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## CONFERENCE REPORTS.

### REPORT OF THE EXECUTIVE FOR FOREIGN MISSIONS.

The year has been one of marked christian activity and of corresponding progress in christian evangelization. Every branch of the church of Christ is, in a fair degree, alive to the importance of pushing the Kingdom. Never was there so general and hearty obedience to the commission, "Go ye into all the world and preach the gospel to every creature," as now. "Thy Kingdom come" is the fervent prayer of more hearts, more men are saying "Here am I, Lord, send me," and more money is consecrated to Christ's work in the world than ever before.

Reports from every part of the mission field are most cheering, and give promise that soon, very soon, will come the time when "great voices in Heaven" shall say, "The Kingdoms of our Lord, and of His Christ; and He shall reign forever and ever."

From the part of the mission field occupied by Free Baptists encouraging accounts are received.

The report for the last year says that when all the facts about the work done and progress made are examined, the most appropriate expression is that of the Psalmist, "Praise the Lord, O my soul; and all that is within me bless His holy name. Bless the Lord, O my soul; and forget not all His benefits." It continues:

"The hand of the Lord has been good upon us. There has been a healthy growth in nearly all the churches. Many of the native brethren have found a new meaning to the christian life, and are entering into more joyous and efficient service."

One of the good signs is the spirit of evangelism amongst the native christians. The report says: "For some time the native churches have been considering the matter of the support of a home missionary. They began to collect money, and to pray to God to raise up a man for the work. This He has done in one of the native preachers. This brother had often said before the movement among the churches began, that he felt that the Lord was calling him to be an evangelist. Now he has resigned his salary under the Mission Board and has become the evangelist of the churches on one half his former salary. Where ever he has visited the churches they have received a blessing. This is one of the most encouraging things in connection with the year's work. India is to be evangelized by native agents, and it is a joy to see them rising to meet the needs of their fellow countrymen." Another cause for thankfulness mentioned in the report is "the increasing interest of the home churches in the India work." The inspiration of home sympathy and prayers is felt, and gives strength and courage to the far-away workers. They hope that the day may soon come when individual churches in America will have branch churches in India. Their confidence of the success of their work is expressed thus:—"All the promises of God are ours, and we firmly believe that He will not fail us, nor forsake us; and that this whole field is to be filled with His worshippers."

It is gratifying to know that the missionaries who represent this Conference in the India field have been in good health during the year, and have been abundant in labours which have been largely blessed of God. The report of Mr. Boyer is appended.

The Executive regrets to inform the Conference that the amount asked of the churches for the year's work has not been received. The Treasurer's report shows the exact amount of the deficit.

We cannot afford to permit the work to suffer from lack of money. What we have undertaken to do is not more than we are able. Indeed the amount asked of the churches for the year is much less than we think they should devote to this branch of our work. The denomination has, in round numbers, 11,000 communicants. Is what we have undertaken an adequate expression of our love for Him "whose we are and whom we serve," and of our concern for His Kingdom? Our missionary enterprise and zeal should steadily enlarge. Undertaking less than we ought, we do less that we set for ourselves. And may not this smallness of venture, indicating small faith and lack of consecration, account for feeble home activities and the consequent meagre results? God calls His people to the largest and best possible service. He calls us. Obedience to His call is our life.

The Executive desires to urge upon the Conference (1) of carrying out the plan, by which the amount to be raised (\$1200) is apportioned to the Districts, and by them apportioned to the churches:

- (2) Of sermons on missions, at least quarterly;
- (3) Of monthly missionary prayer meetings in the churches;
- (4) Of the distribution of mission literature and information concerning the great work.
- (5) Of frequent and systematic solicitation of contributions in all the communities.

Jos. McLeod,  
Cor. Sec.

Millstream, K. Co., Oct. 6, 1890.

### REPORT OF REV. A. B. BOYER, TO THE N. B. FREE BAPTIST F. M. EXECUTIVE FOR 1889-90.

Dear Brethren:—I herewith hand you the report of my work for 1889-90. That God has kept us in a good degree of health during the year and has blessed us in our work is reason for devout thankfulness to Him. We have to confess with sorrow that we have not seen thousands converted, as we would like to have seen, but notwithstanding this, the last year has been one of the best, if not the best, in the history of the mission. During the last six months only, nearly 50 people have been baptized, the majority of whom are from the heathen. One of this year's converts, Laksman C. Panda, was the Brahmo preacher of this place, but is now preaching Christ. His conversion has given us a good deal of notice and persecution, which I trust may result in good.

