Of 300 journals published in Asia, Japan alone has 200. Two hundred journals appear in Africa, and three in the Sandwich Islands. In the principal languages there are published 17,000 newspapers in English, 7,500 in German, 6,800 in French, 1,800 in Spanish, and 1,500 in Italian.

THE BANE OF CHINA, as is well known, is the opium habit, the importation of the drug having been forced upon the empire by Great Britain at the point of the sword. The principal revenue in British India, next to the Land tax, has been derived from the sale of opium exported to China by the Calcutta government, which claimed the exclusive privilege of handling this drug. During all these years the Chinese authorities, knowing well how pernicious was its effect, have forbidden, under severe penalties, the domestic cultivation of the poppy. Perceiving, however, as last, how ineffective this prohibition has proved in restricting the general use of opium and in hindering the sad deterioration which results from it, Emperor Kwangsu has decided that if his people will have the fatal drug, they may as well cultivate it as to buy it, and has therefore issued a proclamation which legalizes the growth of opium in China. His subjects will not perhaps be any the worse off by this permission than they are now, but England will feel keenly the shrinking of this plethoric revenue. No Christian nation will pity her.—*Herald*.

THE ANTI-SEMITIC movement is far from having finished its course in Germany. In several districts, especially in Posen, Silesia, and Hesse, there is a compactly organized party of overwhelming strength that aims at the total exclusion of the Jews from all the rights of citizenship. The agitation is supported by popular newspapers, including one, the *Posen's Friend*, which informs its readers that the Gospel precept to love one's neighbours does not apply to Jews, who are no one's neighbours but strangers and foreigners! The

worst passions of the dark ages have been revived in these benighted portions of the Fatherland.

REFORMATORY AND INDUSTRIAL SCHOOLS have done great good in Ireland. It is stated, by authority, says a contemporary, that since their establishment in 1853, they have already turned out 19,000 honest workers; but the most striking fact is the concurrent decrease both in juvenile and adult crime. Year by year the number of sentences passed on Irish children has dwindled till from 12,238 it has fallen to 463. That a large share in the credit of these astonishing results is due to the schools there can be no doubt. The great influence which the reformation of the young has had upon the statistics of crime in general is seen in the remarkable diminution which has taken place in the number of inmates of the Irish convict prisons during the last quarter of a century. Here, again, the fall has been steadily maintained year by year till now, instead of 1,700 prisoners as in 1865, there are something less than 500 only.

HERE IS A DESCRIPTION of some portions of New York as given by one of the papers of that city:

If you who read this, dear sir or madam, were to take a Belt Line car from the Battery along the East River front to fifty-ninth street, past Central Park and down along the North River front back to the Battery, you will have passed through the ballistics of some of the worst gangs of lawless roughs that New York has ever harbored. You will pass close to thousands of willing-to-be murderers, who would not hesitate to cut your throat for 50 cents. You will pass over pavements which, perhaps, have been red with blood the night before. You should pass through safely because the gangs of New York to day seldom hold up street-cars, although they have done so on several occasions within the last few years.

The rough reign of gangs in New York is a fact as plain as the elevated roads of the town. Gangs are an institution of New York City. Once firmly established, a gang of beer drinking, fighting and brazen thieves will live through all sorts of opposition. A nice place to live!

Free Baptist Conference of Nova Scotia.

The Free Baptist Conference of Nova Scotia, held their annual session at Centreville, Cape Island, on September 11th, at 10 a. m., the Elder's Conference having met the day before. Fifteen clergymen and thirty-eight lay members were present; also Rev. W. J. Twort, a delegate from the Massachusetts Free Baptist Association, and Rev. E. W. Porter of the Rhode Island Free Baptist Association.

The Rev. J. C. Smith, of Argyle, was received by letter from the Massachusetts Association.

After the usual routine, the officers for the year were elected, viz:

Rev. J. W. Freeman, Moderator.
Rev. J. L. Smith, Asst. Moderator.
Rev. Edwin Crowell, Clerk.
Rev. W. E. Weston, Treasurer.
Rev. D. T. Porter, Cor. Secretary.
Hon. A. Gayton, M. P. P., Auditor.
Credentialed Committee—Revs. D. W. Porter, S. K. West and Rev. T. M. Miller.

