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—WORK. The best way to worship God is to work with Him for the good of humanity.

—LOSSES AND CROSSES are often the means of blessing. They make men wiser and humbler.

—THE RELIGIOUS PAPER. Every christian home, and every other home too, needs a religious paper. The cost is small, and yet some people think they cannot afford it. Why not, asks the Baptist Flag, stop some of the unnecessary expenses? One had better stop the use of tobacco, stop drinking coffee or tea rather than put his family on short allowance, or deprive them of the needed religious literature. We confess that it sounds rather bad to us for any one to order his paper stopped for the pitiful sum of three cents per week. One had better economize a little in dress or something else, rather than do without a religious paper.

—FORM VS. LIFE. Bishop Ryle is one of the best bishops of the English church. He sees the dangers of his church and does not hesitate to point them out and warn against them. In a recent sermon he spoke at length and earnestly of the importance of prayer, and warned against the tendency, so marked in these days, to give too much attention to mere outward religion. "There were," he said, "ornaments, ceremonies, demonstrations, processions, and all kinds of things to catch the eye and tickle the ear; but were the hearers in these grand places becoming better in consequence, and was there more secret and private holiness amongst them? They might have great numbers of choristers clothed in surplices, and organists playing grand music, but the principal thing, after all, was to know that the people were praying and leading better lives. Religious rites and forms are not merely useless, but worse than useless, when they are severed from the spirit of true religion.

—YOUR CHILDREN. "I'll take what father does," said the little boy who stood with his father in a restaurant to be served with drinks. The father took a new view of his course and its influence on his boy, and ceased drinking intoxicants. As to manner of life, whether religious or irreligious, children follow their parents more than many parents realize. An English paper tells of a village containing ninety-eight families with children over ten years of age. In twenty-seven families both parents are professing Christians, and so are eighty-four of their 125 children. In nineteen families only one parent is a Christian, and of their ninety-five children only thirty-one follow the Christian parent. None of the parents in the remaining fifty-two families are Christians, and of their 139 children only thirteen are followers of Christ. If fathers and mothers are not lovers of Christ, they may be almost certain that their children will follow their example, and at the day of judgment will charge them with their awful loss.

—POST MORTEM LOVE. "Many a coffin is covered with roses by hands that never before gave its occupant anything but thorns." Post mortem love is hollow mockery.

—WHERE ARE YOU? Rum destroys more happiness than all other crimes put together. Are you on the side of the rum traffic? If so, you must bear your share of the responsibility of the horrible things it causes.

—SUNDAY PAPERS. There is, apparently, something of a reaction in the matter of Sunday newspapers. One paper—the "Democrat & Chronicle," of Rochester, N. Y.—has discontinued its Sunday edition. This is not because it did not pay, but in deference to the moral sentiment that condemned its publication. It is thought that others will follow its example. We hope so.

—YOUR RELIGION. What does it do for you? Is it a name and a form only? If so, it is vain, worse, even, than vain, for it deceives you and misleads others. Unless, says Dr. Clark, your religion changes you from a mummy to a man, makes you honest in business, pious behind counters, temperate at dinner tables, loyal to your country, affectionate to your family, neighborly in your community, conscientious at the ballot-box, patient in affliction, humble, cheerful, and hopeful everywhere and always; unless it links you in brotherhood with the poorest of God's children; unless it leads you on errands of mercy to hovels and hospitals and prisons, as well as to cushioned pews and sacramental boards; unless you live "Christ on week-days as well as worship him on Sabbath days, then is your religion spurious, hypocritical, and abhorrent—a refuge of lies.

—BE TRUE TO IT. Your own church needs your love, your presence, your good words, your contributions, your activity. And you need the blessing that comes of being true to your own. Good advice is given by the Presbyterian. Don't run down either its pastor or its members; either its doctrine or its policy; either its ordinances or its usages. Give it a hearty and loyal support by word and deed. Remember that it belongs to you; that it is part of your religious life; that in and by it you are being trained for usefulness here and in immortality hereafter; that its honour is much in your keeping; that its growth and purity are affected to the extent of your influence by what you say and do; that people who have faith in your word will look upon it largely according to your representation; that you have promised to advance its interests; and that with its good name and prosperity are bound up the glory of the blessed Jesus. Then do nothing to injure its reputation, or to weaken its power for good, or to mar its peace and fellowship.

