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## Religious Intelligencer.

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It is better to be singular than to be wrong.

Firmness in principle does not necessitate offensiveness in conduct.

Would you be wise? Then do not neglect the source of all wisdom. "If any of you lack wisdom, let him ask of God," and it shall be given him.

GRADUATES. Bates College (Free Baptist) graduates a class of twenty-three this year. Besides these, Cobb Divinity School in connection with the College, graduated five.

THE VOTER'S RESPONSIBILITY. Dr. Parkhurst of New York, states fairly and strongly the voter's responsibility, saying:

"If you vote for a man that you know to be a bad man, and he is elected, his official acts are your acts. If you do not vote for a good man, and a bad man is elected, his bad acts are your acts."

WAYS OF GIVING. Dr. Pierson speaks of seven ways of giving.—The careless way, the impulsive way, the lazy way, the self-denying way, the systematic way, the equal way, and the heroic way.

Which is your way?

SUNDAY SCHOOLS. The reports made at the recent convention in Pittsburg show a wonderful increase of interest in Sabbath school work. It is estimated that there are now 19,715,781 persons enrolled in the Sunday schools of the world. The teaching given these millions is full of promise.

A GOOD WORK. Some ladies in St. John have undertaken the good work of providing a Nursery for the young children of mothers who have to work out by the day. Rooms have been taken on Waterloo St., and a matron and assistants engaged. For a small fee children will be taken care of from morning till evening, leaving their mothers free to earn a living for themselves and little ones.

CANNOT AVOID IT. No religious body in these days has a general meeting without having to consider the question of temperance and prohibition. Most of them are glad to devote time to the discussion of so important a subject, and are ready to express themselves strongly as to the evil of the drink habit and traffic. And even those bodies that would rather not be bothered with it are unable to avoid it, and have to say something. They will come, by and by, to the right position. The reform is compelling attention, and is moving on to victory.

THE PRAYER MEETING. In the June number of Homiletic Review, a writer says these pointed words about the prayer meeting:

The prayer meeting is the life blood of the church. And yet the regular prayer meeting of today in a vast number of churches is little more than a mockery of God and of church obligations. A leading pastor of New Haven some three years ago, sent a letter to 15 of his fellow pastors located in New England to ascertain the attendance upon the regular weekly prayer meeting in their churches. He had responses from 14 of them, and the habitual attendance averaged but one-fifth of the membership, the highest being 40 per cent and the lowest 15 per cent. Assuming this to ap-

proximate the general condition of the prayer meeting throughout the church, we may well be appalled at the showing. What is the example and life of a church member worth to his pastor or to the church to which he nominally belongs, who is an habitual absentee from the prayer meeting?

—No "DILEMMA." Referring to a paragraph in the INTELLIGENCER of the 2nd inst., about "elect" and "non-elect" infants, the Presbyterian Witness, says:

Presbyterians no doubt are hard-headed people; but we have never heard of one who has undertaken to distinguish between elect and non-elect infants. We have in all our reading never fallen in with a line indicating such an effort. No sermon or exposition of Scripture that we have yet seen or heard has grappled with such a "conundrum." The "dilemma" never existed in any Presbyterian mind. We have our difficulties and dilemmas as other people, but this one is not among them.

We are glad to have this statement from our straightforward and always courteous contemporary.

MILK AND WATER. The Church of England Synod, in session in St. John, had a struggle with the temperance question. After much discussion, and the rejection of every statement that meant anything, the following milk and water resolution was adopted:

"That this synod deeply deprecates the evils caused by intemperance and excessive indulgence in intoxicating liquors as a fruitful source of poverty, suffering, disorder and crime in the dominion, and hindering the church; and therefore resolved, That it is the duty of the church, and of every member of the church, to use every effort to promote the principle of temperance and sobriety, and to use every effort to check this great evil."

It was moved by Mr. C. W. Weldon M. P., who has always opposed anything like restrictive temperance legislation, and seconded by Rev. L. A. Hoyt. It had, of course, the support of Rev. Mr. Montgomery who has distinguished himself as the apologist of rum-sellers. Rev. Mr. Little, the Sussex rector, who has undertaken the task of setting right the temperance workers of the Province, also distinguished himself during the discussion by speaking contemptuously of the christian denominations outside his particular church, and wanted to know why "the highest, oldest and purest" church should be "dragged at the chariot wheels of the Wesleyans and Baptists." Mr. Little will, perhaps, learn that there is somebody than himself in the country by the time he has been in it as many years as he now has been months.