Nominating Committee—Revs. J. W. Freeman, W. E. Weston, Jas. W. Smith, R. A. Sims, G. A. Downey, J. C. Atkinson, Rev. H. D. Trefry.

State of the Denomination—G. A. Downey, G. E. Sturgis, M. D., Wm. Miller.

A very interesting public meeting took place Thursday afternoon, on the reports of delegates to and from various Christian bodies.

Rev. W. M. Knollin had visited the Massachusetts Association; Rev. J. W. Freeman the F. O. B. Conference, N. B.; Rev. J. K. West, of the Maine Central F. B. Yearly Meeting.

Revs. W. J. Twort and E. W. Porter made capital addresses relative to cultivation of friendly acquaintance with the Free Baptists of the United States.

Rev. M. P. Orser presented the credentials of the Free Baptists of Maine, N. B., and N. S., to this body, and was accompanied by Rev. Mr. Turner, of Deerfield. They asked a reciprocity of delegation which was referred to the Executive of the Conference for consideration.

The Corresponding Secretary, Bro. Freeman, then read an interesting and encouraging report compiled from the church Reports in which it appeared that our whole denominational field had received pastoral attention

during the year. The statistical table showed:

Present membership.....	3,803
Net gain.....	14
Number churches.....	38
Money raised, church purposes.....	\$8,253.46
Sunday Schools.....	37
Sunday School members.....	2,618
Sunday School receipts.....	\$600.81

This Report was referred to the Com. on the state of the denomination.

FRIDAY.

Resolved to instruct the Nominating Committee to name the Treasurer of this Conference as the Treasurer of each of the various societies of the Conference.

Resolved to recommend to our churches the appointment of women as delegates to this Conference.

Resolved that for this year the names of contributors to the Conference fund be omitted from the printed minutes; that in place thereof a manual be printed, and that the Clerk prepare the manual.

Resolved that the officers of churches be instructed to collect the Conference dues in the month of January.

Bro. G. F. Francis was appointed Assistant Clerk pro tem.

Friday evening was the time for the Foreign Mission meeting and a large congregation was present. Rev. C. F. Cooper was in the chair. After prayer, by Rev. E. W. Porter, Miss Eudora Hilton read a report and gave a brilliant address.

As Cor. Sec. she had found in many districts a lack of interest. With a view to remedy the trouble, she had prepared a scheme for an Auxiliary Society to work in the churches. In completing her plan it appeared that the N. S. F. B. M. Society had no constitution: Our Conference however, is not limited to the local questions which occupy so much of its time, but has great purposes and great associations.

It is indeed, "a consummate blunder in this age of the world to live selfishly."

We need, 1, organization, 2, information, 3, a sense of individual responsibility, 4, the spirit of prayer, 5, personal consecration.

The organization proposed was adopted and officers chosen, and the plan referred to the General Conference.

SATURDAY.

Rev. A. G. Jones made an appeal to the Conference for assistance to the Halifax church in their plans for securing a new church building.—Bros. E. Crowell, Ad. Corning and Wm. Miller were appointed a Com., to confer with Bros. Jones and Wilson of the Halifax church. At 7.30 p. m. the annual Meeting of the Educational Society, Rev. W. M. Knollin in the chair. Messrs. Francis, Cooper, Downey, Twort, E. W. Porter, by their speeches, and Miss A. Porter, by an excellent paper, furnished a choice programme for the Education Society.

SUNDAY.

After prayer meeting at 9 a. m., the annual sermon was delivered at 10.30 a. m., by Rev. E. Crowell. Text, Mark xiii 34. Theme, The Church at work in the Lord's absence.

Other services were:—CENTREVILLE CHURCH—Revs. E. W. Porter, A. G. Jones.

NEWELLTON—Revs. W. J. Twort, Jas. W. Smith.

PRESBYTERIAN KIRK—Rev. W. M. Knollin.