The Seminary.

On the first page is a report, by a correspondent, of the Anniversary of the Union Baptist Seminary. The writer was privileged to be present, and was much pleased with the exercises that marked the completion of the year's work. It was our first visit to St. Martins since the erection of the Seminary building. We had seen it on paper, had heard and read descriptions of it, and had, as we thought, a very good idea of the appearance, capacity, &c. of the building. But it is more and better than we had thought.

It is of brick, with stone trimmings, 217 long and 130 deep; three storeys and a basement. It is really three buildings in one; the centre is used entirely for teaching, dining and all public purposes, while the ends—connected with the centre, yet for all practical purposes separated—are the dormitories for the students, one for the young ladies and the other for the young men. Looking the whole building over, it is difficult to conceive of one better adapted to the purpose. It is finely situated, commanding a beautiful bay view; the location is healthful; there are no distracting noises, and all the conditions are favourable to study.

The year just closed has been a good one in the history of the institution. The attendance of pupils exceeded the expectations of the managers, over one hundred having been enrolled. And no one present at the closing exercises could fail to be impressed by the character of the work done in the school. The members of the graduating class acquitted themselves admirably; and the examinations of the several classes showed that the faithful work had been done both by instructors and pupils. Among the students of the year were eight who have the ministry in view; all of them have done well, and are young men of promise. They speak highly of the instruction given them by Dr. Hopper in ethics, evidences of christianity and Bible study.

The promoters and faculty of the Seminary are chiefly concerned "to make it a christian school in the widest and best sense of the term";

and that this is the character of the school no one who visits it can question. The moral and christian influences that surround and work upon the pupils cannot fail to have marked effect. Students who do not get help in manners and morals as well as intellectually in the Seminary, are not likely to get them anywhere.

A gratifying feature of the year's work is that the school has been practically self-supporting, the receipts from pupils &c. paying the teaching staff and other current expenses. This is quite an unusual thing in the history of such institutions. It must be very encouraging to the Directors and to all the friends of the Seminary.

There are, to be sure, large liabilities, incurred in the erection of the building &c., yet to meet. But they are not beyond the ability of the people who own the Seminary and in whose interests it is being conducted. Besides they have been so arranged that they cannot bear heavily in any one year. During the present year about \$5000 are needed, perhaps a little more. Some floating liabilities must be paid, and payments on building and interest account are maturing, and the third story of the building needs to be finished to accommodate the increased number of students who are expected next term. To raise this sum, or a much larger one, is not a heavy undertaking for the two Baptist bodies concerned in the work. The Seminary has a very large constituency, which is not only able to keep it well supplied with pupils, but financially strong enough to wipe out all its liabilities as fast as they mature. The Board of Directors, at a meeting to be held in a few days, will probably arrange to have the denominations canvassed for subscriptions and stock, and it is hoped that there will be a ready and liberal response to the call for an institution which has already proven its right to live, and the continued existence of which is vastly important.

Speaking to our own people we have to urge that they do their part readily and fully. Some have already subscribed liberally; but there are many who have not yet placed themselves amongst the contributors to our educational work. They might have been waiting till what they have, perhaps, regarded the experimental stage is passed. Well, that has passed, the institution has demonstrated its right to exist, and its usefulness. And now is the time for every one who has any interest whatever in this branch of the denomination's work to come forward with a subscription. Whether large or small, give it. It is needed, and the giver will be blessed in giving it.

As to students the outlook for next year is good. Already the principal has a number of applications for the admission of new students. It is quite probable, if all goes well, that the building will be filled.

We hope that from Free Baptist homes there will next year be a large number of pupils. It is a good place to send your boys and girls. The expense is moderate, as low as any similar school anywhere, and less than some. The advantages, educational and otherwise, are second to none and superior to many. Besides, it is the only school in the Province in the management and faculty of which Free Baptists are represented, and is therefore the place for the sons or daughters of Free Baptist homes. Send them.

The next term begins September 11th. Particulars about classes, studies, expense, &c. are given in the catalogue of the Seminary. Write Dr. Hopper, St. Martins, and he will send you a catalogue, and answer any questions you ask about the school.