Ganga Dhara Rath, the converted Brahman, whom I mentioned in last year's report is still at the Bible School and is said by the Principal to be getting on well. Basudeb Singh, and Natoo Singh are also there. We hope that in time these boys will all be useful workers for the Master.

Last year I have employed some laymen, who, though unable to preach, can talk and distribute books. I call them catechists. A catechist has just now brought a man who wishes to be a Christian. He is on the veranda now waiting for me.

My bazaar and village preaching have been carried on as usual and with good results. Last week I was at Singla, a place in the country, 24 miles from Balasore. Most of the people there were glad to hear the good news, but some of the older people objected that it would be wrong for them to leave the way of their ancestors. At that place I stayed in a native mud hut for seven days with a horse and two oxen in the next room, and no door between. At this place, one of my catechists, Biau Dass, is stationed.

We have disposed of a great many books during the year, largely owing to the financial help we have received from "Alpha" of Carleton.

One feature of my work during the year has been an effort to enlist the Christian young men as workers without pay. We have a society something like the Christian Endeavour Societies of America. Some of the boys carry on Hindu Sunday Schools and others distribute tracts and books. This seems to me like a very hopeful work. One of the prettiest sights I ever saw was a Christian lad teaching Hindu boys about Christ in a Sunday School he had established in a heathen village.

The Balasore Christian S. S. is still in my hands. It has 250 on the roll and an average attendance of 180. It contributes four rupees (\$1.50) a month to the support of a native evangelist. I have been appointed to prepare S. S. lesson leaves in Oriya for the S. S. Schools in this district. This takes up some of my time, but it is not an unpleasant task, and very helpful to the schools. I am glad to be able to report that although Bessie was so ill last year, she is so much better now that we have abandoned, at least for the present, the idea of sending her home. Our second daughter, Aurilla, is not well, but we are hoping that the vacation trip we are about to take to Burma will be of much benefit to her. This vacation trip is taken under the sanction of the Indian Committee and will be the first we have had in our four years in India.

We still believe that God called us to India, and that he is preparing us for better work in the future. We ask for your prayers that God may bless our work abundantly.

Yours in the work,

A. B. BOYER.  
Balasore, India, 16th Aug., 1890.

Rev. A. M. McNinch moved the adoption of the report. He said: Every Free Baptist is called to missionary work. The denomination owes everything to the missionary activity of the fathers. We must follow their example, in spirit and diligent labour. He told how many children in Carleton County were interested in mission work by an earnest christian lady. She gives them information about missionaries and their work, and encourages them to contribute. The result has been very gratifying, not only in the contributions they have made, but in the impressions made on their minds and hearts. They are almost sure, when they come to be men and women, to have an intelligent and hearty interest in the mission cause. He suggested that parents may do much in helping their children to have a deep and growing interest in this great cause.

Hon. Geo. E. Foster said there is scarcely any foreign field now. The world is close together. He urged having the centre strong. There is something heroic in foreign work, yet not more so than in home work. Systematic giving is needed. Some denominations have the advantage of us in this respect. As Free Baptists we have been so free that sometimes we have not regarded as we should the determinations and recommendations

of Conference. But there has been great improvement, and the improvement will go on till all do their part.

Bro. Wm. Peters said we would do well to learn a lesson from the converted heathen. He had been greatly impressed by the fact in the report of the native preacher who gave up his position and went into evangelistic work at half the salary he had been receiving. Our duty to foreign missionaries is to give them full and prompt support.

Rev. C. F. Rideout told a story illustrating and emphasizing the idea of human brotherhood. What we need to get on our hearts, he said, is the fact that we and all the world are brethren, and that the need of our brothers makes our duty to them. What will God think of us if we withhold from them? Our accountability is great. Let us be faithful, if we would bless them and be saved ourselves.

Licentiate Long said though we cannot all preach, there is no one who cannot give some aid to the work. Perhaps some who are ready to go cannot go because the means to send them are not forthcoming. He spoke of Judson, his trials and triumphs. The world must have the Gospel. Nothing else can save it. And we must go or send. Are we, he asked, "sacrificing for the cause—for Jesus' sake?"

Rev. G. A. Hartley said the time is coming when only Home Missions will be known. Some think this generation will give all heathendom the Gospel. That may be an over sanguine view, but it will be some time. God expects His Church to give the Gospel to the world. We cannot disobey and escape suffering. He told how \$1.00 distributed in cents amongst one hundred children of the Sabbath School grew, by the use of it, into \$60.00 in a year. We must all keep doing something.