S. SIDE, CAPE ISLAND—Rev. G. A. Downey.

BARRINGTON (TEMPLE)—Rev. C. F. Cooper.

The collections amounted to \$33.00 which were equally divided between Foreign, Home, and Educational Societies.

MONDAY, SEPT. 15.

was the closing day of the Conference. Resolved that Rev. Jno. L. Smith, preach the annual sermon at next Conference with Rev. D. T. Porter, as alternate.

Rev. Wm. Miller, was appointed Cor. Delegate to the N. B. Conference of Free C. Baptists with Rev. F. W. Reader as alternate.

Rev. D. T. Porter, to be Cor. Delegate to the Maine State association, with Rev. G. M. Wilson, as alternate.

Rev. C. F. Cooper, to be Cor. Delegate to the Mass. association with Rev. E. Crowell, as alternate. Conference passed a vote of thanks to Rev. E. Crowell, for his excellent

annual sermon on Sabbath morning, and requesting him to prepare a copy of same for public action in the RELIGIOUS INTELLIGENCER.

Resolved that two thousand copies of the Minutes be printed.

The officers of the various societies elected were:

Foreign Mission—President, Rev. A. G. Jones; Cor. Secretary, Miss Eudora Hilton; Rec. Secretary, Rev. D. T. Porter.

Home Mission—President, Rev. William Miller; Secretary, Rev. E. Crowell.

Minister's Relief—President, Rev. G. E. Sturgis, M. L.; Secretary, Caleb Cook.

Sunday School Convention—President, Rev. F. W. Reader; Secretary, F. G. Francis.

Educational Society—President, Rev. W. M. Knollin; Secretary, Rev. C. F. Cooper.

Executive of Conference—The officers of Conference and Thomas Kenney, Robt. A. Sims, Leander Cox, James E. Cushing, Alb. Cook, H. D. Trefry.

Resolved that the Executive of Conference perform the work of the general Pastorate Committee.

About \$400 were raised by the Foreign Mission Society, and applied to the payment of Mrs. Burkholder's salary for service in India.

Resolved that pastors be requested to advise the Clerk within twenty days how many bound copies of the manual are necessary in their churches.

On reading the H. M. Report which showed expenditure of \$395.00 and receipts \$260.00. The following plan proposed by the H. M. Board was unanimously adopted.

1. To raise \$300 for H. Missions this year.

2. That the pastor, deacons and at least two sisters of each church be appointed for the purpose of raising an amount equal to 10 cents per member for the whole membership of such church for the H. M. Funds.

3. That the H. M. Secretary designate to each church when such funds should be collected.

The following was read and adopted.

The General Pastorate Committee wish to report that they have recommended to the parties interested that the Chebogue Church become a part of pastorate No. 5 and that the Tusket Church be a part of pastorate No. 8 and the Session Hill Church be a part of pastorate No. 7 with a view to the easier supply of those pulpits and the increased usefulness of our pastors. We seek the confirmation of the Conference of this arrangement, upon the termination of the present pastoral engagements in those churches.

E. CROWELL,
Chairman.

Your Com. appointed to confer with the brethren of the Halifax Church beg to recommend.

That Rev. A. G. Jones receive authority and letters to enable him to solicit pledges toward the construction of a place of worship for the Free Baptists of Halifax, it being understood that no collection of pledges is to be made until the subscriptions for that purpose in Halifax City shall have reached the amount of one thousand Dollars and the subscriptions from other parties in this Province a like amount.

EDWIN CROWELL,
Chairman.

The Com. to secure funds for a monument to the late Rev. J. I. Porter reported progress, and on motion the Com. was continued.

Resolutions presented by the Rev. D. T. Porter highly commending the "Religious Intelligencer," "Morning Star" publication and "Missionary Helper" were carried; and in the discussion the "S. School Times" was highly spoken of by S. S. workers.

The "Juvenile Temperance Band" instituted by Rev. E. W. Porter for work among the young was also endorsed.

The Com. on State of the Denomination reported:

We regard with much satisfaction the favorable report of our Cor. Sec. We would call especial attention to the need of still greater interest in S. School and H. C. F. work.