Some Other Denominations.

June is the month of many annual denominational meetings. Our readers will be glad to know some of the things the brethren of other branches of the church are doing.

The General Assembly of the Presbyterian church of Canada met last week in Ottawa. There was the usual large attendance. The annual sermon was preached by the retiring Moderator, Rev. Dr. Grant. Rev. Dr. Laing was elected Moderator.

One of the first questions before the Assembly arose out of the request for the admission to membership in the Presbyterian church Rev. Mr. Charbonnell, who has been in the ministry of the Methodist church. His character and attainments were conceded to be satisfactory, but his present wife is the sister of his deceased wife, and for this reason the Assembly hesitated to receive him. A motion to reject his application was, however, voted down almost unanimously, and the matter referred to a select committee, which would seem to indicate that he may be received before the Assembly adjourns.

The report of Home Missions in the Maritime Provinces showed the work prosperous. The report of the Western work was, also, satisfactory.

In Foreign Missions, too, the church is doing increasingly well. Fifteen years ago the whole church gave \$25,000, ten years ago \$35,000; last year \$103,000. Congregations or individuals support eleven missionaries. The women last year gave \$35,000, as much as the whole church did ten years ago. The reports from the fields occupied are encouraging.

The statistics, showing the standing of the denomination, are fuller this year than usual. They show that there are in Canada 43 presbyteries, about 800 pastoral charges, 1,920 churches and 438 mission stations; 83,000 families, one-fourth of which are in the maritime synod. There are also upwards of 5,000 families in mission fields. There are 164,500 communicants, of which upwards of 19,000 were added this year. Deducting deaths and removals the net increase was 9,330. Baptisms numbered 12,000 (infant). About 15,500 teachers and 130,000 scholars are engaged in Sunday schools. Twenty seven mansees and 66 churches were built during the year. The amount raised for stipends was \$766,000, and the total for congregational purposes \$1,640,000; for home missions, \$54,000; for augmentation, \$32,000; French evangelization, \$31,000; foreign missions \$91,000; aged \$13,000; widows and orphans \$6,000; assembly fund \$4,000; grand total for all purposes \$2,100,000; increase of \$112,000 over the previous year.

The Methodist Conferences of Ontario are holding their annual sessions now. The Ottawa Conference was held in Ottawa. Among the resolutions adopted by it was one in favour of the establishment of a sisterhood as follows:

"Whereas Christianity has ever held woman in honor and recognized her mission as a co-laborer in the gospel; "Whereas, The New Testament gives evidence of the origination of an order of deaconesses for service in the Apostolic and Post-Apostolic churches;

"Whereas, the mediæval ages supply noble examples of gifted, saintly and influential women, whose conservative power for good was far reaching in the midst of abounding darkness; "Whereas, the Presbyterian, Anglican, Baptist and Congregational churches, jointly with English and American Methodism, recognizing the Scriptural authority and demands of the age, are organizing women for Christian service in the several departments of the church work;

"Whereas, we believe the time is opportune for the Methodist church of Canada to inaugurate an agency which shall supply a felt want and must be potential for good;

Therefore Resolved, "That this conference memorialize the ensuing general conference to legislate for the establishment of a sisterhood, which shall efficiently aid the pastorate by visiting the rich and poor, by skilled nursing of the sick, by evangelizing the masses, by engaging in general mission work, and the manifold service which women alone can render to the church of Christ."

A resolution was adopted declaring the unwillingness of the Conference that the Methodist body receive any share of the \$60,000 awarded the Protestant denominations in Quebec in connexion with the settlement of the Jesuit estates. This action was entirely unexpected, and will place the Quebec government in a queer position.

That the feeling in favour of the extension of the pastoral term is growing, is shown by the resolution to memorialize the General Conference to allow the term to be extended to four years in cases where it is applied for.

There is a movement in favour of the establishment of an insurance company in connection with the denomination. The feeling is expressed thus:

"Every year the Methodist church throughout the Dominion pays into the hands of the various insurance companies large amounts for the insurance of church buildings and church property. There has been a feeling for some time that it would be desirable to form a church insurance company and thus keep the money within the church institutions. A similar experiment, it is shown, has been tried in England and has proved eminently successful. It is thought, judging from the favorable impression in the country, that the plan will be adopted.

