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## Business Notice.

Statements of account were sent to all hundred subscribers a few days ago. From a few of those addressed we have had remittances, for which we thank them.

The majority, however, have not heard from yet, though we gave reasons why they should reply without delay. We are, therefore, compelled to address them again, in public way, earnestly urging immediate remittances of subscriptions.

We need to have payments now from those who are indebted to the INTELLIGENCER, and trust they will not longer neglect to this duty. Send by next mail, if possible.

## NOTES AND GLEANINGS.

ARMON MISSIONARIES are making many converts in North London of the Nonconformist ministers of the West are delivering Sunday lectures exposing the alleged iniquities of Roman faith and practice.

AN ENGLISH newspaper correspondent, inoculated with anti-cholera virus, went to Hamburg to test its effects. And he came off unharmed, though he seems to have tried in every way to take the plague.

WHO HAS NOT SMILED when hearing reading the evidence of physicians, is often reminded of the fellow who, after listening a few minutes to a doctor's description of the injuries received by a man in a railroad accident, went out of the house, looking thoroughly scared, and declared to his waiting anxious companions,—"It's all up with Jim; his Latin parts are all washed." This incident, also, illustrates the absurdity of the professional vocabulary: A surgeon, giving his evidence, informed the court that, in examining the prosecutor he found him suffering from a severe contusion of the integuments under the left orbit, with a great extravasation of blood and rhymosis in the cellular tissue, which was in a tumefied state. There was considerable abrasion of the cuticle.

The Judge—"You mean, I suppose, that the man had a black eye?" Witness—"Yes."

The Judge—"Then why not say so once?"

AT THE ORIENTAL CONGRESS Professor Hechler, of Vienna, submitted a fragment of the fragment of papyrus manuscript of a part of Zechariah and Malachi which reached that city lately. It is a piece of a copy of the Septuagint version of the Old Testament, and the writing is the Greek uncial. There are corrections in red ink made probably at a much later date than that of the original writing. It is thought to be the oldest Biblical manuscript in existence.

THE PROGRESS of the South American republics towards a better condition of affairs, while not rapid, owing to dissension and civil wars, is not to be mistaken. The latest evidence of this progress is the promising outlook for the railroad now in construction across the Andes, which will connect the railroad systems of Argentine and Chile, and make accessible much valuable mineral and agricultural country at present discounted in value by lack of transportation facilities.

IN SOUTH AUSTRALIA a new way of forming a government is suggested. The proposal is that the legislature elect the members of the executive.

"INDUSTRIAL PARTNERSHIP," or profit-sharing, is steadily growing. It was estimated, says "Zion's Herald," that there are as many as one hundred business houses in the United States which have adopted this excellent principle, and are reaping the benefit in increased attention and zeal on the part of their employees and consequent larger profits. Many other firms are contemplating the introduction of the system as soon as circumstances will permit. To extend this reform an association was formed in January last in New York city. Practical men—manufacturers and railroad directors—compose its executive board. It deserves great success.

## CONFERENCE.

### FOREIGN MISSIONS.

Monday.—Rev. Jos. McLeod, Corresponding Secretary for Foreign Missions, presented the report:

### FOREIGN MISSION REPORT.

The work of the Free Baptist Mission in India has gone on during the past year much as in general of late years. The reports, issued from the Mission Press, says,—"We cannot report such large results as some of our neighboring missions, but we can report an honest effort. How faithful we have been we do not attempt to say, and while the figures do not show such gains as last year, yet we trust that in the Last Great Day, the fruits will appear. Bengal and Orissa as yet have not been moved by any great turning to Christ. Southern and Northern India have had great waves of power which turned thousands of Hindus into Christians, but the missions which have been so successful both north and south, in their work in Bengal and Orissa, have reports like our own. In intellect, education, and official position the Bengalis stand first in India, and have aptly been called the "Yankees of India;" for this reason, perhaps, the work among them has been slow, but not discouraging. Each year shows a healthy growth of the church. By and by we expect to turn the excellent powers of this people to the work of Christ's church. When that time comes we shall expect to see mightier works than ever before in India."