In behalf of Com.

G. A. Downey.

Adopted.

Resolved to accept the invitation of the delegates of the Beaver River Church to hold the next annual session there.

Rev. J. L. Smith extended an invitation from the Lower Argyle church, if a special meeting of Conference should be necessary in December.

The Executive of Conference reported thus on certain matters referred to them:

1. We recommend the H. M. Board to appropriate One Hundred Dollars to supplement the amount which the

Beaver River pastorate may raise for current expenses the coming year.

2. Whereas, Rev. M. P. Orser, of the Free Baptists of N. B., Maine, and N. S. has made a visit to the Conference seeking correspondence by delegation with a view to more intimate relations in the future; therefore resolved that there are circumstances in the history of our denomination which make it expedient to defer any correspondence by delegation for the present: while at the same time we are free to encourage any offers from their membership who are resident in this Province, looking to their incorporation into the churches of the Free Baptist Conference of N. S.

3. Resolved, that we are gratified to hear of the progress in the Advocate Harbor church, and their intention to build a suitable place of worship will heartily commend any efforts that may be put forth to collect funds from the people of our churches, for that purpose.

4. Resolved, that, whoever shall be authorized to collect funds for the proposed new church at Advocate Harbor, shall receive credentials from the church which shall be endorsed by the Clerk of Conference. All clauses adopted.

The reports on S. Schools and For. Missions were read and adopted.

Resolved: That all the ministers of this Conference be a Com. to collect funds for a monument for Father Swim's grave, and to hand over such collections to the Treasurer of Conference to be conveyed to the family of Elder Swim for that purpose.

Answering certain questions, the Chair decided that in the absence of the officers of the Church having precedence by our usages, or their refusal to act; a Church may appoint any of its members to the Chair. Also, that a licentiate may be pastor of a church.

Resolved: to renew the licenses of brethren Geo. A. Downey, Jas. W. Smith, G. F. Francis and E. S. Parker and that these brethren be referred to the H. M. Board for service.

Resolved: that the Executive of Conference have authority to consider and effect the ordination of any of these brethren who may receive a call to any of our pastorates at what time and place may be most convenient.

Resolved: to repeal Art. ix. of our Constitution.

Resolved: that our licentiates report yearly; and that, failing for two years, they shall thereby have lost their membership in this Conference.

The Executive of Conference having reported certain correspondence regarding pastoral relations, it was referred to a Com. for a fuller report at next meeting.

Revs. E. Crowell, Wm. Miller, and W. E. Weston were appointed for that purpose.

The customary votes of thanks to the people of Cape Island, for their generous hospitality and cordial reception, to the visiting delegates for their helpful and encouraging presence, to the R. R. and S. S. Cos for reduced fares, to the Moderator for courtesies and other favors, were unanimously passed.

Resolved: to adjourn until called by the Executive of Conference.

E. CROWELL.

P. S.—A rousing temperance meeting was led by Rev. W. M. Knollin on Monday evening.

WOMAN'S FOREIGN MISSION SOCIETY.

"Rise up ye women that are at ease Isaiah 32: 9.

[All contributions for this column should be addressed to MISS LYDIA J. FULLERTON, CARLETON, ST. JOHN.]

Women of India in Slavery.

(REV. WALLACE J. GLADWIN, MISSIONARY TO INDIA.)

2. The Physical Slavery of Women in India.—What is it? We cannot tell it out plainly. We can only give intimations which wise and prayerful hearts can use for earnest work in helping us "rescue the perishing." Idolatry is inherently and essentially immoral. The seven nations of Philistia were cut off for the same reason that Sodom was destroyed. Balaam was one of the most enlightened of ancient heathen prophets, yet see what he taught his people! The Spirit tells what manner of heathen lived when Christ was on earth. (Rom. i.) Hinduism is the vilest form of heathenism that now curses the earth. The celebrated historian, Macaulay, says: "In no part of the world has a religion ever existed more unfavorable to the moral and intellectual health of our race. . . . This superstition is of all superstitions the most immoral. Emblems of vice are objects of public worship. Acts of vice are acts of public worship. The courtiers are as much a part of the es-

tablishment of the temple, as much ministers of the gods, as the priests."