The Methodist Conference of N. B. and P. E. I. meets in this city today (Wednesday); and the N. S. Methodist Conference, also, begins its session in Yarmouth today.

The annual synod of the Reformed Episcopal church was held in Montreal last week. A good deal of the time of the session was taken up with the work of revising the prayer book. The purpose of the revision is to eliminate all the words and phrases that smack of Romanism.

The Reformed Presbyterian church of the United States, in session in

New York last week, took strong ground on the temperance question. The report, on the subject, adopted by the synod, condemned the President of the United States for using liquors at his dinners, and the Vice President for being the holder of a liquor selling license.

The Church of England synod of Toronto, which held its session in that city last week, takes a quite different position on the temperance question. A communication from the Dominion Prohibitory Alliance asked the sympathy and co-operation of the body in temperance reform. Some of the members were in high dudgeon at what they regarded as the impertinence of the Alliance in addressing the Synod. After some of the members had freed their minds concerning the ignorance &c. of the Alliance, it was voted to answer the communication by saying that while the synod is in sympathy with efforts for the suppression of drunkenness it does not approve of the principles of the Alliance. In other words it would rather men would not get drunk, but it does not believe in total abstinence for everybody, and much less in prohibition of the traffic.

The Disciples of Ontario have just held their annual convention at Owen Sound. Thirty-eight churches were represented by 110 delegates. The various branches of the work of the churches for the year were considered. There was expended in Home Mission work \$1822.00. One of the principal questions dealt with was the resolve to establish a chair of Bible lectures in Toronto, so that their students might get theological training while attending the Toronto University, and not have to go to the States, as now. They propose to raise \$20,000 for this purpose. There has been talk of union with the Baptists and the Christian connexion, and a committee was appointed to further examine into and consider the question and prepare and publish what they think a possible basis of union.

N. S. Free Baptist Conference.

The Conference held a session at Canning, Kings Co. N. S. at 10 a. m. The Moderator, Rev. W. C. Weston, called the Conference to order and Rev. S. K. West offered prayer. Sixteen responded to the roll-call. Members present during the session were, Elders, —W. C. Weston, S. K. West, J. W. Freeman, E. Crowell, E. T. Porter, G. M. Wilson; Licentiates G. Downey, Deacons, —Leander Cox, Z. West, F. H. P. Dewis, J. Lockhart, and Geo. A. Cox. Delegates, —Jas. T. Spicer, R. W. Spicer, J. T. Whitney, Caleb Cook, Adolphus Corning, B. L. Akerley, and Welner Cox.

Rev. S. K. West, was elected Asst. Moderator, pro tem. Rev. J. L. Smith of Mass. Assoc. was invited to sit with the Conference. The Constitution and By-laws were read and minutes of the last session at Glenwood, read and confirmed.

The Report of the Exec. Com. was read appointing as Prudential Com., —Rev. S. K. West, Ad. Corning, and Leander Cox. Public Questions, —J. W. Freeman, G. A. Downey, and Z. West, Rev. J. L. Smith spoke by request, of his relations to the church and Mass. Association, and, after some discussion, it was Resolved that a Com. be chosen to consider Art. IX of constitution and report; E. Crowell, S. K. West and J. W. Freeman were appointed.

Committee on Public Questions reported, appointing on Temperance, —D. T. Porter, J. L. Smith, and F. H. P. Dewis; S. Schools, —G. M. Wilson, Fred Whitney and Jas. T. Spicer.

The Prudential Committee reported, laying on the table certain correspondence.

1. Credentials of Rev. F. W. Reeder from Ohio and Pa. Yearly Meeting, which being read, it was Resolved, that we receive Rev. F. W. Reeder to membership in this Conference.

2. A letter from Hon. A. Gayton showing that the Act of Incorporation did not refer to Quarterly meetings at all.

3. Letters from Centreville and Hall's Harbour Churches. Moved and Seconded that the latter lie on the table.

Adjourned by motion until the close of the religious Conference.