All the departments of work have been carried on with zeal. But in no year has the work been so broken by sickness and death, so that the year has been one of anxiety and weeping. But in spite of all, progress has been made, the mission is growing, and there is need of more help from the home churches, both in labourers and money.

New Brunswick's part in the work is now smaller than for many years. Miss Hooper's health having necessitated her return, Mrs. Boyer, alone, is the representative of this Conference in the Foreign work. Her report which is appended, shows the character of the labour she has been doing during the year, the extent of it, and, so far as possible to ascertain and set forth, the results. There is also a statement of the needs of the field, and an earnest appeal for help in the great work.

The situation certainly appeals to us—appeals strongly, and we ought not to turn a deaf ear to it, nor allow ourselves to think it a matter of indifference whether we respond. God is calling His people everywhere to larger undertakings for the evangelization of the world. Shall we fail to hear His voice, and go forth at His command?

The field entrusted to Free Baptists in India is large and very important. The census of this year shows the population of the district to be 3,610,995. There are only twenty missionaries, seven men and thirteen women labouring in this vast district, amongst these millions of benighted souls. Sickness and death have diminished the number of missionaries, so there are now several less than a year or two ago. We have but one, the devoted and efficient Mrs. Boyer, who, bravely bearing her great bereavement, toils on faithfully and with a good degree of success.

Is the sending one missionary to the heathen our full part of the work which God calls His people to do? Is a question we need to consider.

We have, according to the reports of this year, 148 churches with a membership of nearly 12,000.

From all these the contributions for Foreign Missions during the past year amount to \$1,674, of which amount \$950 was raised by the W. F. M. Society. Must this amount be regarded as expressing the depth and extent of our interest in the cause of Christian work among the heathen nations of the earth? We are not a poor people. While we may not have great wealth, our churches are composed of people who are, very generally, in comfortable circumstances, and quite able to meet all the demands which their Christian profession and the needs of God's cause make upon them. Freely we have received of material bounties and of God's grace, and freely we should give for the help, enlightenment and salvation of those who are in darkness and the shadow of death.

Brethren, we owe it to our Lord, whom we love, and who is to have "the heathen for His inheritance and the uttermost parts of the earth for His possession," to the benighted and lost of the human race, and to ourselves, for the nurture and development of the spiritual life in us, and for the greater efficiency of the work at our own doors, to enlarge our practical interest in the cause of the world's evangelization.

A recent writer well says,—The greatest work in the world is that marked out by our Lord Jesus Christ to be accomplished by His followers between His ascension and His return—viz., this Gospel of the kingdom shall be preached in the whole world for a testimony into all nations; and then shall the end come. Again, more definitely, after the resurrection, His last words were, all authority

hath been given me in heaven and on earth; go ye, therefore, and make disciples of all the nations, and lo, I am with you always, even unto the end of the world.

Can it be that, having "heard these solemn and definite words so frequently, they have become trite and almost powerless?" We ought to "recognize in them an utterance of the mightiest possible significance to every kindred, tribe and tongue; which compasses a work so large that after eighteen centuries it is far from complete; and which may yet rise up in judgment against us, and which will certainly condemn us if we are unfaithful to the duty imposed.

The Executive for Foreign Missions suggests:

1. That there should be raised this year not less than \$1,200.

They regret to have to say that the amount asked for last year was not raised—the deficiency being \$474; but earnestly hope that there will be no deficit this year.

2. That the pulpits of the denomination more frequently direct the attention of the people to this great work; and that steps be taken to distribute missionary information in the churches, Sunday Schools and homes of the denomination.

3. That a missionary prayer meeting, at least monthly, be established in every church, and that earnest prayer be offered that God will raise up amongst us young men for the foreign work. May not the fact that none amongst us are offering themselves for this work be attributable to the lack of missionary spirit in our churches and the little earnest prayer made for the work and the workers?

4. That public missionary meetings be held in all the churches, neighbouring pastors arranging to assist each other in such meetings.

5. That each church adopt a plan of raising the amount assigned to it, which will assure the contributions being forwarded to the Treasurer promptly each quarter—January, April, July and October.

We cannot too strongly press the importance of this branch of Christian effort upon our people. Neglect of it is sure to bring spiritual poverty to us. The Lord grant that the year we now begin may witness a great revival of missionary interest and zeal in all our churches. The result will be a forward movement in the struggling mission in India, and the strength and increased prosperity of the home work.