Rev. J. T. Parsons said we needed to bring this matter of missions down from the region of sentiments to hard fact. He was glad it was being done.

Bro. Vince spoke of the importance of sending the contributions promptly to the Treasurer.

The Treasurer, Wm. Peters, reported that \$1,355.00 had been apportioned during the year. There is a deficit of \$42.03.

### BAPTIST UNION.

To the Free Christian Baptist Conference convened at Millstream N. B.

DEAR BRETHREN:—A telephone received late last week informed me that I was chairman of a deputation from the late Baptist Convention at Yarmouth to your Conference: but the state of my health would not admit of my going in person, and the telephone came to late for me to consult my colleagues. I must therefore be personally responsible for what I have to say. I have much pleasure in sending you the hearty greetings of the Convention, and hope your Conference will be one of great interest.

The desire on our part for organic union is undiminished. All apostolic precepts, and the touching prayer of our Lord, as recorded in the seventeenth chapter of St. John's gospel, plead in trumpet tones for the oneness of Christian brotherhood; especially of those who are of "one faith, one Lord, and one baptism," as we are; and the spirit of the age tends in the same direction. Christian denominations hitherto divided into different sections are coming together in closer fellowship. The Particular Baptists and General Baptists, of England are seeking for a basis of organic union. The grand success of our Union Seminary indicates what will be the result of organic union in all departments of Christian work. I earnestly hope, therefore, that the basis of union, as prepared by the Union Committee, and adopted by our Convention, will be accepted by your present Conference. The way will then be prepared for oneness in all denominational work. This probably is my last appeal, and may God add his blessing. Amen.

I. E. BILL.  
St. Martins N. B., Oct. 6, 1890.

### DENOMINATIONAL LITERATURE.

Bro. Moderator:—Your Committee on Denominational literature beg to submit the following:

1. We feel that we cannot too strongly emphasize the importance of our people becoming thoroughly conversant with our standard work on theology—God's Holy word; and we hope that every Free Baptist home in New Brunswick may be a school in which the precious truth of that word may be diligently taught to the children.

2. We hope that every official member of our churches may see the importance of possessing a copy of our new and revised Hana Book, which

contains the information they especially need to know. The price being merely nominal, the book is within the reach of all.

3. We hope that all our pastors who have not yet complied with the recommendation of Conference as to placing in Free Baptist homes the abridged publication from the Hand Book, containing our Treatise of Faith, Church Covenant, Church Directory &c, will use due diligence in carrying out the wish of the Conference.

4. Your Committee feel that they cannot too strongly re-affirm all the resolutions of previous Conferences in regard to our admirable denominational organ—the RELIGIOUS INTELLIGENCER. Its consistent, straightforward course merits the approbation and cordial support of our entire denomination. It has been a true yoke-fellow to all our ministers, and it has very materially contributed to our denominational prosperity. We earnestly hope that for their own individual good, as well as for our denominational extension, every Free Baptist home in the Province may be brought under its healthy influence. And we urge upon our pastors and all others who have the denominational interests at heart, the importance of doing all in their power to increase its circulation. We hope, also, that the ministers, and the brethren of the City as well, may realize the importance of contributing to the Denominational News department, which has proved so interesting during the past year.

5. As to our hymnal we would simply reiterate the recommendations of last year, viz., "That our people may see the importance of using only those books and hymns which express the sentiments embodied in the doctrines we accept and teach; and we believe that carefulness on this point will enable us to avoid much error."

6. We would again call attention to the need of exercising proper care in the selection of Sunday School helps, that we may not use those that teach doctrines or practices we do not believe.

7. As to our current Sunday School literature, we feel that in the selection of books and papers for our schools we should exercise great care that only those of a high moral standard be introduced.

A. C. THOMPSON, W. H. HEINE,  
G. SWIM WM. DEWARE.

### 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.]

### The Annual Meeting.

The fifteenth annual meeting of the Woman's Foreign Mission Society was held at Millstream, King's County, on Monday, Oct. 6th at 10 p. m. Opened with singing and prayer; Officers present: Mrs. G. A. Hartley, President; Mrs. C. W. Weyman, Cor. Sec.; Mrs. Jos. McLeod, Rec. Sec.; Mrs. J. S. Smith, Treasurer; Mrs. M. Fenwick, Auditor; Mrs. Wm. Peters, Mrs. C. Burt, Mrs. D. Long, Mrs. A. Turner, Mrs. D. McL. Vince, Mrs. A. C. Smith, Mrs. J. W. Clark, Miss Jane Weyman, Mrs. Dr. Second and Mrs. Thos. Robinson, Board of Managers. Mrs. J. S. Smith, Treasurer, read Miss Hooper's financial report as follows:

(Report will appear later.)