Business was resumed at 5 p. m., the Moderator in the chair. Minutes of previous session Confirmed. The letter of Hall's Harbour Church was then considered, referring to their recent revival and the subsequent visit of Mr. Burr "in the name of a Free Baptist minister who brought an ill feeling and perplexity upon a great many of our people, by linking in with preachers of a foreign doctrine." It was "Resolved that the Report from Hall's Harbour Church be received, and that we take

the occasion to caution our churches to satisfy themselves of the evangelical character and standing of visiting ministers before admitting them to our pulpits."

Adjourned to meet at call of the chair. Benediction by Rev. G. M. Wilson.

Conference convened Monday, June 9th, at 8 30 a. m. Minutes of last session read and confirmed. After roll call, Rev. Henry Hart of the F. C. B. Conference and Rev. Joseph Cox of Holland Purchase Y. M. New York being present, received, by vote, the privileges of the Conference.

The reasons for non-attendance of brethren Cooper, Knollin, Reeder and Jones were stated by the Clerk and accepted by the Conference as sufficient.

Rev. D. T. Porter was added to the Committee on Public Questions. This Com. then reported recommending, 1. Com. on State of the Denomination, E. Crowell, D. T. Porter and Rev. G. A. Downey—

2. On Obituary, S. K. West, J. L. Smith and G. M. Wilson.

3. This Resolution "In view of the prominence of women in all departments of Christian work we strongly recommend their appointment as delegates to the Conference."

The following report was submitted:

"Your Com. on the state of the denomination wish to report a gratifying condition of things in general. Thirty churches have pastoral care. Seven are without, but four of these, in Kings Co. are now enjoying the H. M. work of Elder Freeman.

The Session Hill and Chebogue churches have been deprived of pastoral care by means of the recent action of the Yarmouth Ch. in making independent pastoral engagements.

Harmony church is without a pastor. From all quarters there comes accounts of revivals and ingathering; and we are pleased to believe that the cause is prosperous and that our numbers have been augmented considerably by the gracious work of God in our churches, especially at Clark's Harbour and Hall's Harbour. At Central Argyle and Advocate Harbour, the construction of new houses of worship has been begun, with promise of speedy completion.

A. C. F. We learn that a few societies of this fast growing organization have been formed among our churches. This fact and the success attending them should encourage the early formation of others in all the churches of our denomination. Further, we recommend that samples of all papers pamphlets &c. published in the interest of the A. C. F. Society be secured for distribution among the young."

The first and second sections passed, and, after discussion, it was voted that the third clause lie on the table until the annual meeting. The Report on the State of the Denomination was then read, adopted and referred to the Pastorate committee.

Resolved, that J. A. Kinney's bill of \$4.50 for box for Clerk be paid.

Resolved to accept the invitation of Bro. Reeder that this Conference hold the annual session at Centreville, Cape Island.

The Obituary Report took the form of the following Resolution, which was adopted: "In view of the bereavement of Canning F. B. Church, in the death of Deacon B. B. Woodworth, and remembering his efficient work in this Conference.

Therefore Resolved, that we extend to that church and the afflicted family our christian sympathy, and also that we thank our God that in his saintly life and triumphant death he has shown us so plainly the value of the sustaining grace of our Lord Jesus Christ."

The committee on the manual reported progress, and, by motion, were instructed to report more particularly at the annual session. A vote of thanks was passed to the Canning church and choir for kind entertainment, to the S. S. and Ry. Companies for reductions, and to Dea. Cox and others for free conveyance.

Resolved that the Clerk send a letter of condolence to the family of the late Elder Albert Swim.

Resolved to invite Bro. Hartt to report the N. B. Conference at the public meeting this afternoon.

Adjournment. E. Crowell, clerk.

NOTES.—The devotional meetings suffered in attendance, but evidently not in power, by the showery weather.

The Saturday Conference and Sunday social meetings were seasons of great blessing Brethren Smith, Porter, Wilson Hartt and Crowell preached during the session.

Bro. Freeman remains in Kings Co. as Home Missionary. The whole visit for those from the West, was an inspiration. Fifty miles of orchards in bloom flashing by the windows of the train, a dozen miles of incessant apple trees filled with promise, the prospect from the "Look-Off" and the hearty welcome of the B. Baptists of Canning will not soon be forgotten.

The new Railway from Kentville to Kingsport will soon be completed, and will prove a great boom to the people of Kings Co.

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