Jos. McLeod.

Cor. Sec.

Oct. 3rd, 1892.

MRS. BOYER'S REPORT.

To the Brethren of the F. M. B.

DEAR BRETHREN:—The time has come round for me to send my annual report to you. It is now nearly six years since we bade you Goodbye at the Conference and sailed for India. We three are widely separated but I, here alone, am still glad that God called us and believe there was no mistake. Perhaps it has been the discipline of sorrow, perhaps the kind Father's bountiful provision of grace sufficient for the need, but I believe this has been the best year of my work in India.

I can give you statistics and reports of my work here and to a certain extent I will, but all these seem to come far short of reaching the great throbbing heart of the thing we call missionary work. When I tell you that, Thirty-eight boys call me mother, and many of them know no other, you will understand better what I mean thirty-eight orphans, waifs, beggars, provided with a good home, food and clothing and educated to make good and useful men, that is what I have been trying to do during the year. I believe the spiritual element has been growing. Several boys and the old woman who cooks for them have been converted. The older boys and even the young Christians have been enabled to reach out after and help others. By getting more and more into their confidence I have been able to help them more myself. The prayer offered in secret with a wayward one, the quiet talks at bedtime, the word of admonition in the quiet of my room to another, has bound the boys to me and helped me as much as it has them.

At Ujda the visible signs of success are not wanting. The fine large school house is finished, two teachers are employed and nearly forty scholars enrolled. Not far from the school-house Dannie and family are comfortably installed in part of Soni Barik's house until his own can be built.

The church numbers nine, one having died soon after his baptism. His five children have been put in the Orphanage.

Dannie has prayers on his verandah every night. He teaches these babes in the Divine and simple gospel truths and the Ten Commandments. My heart was touched and gladdened to hear their simple prayers of faith. The women have similar instructions under Dannie's wife. She is a gentle, modest little woman. The Spirit of God has taken hold of her since coming here, and of her own accord she began to go about in the village singing and talking to the women. I have persuaded her to begin work regularly and another Christian woman from Balasore accompanies her.

At Singla four miles from Ujda Besu and wife still keep up their

village work. Singla is by far the larger and more important place, but it was not the comparatively wealthy and educated people of Singla who accepted God's truth but the poor ignorant low caste people of Ujda. Dannie goes to Singla every week to attend the large markets held there and preach to the crowds.

I held a prize giving for the seven Hindoo Girls' School in March and then gratefully made it over to Dr. Nellie Phillips. She is holding them till some one else comes but she has more than she ought to do without them. It is so hard to let old established work fall even when there is no one who can properly assume its responsibility.

I have not been able to give my two Bible women as much attention as they should have had. They have been regular at their work and since Miss Hooper left Uma, one of her women, has gone with them. During the most of the year six Hindoo Sunday Schools have been kept up. They have mostly been taught by the young men of our A. C. F. They go in pairs, an active and an associate member. The time is Sunday morning before service. They disperse to the different villages and I visit them by turns one each Sabbath. I look upon the good done by the young men as almost if not quite equal to that done by the children.

The A. C. F. meets at my house every Sunday evening. Since the revival meetings last March the interest and numbers have constantly increased till now as often as thirty are present—about every young man in the place. I do not think that in any place do I feel my responsibility as a Christian worker, as I do Sunday evening with those thirty boys around me. Some of them I know sincerely try to do right, most want to but some come here and pray, who go out to put Christ to open shame.

When you pray for the mission remember these young men. They are the hope of our church, but so few of them seem rooted and grounded in love. I submit to you the account of what, as your representative, I have been trying to do during the year. We are all fellow workers with Him and fully as much as the work needs your financial help, it needs your prayers.