Read the above resolution carefully, and see that it does not even favour total abstinence. Not drinking, but "excessive indulgence" is the thing regretted. There is not a rum-seller in all the land but will wink and smile approval of such a deliverance. It is too bad that the representative body of any branch of the christian church can allow itself to give encouragement to the deadly drink traffic.

There were, of course, members of the Synod who wished to have a resolution passed that meant something, and they contended for it; but they were out-voted. However, they will continue the agitation, and win some day. The good day is coming, coming on apace we trust.

## Our Educational Work.

In another column we publish the statement and appeal of the Union Baptist Educational Society. It deserves attention, and we earnestly ask for it a careful perusal by all our readers. The Free Baptists in New Brunswick and Nova Scotia are especially interested in this matter. The Seminary is the only educational institution in the Provinces in which they have any share. They and the Baptists of New Brunswick are the proprietors of the school; these two bodies are responsible for it, and their courage and good name are involved in its success or failure. It is an institution in every way creditable to them, and to place it on a solid financial basis they should be willing to make an earnest effort. It can be done without murdering anybody; and no money devoted to Christian purposes will be more wisely invested than that given to this christian school under their auspices.

We address ourselves especially to Free Baptists. For many years agitation in favour of establishing such a school went on in the denomination. When the opportunity offered a few years ago for union with our Baptist brethren in this work, those who had hesitated about establishing a school wholly under our own control, and even some who had strongly opposed the proposition, thought the opportunity providential. The union was agreed to, and the society formed and incorporated. The school was started, at first in a rented building; but for two years it has occupied the present fine building erected especially for the

purpose, the finest building of the kind in Maritime Provinces. Free Baptists have an equal voice in its management and have equal responsibility as to its future. We cannot disregard our obligation, if we wished. We do not think our people wish to disregard it. But we have feared that they do not appreciate as they ought, the importance of this branch of the denomination's work. Upon its success our future standing and progress depends more than we think they realize.

There is no doubt about the standing of the school, it is not surpassed by any. The year just closed has not only shown the excellent character of the work done in it, but has shown that it is capable of supporting itself. Most similar institutions have in their early years, to solicit subscriptions towards the current expenses. Not so our Seminary. Last year it a little more than paid its way; and the prospect that next year it will have a considerable surplus. These facts are quite extraordinary, and are highly creditable to the school. They strongly commend it as worthy the aid now asked towards freeing it from debt.

Some, perhaps many, have probably been regarding it as an experiment, and have been waiting to see if it would succeed. That is not the best attitude to maintain towards a worthy undertaking; many a good thing has died for need of the help which might have been given it by those who would do nothing till success was assured without their aid. As a school, fully able to do its work and to support itself by its work, the seminary has demonstrated its right to live. But there is the debt incurred in erecting and furnishing the building—a property which the bodies in whose names and for whose work it stands, may well be proud. Several thousands of dollars have already been paid, but the part of the cost remaining unpaid not only makes a heavy interest account, but endangers what has been paid. And now is the time for those who have been waiting for assurance of the success of the school to come forward with their help. A gentleman said to us a few days ago that he had been intending to give something to the seminary (naming a generous amount), but that he had been waiting to see how it succeeded. We think he will give it now. There are, probably, others who have been waiting in the same way. The time for them to act has come, and we hope all who desire the permanent success of the institution will act promptly.

The appeal of the Education Society does not overstate the case; there is pressing need of the money asked for to meet overdue and maturing liabilities. A dollar per member of the churches whose school the Seminary is, would free it from debt. That is not much to ask. We are anxious that Free Baptists should do their part fully in this work. Those who have subscribed stock, and have not yet paid, should pay at once. There are men amongst us who are able to give large subscriptions. Every one can give something, even the least able can give a dollar. With each one doing what he can, whether much or little, the needs of the society will be met. Our pastors should take an active interest in the work of raising the money needed. In public address and by private solicitation, by themselves and by others whom they may set at work, they can do a great deal. Our character and success as a Christian body depends, in no small degree, upon our action in this matter. Indifference will be fatal. Upon what is done this year will depend our ownership of the magnificent seminary property. Who wants the school to go again into rented and inconvenient rooms, to live a precarious and uncomfortable life? Nobody. Then be forward with your help. If nobody asks you for a subscription send it to us, and we will acknowledge it in the INTELLIGENCER. That all Free Baptists will do their part in a way worthy of them is our fervent prayer.