On motion the following appropriations were made:

Resolved, That this Society pay Miss Hooper \$400, salary for the ensuing year, and that it be paid in four quarterly instalments.

Resolved, That the sum of \$150 be appropriated to be used by Miss Hooper in the support of the three schools in which she is interested.

Resolved, That the sum of \$45 be appropriated for Mrs. Boyer's Bible women.

Resolved, That \$80 be appropriated for the payment of two Bible women employed by Miss Hooper.

Resolved, That \$100 be appropriated for the payment of the salary of Mr. Boyer's native preacher, Daniel Naik.

Resolved, That \$40 per quarter be appropriated to the payment of Miss Hooper's rent.

The following Resolution was submitted, and after some discussion, was, on motion of Mrs. Second, laid on the table:

Whereas, There is great need of money to aid in Home Mission work, and

Whereas, One of the objects of this Society is to do Home Mission work, Therefore, Resolved That we grant \$250 to the Home Mission Executive to be expended by them in caring for our own needy churches.

Mrs. Peter's, being the only member of the nominating committee present, Mrs. A. C. Smith and Mrs. J. W. Clark were added to the committee. They reported as follows:

Mrs. G. A. Hartley, President; Mrs. Stephen Barker, Mrs. Amos Rideout, Mrs. Wm. Downey, Mrs. Thos. McMulkin, Mrs. C. H. Ebbett, Mrs. C. W. Weyman, Mrs. A. C. Smith, Vice Presidents; Mrs. C. W. Weyman, Cor. Sec.; Mrs. Jos. McLeod, Rec. Sec.; Mrs. L. Perley, Asst. Rec. Sec.; Mrs. F. Babcock, Home Sec.; Mrs. J. S. Smith, Treasurer; Mrs. W. O. Slipp, Asst. Treasurer; Mrs. Wm. Peters, Mrs. C. Burt, Mrs. D. Long, Mrs. A. Turner, Miss S. Carpenter, Mrs. D. McL. Vince, Mrs. James Patterson, Mrs. J. T. Parsons, Mrs. J. W. Clark, Miss Jane Weyman, Mrs. C. T. Phillips, Mrs. Dr. Second, Mrs. Thos. Robinson, Mrs. J. J. Barnes, Mrs. A. W. Rideout, Board of Managers. The report was adopted. Adjourned.

The public meeting of this Society was held on Monday at 3.30 p. m. in the church. The meeting opened by singing "Great God whose universal sway &c.," reading of the Scriptures by the President, and prayer by Mrs. James Patterson.

The Corresponding Sec. read her very interesting report.

(This report will appear later.)

On motion of Mrs. D. McL. Vince, seconded by Mrs. M. Fenwick, the report was adopted. The choir sang "Rescue the perishing." In the absence of Mrs. Babcock, Home Secretary, Mrs. A. C. Smith read a very excellent report.

Mrs. R. Alexander, in a very interesting speech, moved the adoption of the report; Miss Jane Weyman also made a good speech in seconding the motion.

Mrs. J. S. Smith, Treasurer, reported as follows:

(The report will appear later.)

Mrs. March, representing the B. W. M. Society, being present, was called upon, and listened to with much interest while she gave a brief report of the rise and progress of their missionary interest in India, embracing a period of 20 years. Eight women have been sent out during that time, and though some of them have married since going out there they are none the less missionaries, and are doing a great work for the Master. She said that the Woman's Society had helped to do all the work that had been done for the Telegus. \$53,000 have been raised, during that period by the women. Six years ago the Societies were united, under their present name. This year they have pledged themselves to raise \$5,000 for Foreign and \$1,000 for Home Missions. She advised personal canvass by the sisters, and said that that was the only way to success. She said that if 52 missionaries should be sent to the Telegus that there would be 50,000 souls for each to bring into the Kingdom.

Rev. Wm. Miller, speaking for the N. S. Women's Society, told us, among other interesting things, that they had been educating two prospective missionaries, but unfortunately they failed to pass the required examination in the matter of health. He spoke encouragingly and was listened to with much pleasure. Music followed while the collection was being taken. Mrs. Whitfield McLeod kindly presided at the organ. Mrs. C. W. Weyman read Mrs. Boyer's report, also report of Mrs. Boyer's native Bible Women as follows:

(Mrs. Boyer's report will appear later.)