C. I. BOYER.

Rev. J. H. Erb, who moved the adoption of the report, said: He felt sometimes almost like a Foreign Missionary, as he lives within 160 miles of what is called a foreign mission field. Much that he sees even where he lives impresses him that he is practically a foreign missionary. He regretted that the facts reported are not more encouraging; but we may hope and press forward. Sometimes, very often, indeed, a proposal to move forward is met with, "O! don't go so fast; we are doing about enough." How easily some of us are satisfied! He would not reflect on ministers; but if there is one who preaches Sunday after Sunday and yet fails to tell the people of the needy and the duty of Christians towards them, he fails sadly. He had known ministers who had the notion that what their people gave to missions was just so much out of their salaries. What a mistake! He knows a church with a membership of 175, which last year raised \$7,600 for Christian work. And it is not a rich church, either. When one gets Christ enthroned in his heart he wants to give and do something for Him. The commission, "Go ye into all the world" etc., is to every Christian.

Let each one ask himself, how much have I done and sacrificed for Him who has done so much for me? Do we realize our stewardship? If one-tenth were the rule of giving amongst Christians there would be an abundance for the work of the Lord.

Rev. D. Long said: Every Christian, being true to his high calling, is a missionary, while some of the things reported make sadness, there is cause for encouragement in the gains made and the open doors for more work.

It is gratifying to know that our people are increasing their payments to the Lord's treasury. The amount raised for all purposes is not small—at any rate compared with the amount in former years. Yet no member gives too much. For himself he had some time ago resolved to pay one-tenth to God's cause, and he knew God would not forsake him. Much, he thought, can be done by teaching the children about the condition and needs of the heathen world; their sympathies should be early enlisted in behalf of the work. The indifference of some very good Christians to the crying needs of the heathen makes one think that it would be well for them to have some such vision as Peter had. If there were no positive command of our Lord, th

fact that the heathen are without the blessings of the Gospel ought to move us to go to their help. We are not accountable for those of fifty years ago, but we have responsibility for the enlightenment of those of to-day. The missionary spirit glorifies God. The duty before us is great—the privilege is great. The judgment is before us. We must give account of our stewardship. We can do and ought to do more than we have ever done. In order to greater doing we need more of the love of Christ in our hearts. The best we have is not too good for God. He suggested that it might be well to gather all our missionary money together, and then divide it on a given plan, according to the needs of the work.

The report of the Treasurer for Foreign missions, Bro. E. W. Slipp, was presented.

[The report will be published later.]

Dr. DeBlois, being called upon, spoke again on the subject of Christian education, and in behalf of the Seminary. There was a very large audience present, and though the hour was late and the people weary at the close of the day's work, he held their close attention, and there is no doubt that many were impressed with the importance of the educational work, who had, previously been more or less indifferent.

Tuesday.—At 8 A. M. the Ministers' Conference had an hour's sitting.

At 9 A. M. General Conference resumed business. It was voted to print 3,500 copies of the Year Book, 1892.

The report on absent Brethren was read by Rev. A. Perry:

1. That fifteen ministers, whose names are on the roll of Conference, are absent from this session.

2. That brethren Sippell and Garrity, on account of old age and infirmity; Bro. Babcock, on account of absence from the Province and poor health; Brethren VanWart and Shaw and McKenzie, on account of illness and Hart, being engaged in revival work; Bro. Cosman, on account of absence from the Province, should be excused.

3. That brethren Jones and Henderson be excused.

4. That as brother Rogers has transferred his church membership to the Free Baptist church at Lisbon Falls, Me., and united with the Maine State Free Baptist association, his name be dropped from the roll of ministers of this Conference.

The report was adopted, and the following resolution, growing out of the discussion on the report, passed:

Whereas it is found that the discussion of the report of this Conference on absent brethren takes time, unnecessarily, and believing that the interests of the Conference would be equally served and time saved by the change,

Therefore resolved that the ministers' Conference be requested to furnish this Conference with a report giving the names of absentees, and the reasons for their absence.

The report on District Meetings was presented by Bro. G. W. Perry, setting forth the time and place of each meeting, and the names of ministers appointed by Conference to attend. It will appear later.

Rev. G. F. Currie introduced a resolution instructing the H. M. Executive to put a missionary in the field at once. The discussion which followed brought out the fact that there is very little money in the treasury, while there is much work to be done.

2 P. M.—For supervision of the publication of the Year Book, \$30 was voted.

The report of the Board of Managers was submitted by Rev. G. A. Hartley:

The Board of Managers, submitting another annual report, has to say that:—

1. All the business matters entrusted to the Board have been carefully attended to.

2. All interest has been paid, except what is just falling due, and which we expect will come in during this session of Conference.