## Two District Meetings.

A day on the river is full of pleasure. Such a day as was Wednesday, 2nd inst., is especially enjoyable. The early morning gave promise of being warm—even hot, a promise that was fulfilled. The toilers on shore had a sweltering time. Not so those who were privileged to be afloat on the river. Bright and beautiful, the heat was tempered by soft breezes.

8 a. m. is schedule time of departure, but on this particular day the steamer's departure was not till 10.45. The day before she had made a double trip from St. John and return, with a large number of excursionists. And to be on hand for the regular trip she had to come back from St. John in the night and early morning, making it really a triple trip within a little over twenty-four hours.

There was a good list of passengers.

The usual number of stops was made, passengers getting on and off; hay, cattle and other marketable things being shipped. The Captain said the business so far this year has been very good, though from the middle of July on more passengers are expected.

Despite the much rain the country all along is looking very well, and there appears promise of average crops.

Two meetings of the session of the Fifth District were over before we arrived at Holdersville. We missed the conference and the reading of the reports; but heard the annual sermon and attended the closing business meeting. The report of the session, which will be found in another column, makes it unnecessary for us to write particularly of it. The W. F. M. Society of the District received \$27 more than at the time of the meeting last year, and other contributions will probably be received.

The part of the session we were privileged to attend was good, and the brethren said it was all good. The people of the place were very kind, doing everything in their power to entertain the members of the meeting and the visitors. The business was finished at noon Thursday. Rev. O. N. Mott remained to preach that evening, and we have no doubt a profitable meeting was had.

The Six District Meeting convened at Head Millstream, K. Co., on Friday. The conference, led by the pastor, Rev. T. S. VanWart, which began at 2 p. m., and continued nearly three hours, was largely attended and was a very enjoyable season. In the evening there was preaching by Licentiate D. Long. It was an unusually interesting service. Following the sermon there were several testimonies, and some unconverted asked the prayers of christians.

Saturday there was rain, making it a disagreeable day. There was, notwithstanding, a full attendance at the meetings, and much interest manifested in all the proceedings. At 8 a. m., the chairman, Rev. A. H. McLeod, called the meeting to order. Prayer was offered by Bro. Currie. After roll call, Rev. T. S. VanWart was elected chairman for the present year, with Rev. G. F. Currie assistant chairman. The ministers present, were, Revs. A. C. Thompson, T. S. VanWart, A. H. McLeod, G. A. Hartley, G. F. Currie, Wm. DeWare, J. E. Gosline and Jos. McLeod, and Licentiates F. C. Hartley, L. Cosman, D. Long, A. McNitch, A. Perry, S. J. Perry and J. Carpenter. In the absence of Bro. G. L. Good, Treasurer of the District, on account of illness, Bro. S. McFarlane was appointed Treasurer pro tem.

Twenty-four churches sent reports, and were represented by delegates. Reading the reports occupied the most of the morning sitting; but this is always an interesting part of the session, every one being anxious to know how the work has prospered. The committee to whom the reports were submitted presented a digest of their contents in the afternoon. We intended to get the digest for use in this report, but in the hurry and work of the session failed to ask the Clerk for it. But from some notes we are able to give the substance of it. The reported additions during the year were eighty-seven, fifty-three by baptism. Twenty-one of the churches had regular pastoral labour. The money paid for support of the ministry, \$2311.90; for building and improvements, \$749.00; for current expenses, \$297.75; Foreign Missions, \$154.65; Home Missions, \$50.98. The value of church property reported by eighteen churches, \$27,425. Twenty Sabbath Schools reported.

The committee made several recommendations. Among them were,—the importance of better support of the ministry; system in gathering money for both branches of the mission work; judicious revision of church membership rolls; increase of interest in and support of the denomination's educational work; the better grouping of the churches into pastorates; extending care to the unreported churches; carefulness in giving and requiring letters of dismissal in transfers of membership; the importance of Sabbath Schools reporting to the District Meeting; about temperance teaching in Sabbath Schools, and frequent gospel temperance meetings in the churches; and as to the holding protracted meetings throughout the District.