The President made some closing remarks, followed by singing of the Doxology.

The collection amounted to \$10.26.

Oct. 7th, 9 A. M., meeting opened with devotional service. Mrs. C. W. Weyman asked that the matter of editing the Woman's Column in the INTELLIGENCER come before the meeting. In response a letter from Miss Fullerton was read by the President in which she expressed a desire to be relieved of her office as Chairman of the Committee, having in charge the Woman's Column. After some discussion it was decided to ask Miss Fullerton to continue in her office, and the sisters present were urged to assist her in the work. The President and Mrs. J. J. Barnes pledged themselves to do so. On motion the committee was re-appointed and stands thus:

Miss Fullerton, Chairman; Mrs. R. Alexander and Mrs. Babcock.

On motion of Mrs. Peters, a vote of thanks for the very efficient manner in which the Woman's column had been

conducted, was very cordially extended to Miss Fullerton and associate members of committee, also to the President, for having well discharged her duties.

On motion of Mrs. C. W. Weyman, the Treasurer was instructed to refund \$20 which had been paid to our society last year by mistake.

On motion of Miss Weyman, a nominating committee was elected as follows:

Mrs. J. J. Barnes, Mrs. D. McL. Vince, Mrs. J. McLeod, Mrs. Dr. Second, Mrs. C. H. Ebbett, Mrs. Wm. Peters, Miss Jane Weyman. This committee is to report at the Monday morning session of the 1891 annual meeting.

The following Committee was appointed to arrange a programme for the next annual meeting:

Mrs. C. W. Weyman, Chairman; Mrs. Wm. Downey, Mrs. McLeod, Mrs. C. Burt, and Mrs. G. A. Hartley.

Mrs. Weyman read several extracts from letters received from Miss Hooper.

On motion it was resolved that the corresponding Secretary inform Miss Hooper that this society desires her to write something in connection with her work for insertion in the Women's Column as often as once a month.

The President called upon Mrs. March to tell the meeting how the B. W. M. Societies missionaries are provided for, what funds are needed, and how expended. Mrs. March's response made matters very clear, and satisfied many minds as to matters connected with our own missionaries. On motion of Mrs. Weyman, the resolution to grant \$250 to the Home Mission Fund, was taken up, and on an amendment moved by Mrs. Burt, it was Resolved that \$300 be appropriated to the benefit of Home Missions.

Many excellent speeches were made in discussing this resolution and all seemed to feel the need of raising a fund with which to aid needy home churches. A number pledged themselves to raise money for that purpose. The names of those who made pledges are as follows:

Mrs. G. A. Hartley, \$25; Mrs. J. J. Barnes, \$5; Mrs. A. Turner, \$5; Mrs. C. Burt, \$5; Mrs. John Vanwart, \$5; Mrs. James Patterson, \$5; Mrs. J. W. Clark, \$5; Mrs. D. McL. Vince, \$5; Mrs. M. Fenwick, \$5.

On motion it was resolved that the following be a committee to provide forms for the use of the Society:—

Mrs. Babcock, Mrs. A. C. Smith, and Mrs. J. S. Smith.

On motion, authority was given the Recording Secretary to procure an order book for the use of the society.

A very hearty vote of thanks to Mrs. March, for her presence and help was carried.

Adjourned to meeting at Marysville at the next meeting of General Conference.

J. F. McLeod,  
Rec. Sec.

POOR PAY.—"I know a young verse writer," writes Edward W. Bok, in *The Ladies' Home Journal* "who is looked upon by the world in every respect as a successful poet. And she is. By that I mean you see her poems in all the leading magazines, and her acceptances outweigh the declinations. I have known her to have a poem in five of the best magazines in a single month. Every periodical reader knows her work, and she has her name on two published volumes of verse. Her success has been considered exceptional; and it is. Yet I saw from her own memorandum book that, during the entire year of 1889, she received not \$500 for all her poetical work. Some will say, But that is poetry. Very well, here is an instance in biography. An eminent biographer spent nearly three years compiling a work which, when published only recently, excited the admiration of critics and public alike. It called forth columns of newspaper praise—in one case, a newspaper devoted one entire page to its review—and there was not a dissenting voice as to the accuracy, literary style and strength of the book. It dealt with a great subject and a great epoch; and the author is regarded as a great author. That man received exactly \$682 as the revenue of his three year's work, and the work has stopped selling."