3. The Board, nominating for appointment the several local boards of trustees, is anxious to have all the names correct, and requests that the churches be particular to give information of any changes that may be made from time to time.

4. The Treasurer's report will show the state of the finances.

The Treasurer of the B. of Managers presented the following report:

B. S. PALMER, Treasurer Board of Managers.

In acc't with F. C. B. GENERAL CONFERENCE.

1891. DR.  
Oct. 13. Cash on hand as audited \$526 48  
M. R. F. Association 84 50  
On acc't Hartt Mortgage, 22 00  
Nov. 25 G. W. Boyer, int. to Oct. '91 108 00  
1892  
Jan. 22 On acc't int'l Hartt Mot's 50 00  
April 1 Int'l W. J. DeWitt to April 30 30 00  
Rev. A. Kenny, acc't of note, 50 00  
Rev. T. O. DeWitt, int'l on note 3 00  
Oct. Interest Bank of N. B. 15 01  
\$892 99

1891. CR.  
Oct. 13 Rev. G. A. Hartley, Bill 3 64  
Nov. 25 Treasurer F. M. Society 57 00  
Treasurer N. B. Bible Society 12 00  
Treasurer N. B. F. O. Society 30 00  
Treasurer M. R. Fund 9 00  
Jan. 25 Treasurer Home Executive 27 00  
Nov. 16 Deposited Bank of N. B. 600 00  
Balance on hand, 154 35

SECURITY ACCOUNT.  
Boyer Mortgage, \$1,800 00  
Interest on do., one year, 108 00  
Hartt Mortgage, 1,200 00  
Interest on do., one year, 72 00  
Bedell Mortgage, 1,000 00  
Interest on do., 1 year, 30 00  
Notes on hand, 150 00  
Deposited in Bank, 600 00  
\$4,960 00

The following report was presented: Your Committee, having, as instructed, conferred with the delegate of the Nova Scotia Conference about the proposal of that body as to the establishment of a theological chair, beg to report:

1. That we regard the proposal with favour.

2. That we have in the Union Baptist Seminary facilities, which may be enlarged if required, to meet our present needs in ministerial education; and we are of opinion that it would be better to use our own institution for the purpose in view, rather than seek to do such work in connection with any other institution.

3. That we commend the plan of providing for the theological teaching of our young men at St. Martins, to the favourable consideration of the Conferences concerned.

4. We recommend that during the present year arrangements be made, if possible, for a course of lectures to ministerial students at St. Martins; and that a committee of the Conference be appointed to confer with the Principal and Directors, and provide for such lectures.

5. That the same committee be instructed to mature and plan for the early establishment of the proposed chair of theology, and report to the Conference at the next annual sessions.

Jos. McLeod.  
G. A. HARTLEY.  
G. W. FOSTER.

An interesting discussion followed the presentation of this report. Rev. T. H. Siddall, speaking for Nova Scotia, said: For years we have been looking and hoping for something in this direction. It is clear that, at least so far as N. S. is concerned, we must do something for the theological training of our young men at home. We want, also, to get closer to you, and this looks like it. Our young men go away from us to school, and we lose most of them. We ought to rally round a school of our own. The Seminary has grown in the affections of our people in Nova Scotia. Several brethren took part in the discussion, and it was evident that there is a strong feeling in favour of providing for the training of our young men at home. The question of the relation of the denomination to the Seminary, and the obligations growing out of that relation were considered, and the Conference took no backward step.

Following this adoption of the report, the report on Education, consideration of which had been postponed, were taken up, and adopted. And the following were appointed to represent the Conference on the Board of Directors of the N. B. Education Society. Revs. G. A. Hartley, Jos. McLeod, J. W. Clarke and C. T. Phillips.

The following resolution was adopted:

Resolved that an official letter, bearing the signatures of the Moderator, Assistant Moderator and the Secretaries of Conference, be addressed to the churches immediately after the close of the session containing:

1. A summary of the action of Conference and its recommendations to churches, as to missions, S. schools, temperance, education, the pastoral system, Conference fund, ministers' relief, etc.

2. A general statement of the condition and needs of the denomination. (Continued on fourth page.)