The report was discussed at length and fully, the several recommendations receiving hearty support. A committee to make such rearrangement of pastorates as may be needed, was appointed; and one also to see that the unreported churches are visited and cared for, and to make arrangements for protracted meetings.

The claims of the Seminary were set forth by Bro. Hartley.

The Foreign and Home Mission apportionment was made the same as last year, and the churches urged to give

prompt attention to these branches of their work.

Licenses were voted to brethren D. Long, A. Perry and S. J. Perry.

Delegates to General Conference were appointed.

The next annual meeting was appointed to be held with the church at Five Points, Coverdale, A. Co., the second Friday in July, 1891.

The community well deserved the vote of thanks, for they not only entertained the meeting in a most hearty way, but conveyed from and to Apohaqui, a distance of fourteen miles, all who came by train.

The W. F. M. Society held their annual meeting during the session, receiving reports from local societies and making plans for future activity. The returns, though not yet complete, are encouraging. They have arranged for a system of visitation of the churches which will, doubtless, give a great stimulus to the work.

The Saturday evening meeting was devoted to missions. The chairman of the District presided, and made introductory remarks and addresses were made by brethren J. E. Gosline, A. McNitch and J. McLeod; Miss Weyman read the report of the Woman's Society, and made some remarks also. It was an excellent meeting, and we trust good impressions were made.

Sabbath was a fine day. The church, though large, could not accommodate the large congregations which assembled. The services of the day were, prayer meeting at 9 a. m., and preaching at 10.30 a. m., by Rev. G. A. Hartley, at 2.30 p. m. by Rev. Jos. McLeod, and at 7.30 p. m. by Rev. A. C. Thompson. The ordinance of the Lord's Supper was administered at the close of the afternoon service. There was preaching at Berwick by Rev. J. E. Gosline, at Lower Ridge by Bro. F. C. Hartley, at Millstream by Bro. Perry, at Sussex by Rev. G. F. Currie, and at Penobscot by Rev. A. H. McLeod.

From the beginning to the close of the District Meeting there was a deep religious feeling; the spirit of revival was evident. In the Sunday evening meeting as on Friday evening, several rose for prayers. Meeting was announced for Monday, brethren F. C. Hartley and McNitch remaining with the pastor, Bro. VanWart. The meetings were probably continued through the week. We hope to hear of a good revival there.

En route to the meeting we called at Norton, and enjoyed a pleasant hour in the home of Mr. S. McCready; were kindly conveyed to Midland by Mr. Price, where we spent a night in the home of G. W. Sharp Esq., with whom we enjoyed the ride of more than twenty miles to head of Millstream. The return journey was also made in his company. His good wife is in very poor health, but she trusts Him whom she loves and who doeth all things well.

At Millstream we called to see Bro. G. L. Good who is ill, and Bro. Good Mugrove who, bedfast and almost speechless, awaits the call home. While sad to find these three dear friends sick and suffering, we rejoiced in their faith; they know whom they have believed, and are persuaded that "He is able to keep that which they have committed to Him against that day."

A day or two at home, and then we must be off to the meeting of the First District at Arthurette.

## Union Baptist Educational Society.

## AN APPEAL.

Dear Brethren,—We desire to lay before you the following facts and plans in relation to the work which we, as your servants, are doing in the interests of Christian education.

We have a fine property of 72 acres, in the beautiful and healthful village of St. Martins, upon which we have buildings costing about \$50,000.

Both sexes are provided for in the Institution, and 101 students were enrolled last year. The work of the school was most successfully carried on, and young men and young ladies were afforded all the advantages of a Christian home.

The school was more than self-sustaining last year, and has good prospects for yielding a surplus the coming year.

The great hindrance to the highest usefulness of the school now is the debt on the property. We can fill the building with students, and we can pay all current expenses from receipts. We are pressed, however, even to the point of losing the property, for payment of bills contracted in securing this grand educational centre. Your Board of Directors are compelled to make this appeal in the hope that you will rally and save the property for the two Baptist denominations, and their sons and daughters, who, through it,

shall not only gain an education, but what is of far more value, a reverence for God's Word and the Saviour whom it reveals. The moral and Christian tone of the school last year was excellent. Whilst all were improved, quite a number were converted and avowed their discipleship.