Idolatry being a synonym for immorality, what must be the enslavement of women in heathen lands? Hinduism being the vilest heathenism of earth, the slavery of poor India's women is the most deep and damning.

In that remarkable land I have labored for about eighteen years. For some years my now glorified wife had charge of a Rescue Home for women and girls. We had to know the truth, and the whole truth, regarding the condition of women in India. The Indian Penal Code is the statute British law in India. Sections 272 and 273 are against the selling and buying of children for immoral purposes. In his comment on the Code, published by government, Barrister Mayne wrote: "If the above two sections were enforced, you would have half the population of India in jail." That means that the buying and selling of girls is cruelly common all over India. Much of it is done under the guise of marriage. The physical suffering, mental anguish, and loathsome degradation of millions of women in India it is impossible to describe. It is infinitely worse than the mere "seclusion" of the zenanas over which so much kind sympathy is felt.

WOMAN'S COMMISSION.

[Extracts from an address by Rev. E. G. Wesley before the quarterly meeting of the R. I. Free Baptist W. M. S., April 30, 1890.]

I believe that the Free Baptist Woman's Missionary society, side by side with all the Woman's Missionary societies, had its birthplace in the will of God; that to it God has given a special work; that before it God has opened a special field; that upon it God has placed the crown of his own approval.

About \$50,000 gathered by this society in less than seventeen years, with which it has supported seven or eight missionaries and some fifty to fifty-five native teachers, taught thousands, brought many to Christ, is a sufficient proof of Divine approval and blessing.

No other missionary society except one of women could do the work which it has done, because none but women can understand the needs of that peculiar work and field; none so wisely and tenderly devise ways and means for its advance and support.

Whether He who for his own purpose called Women's Missionary societies into existence in all denominations, will ever recall the commission I cannot decide. But I honestly confess since his unchanging plan thus far has ever been to water and to cultivate, to preserve and to bless, all fruitful trees, not to root them up, nor even to change them into one of another kind, I can see no reason to believe he will ever recall the commission until it is forfeited by fruitlessness.

Woman's influence for missions can be exerted as mother, wife, sister, or teacher, upon the boys and girls, as well as upon the men and women whom she meets. Her influence is felt in home, Sunday school, and society.

Without doubt, hundreds, perhaps thousands, are to-day under woman's influence who, through the proper mission-tending use of that influence, would be encouraged onward to mission work toward which as yet an almost unheeded voice may be whispering them.

Woman has influence in prayer on mission lines. The prayer of many a woman's heart may be, I believe it, to-day able to recruit the field. It is easy to pray for God to call the brother, son, daughter, and loved one of some one else to the mission field. As consecrated women, learn to pray that your own loved ones, your most dearly loved, may hear to obey. Woman has influence in circulating missionary literature in home and Sunday-school, as well as informing with regard to the work, the sacrifices, the sufferings, and the triumphs of missionaries.

Woman has anxious hunger for missions. God only knows how far reaching and all-powerful are the yearnings of motherhood. Heredity is a fact. A mother's hunger and prayer has power to mold heredity, so that our children can be called of God from birth, to obey and serve him. A mother's earnest love for mission work seldom fails to impress itself upon her offspring.

We should esteem it one of the highest honors God gives when he calls our child to his mission field. Sad indeed it is that some Christian mothers hold back their own.

Woman has influence in development of deeper spiritual power, and in her own heart first, then in home, church and in society. Lack of this power causes lack of mission zeal. Realize, as only women can, the pressing immediate importance of the work. Talk is cheap; one of the cheapest things. Don't mistake talk for real work. Choose your leaders from your women who work. Study the field, learn its needs, think over it, pray over it, speak to others, work for it, suffer for it, live for it. Finally advance the lines, have faith in God. Expect great things. Move over all obstacles steadily forward. Feel, sacrifice, live for missions, and God will even more abundantly bless your work "in His name."