We have over 30,000 Baptist and Free Baptist church members who look to the Seminary as their school. Our plan is to ask each church to arrange for the securing of at least \$1.00 from each member the coming year. This will entirely relieve the school of all indebtedness. We wish the brother or sister into whose hands this appeal may fall to see the pastor and deacons and, with their consent and co-operation, seek to gain by collections, subscriptions or entertainments, the aggregate from your church of \$1.00 for each member.

Dear brother, will you not help us in this final effort to save for us, as a people, the best educational structure in the Maritime Provinces? Whatever is done must be done this year, as creditors have waited long. The burden distributed throughout our membership is not heavy as you see, only a dollar per head on actual membership. Many outside our churches are ready to help when they see us really girding ourselves to carry these burdens.

Will you not let our Secretary hear from you soon, saying you will attempt to carry out the above plan. If necessary, the principal, or some member of the Board, will visit your church to help in this work, if you so request.

Remember if this plan is carried out by you it will finally relieve the institution of all incumbrance.

Hoping your response may be favorable, we remain, yours in the work of Christian education.

MONT. McDONALD, President,  
AMON A. WILSON, Secretary,  
J. E. HOPPER, Principal,  
Union Baptist Education Society.

## Letter From Dr. Phillips.

OBERLIN, OHIO, 5th July 1890.

DEAR INTELLIGENCER:—Let me tell you readers something about two interesting conventions held last month. The one was a Missionary, and the other a Sunday School Convention, and it was my good fortune to attend both.

The seventh annual meeting of the International Missionary Union was held at Clifton Springs, N. Y., June 11—18, and was a most delightful season of christian fellowship and conference. Sixty men and women from many lands enjoyed a delightful week together. There were five from Africa, four from Burmah, ten from China, five from Siam, one from Syria, fourteen from India, eight from Japan, one from Malaysia, one from Alaska, two from Mexico, one from Guatemala, one from the West Indies, one each from Argentina and Chili, one from Australia, one each from Bulgaria, Italy, and Spain, and one from Micronesia.

The convention had been invited by Dr. Henry Foster of the Clifton Springs Sanitarium, and all those missionaries were his guests. These seven days of delightful christian intercourse will not be forgotten by us, as we go out again to the ends of the earth publishing the glorious Gospel of the Son of God.

Topics of great interest were discussed, and resolutions deploring the China opium traffic, and strongly deprecating the attitude of the United States in disregard of treaty rights with the Chinese, also deploring the liquor traffic in Africa, were adopted, and will be communicated to the Government by some of the missionaries present.

This Missionary Union has a great field before it. Some of its members are here on furlough and will soon be returning to their foreign fields. Others are disabled or disqualified for active service abroad, or superannuated, and can accomplish much for missions by judicious efforts at home. The future of the Union is certainly full of promise. Next summer the Convention will probably be held at Wheeling, West Va.

The sixth International Sunday School Convention was held at Pittsburgh, Pa., June 24-27. At Clifton Springs we had several Canadian brethren, but at Pittsburgh every Province of the Dominion save Prince Edward's Island and Newfoundland, was well represented particularly Ontario, which sent a strong delegation of successful S. S. workers. The four days of this Convention proved how earnest and enthusiastic christians can be in their efforts for reaching and teaching the children and youth of the land. The discussions on the uniform lesson leaf, on temperance teaching and on the enlargement of the work of the association by larger gifts and broader fields at home and in foreign lands, were interesting and instructive.

The evening platform addresses were given by S. men on both next meeting will be in Missouri, in 1891, the second World Convention. On a meeting as this thanking God for in which Sunday schooling is being reaped during the And, I believe, future before it other land of the

## Letter from Rev.

MR. EDITOR,—column for acknowledgment monies received in cash Seminary recently \$5. This shows interested in the willing to make from debt. Even kindly met and good-will. The this summer is upon all. I Baptist and F the Province the sum amounting on its members within our ability, relieve us of addition to my King is visiting to inaugurate him to the sym co-operation of education. Our be of great help the members pushing the ch fields. The Ins valuable, and school is too f homes and fa cause of Christ, dized when so it on to comi for God and t road to success hearty co-oper The outlook for very encourage such will pay i

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