

TERMS, NOTICES, &c

The RELIGIOUS INTELLIGENCER is issued every Wednesday, from the office of publication, York St., Fredericton.
—**Price \$1.50 a year, in advance.**
If not paid in advance the price is \$2.00 a year.
New subscriptions may begin at any time of the year.
When sending a subscription, whether new or a renewal, the sender should be careful to give the correct address of the subscriber.
If a subscriber wishes the address of his paper changed, he should give first the address to which it is now sent, and then that to which he wishes it sent.
The date following the subscriber's name in the address label shows the time to which the subscription is paid. It is changed, generally, within one week after a payment is made, and at latest within two weeks. Its change is the receipt for payment. If not changed within the last named time, inquiry by card or letter should be sent to us.
When it is desired to discontinue the INTELLIGENCER, it is necessary to pay whatever is due, and notify us by letter or post card. Returning the paper is neither courteous nor sufficient.
Payment of subscriptions may be made to any Free Baptist minister in New Brunswick and Nova Scotia, and to any of the authorized agents as named in another column, as well as to the proprietor at Fredericton.
ITEMS of religious news from every quarter are always welcome. Denominational News, as all other matter for publication should be sent promptly.
Communications for publication should be written on only one side of the paper, and business matters and those for insertion should be written separately. Observance of this rule will prevent much copying and sometimes confusion and mistakes.
ALL COMMUNICATIONS, etc., should be addressed RELIGIOUS INTELLIGENCER, Box 375, Fredericton, N. B.

Religious Intelligencer.

REV. JOSEPH McLEOD, D. D., EDITOR

WEDNESDAY, Oct. 19th 1892.

—A CRUSADE against gambling has been begun in Chicago by Rev. O. P. Gifford (Baptist). It promises to be quite as vigorous and effective as that of Dr. Parkhurst in New York. Chicago is cursed with gambling houses, and if Dr. Gifford arouse the Christian conscience of the great city against them he will have done a good work. He is doing right to make the crusade, and may God give him great success.

—THERE SEEMS need of more determined action for the suppression of the slave trade in Africa. Reports tell us that the traffic is carried on extensively in some regions of the dark continent, slave caravans arriving on the coast almost daily. The powers that participated in the Anti-Slave trade conference at Brussels certainly have something to do. Their inaction has emboldened the traders. It is a shame that the Christian countries which have appropriated Africa should allow the abominable traffic to go on almost unchecked.

—THE LAST CENSUS in the United States showed that the incomes yearly of lawyers in that country average over \$1000 each, and that ministers receive an average \$200 each. Fortunately ministers do not enter the ministry for the money they receive, but because they feel divinely called to the work. One who refuses to become a minister because of the small salaries paid gives very good evidence that he is not the man for the work.

—"THE BROTHERHOOD OF ST. ANDREWS" is an organization of the Protestant Episcopal church established in Chicago in 1883. It began in the banding together of about a dozen young men, who resolved to do something to bring other young men to Christ. It has grown greatly, and now has over eight hundred local organizations and 10,000 members. It has extended into Canada. The chief condition of membership is that every member must attempt every week to bring at least one young man to the services of some church. It is exclusively a church of England organization, and its efforts are in behalf of young men only.

—WRITING of "Two Happy Years in Ceylon," Miss Gordon Cumming says: It is a sore subject that, whereas Hindoo, Mohammedan and Buddhist conquerors have ever abstained from deriving any revenue from the intoxicating spirits which are forbidden by each of these religions, a Christian Government should so ruthlessly place temptation at every corner both in Ceylon and in India, where, as has been publicly stated by an archdeacon of Bombay, the British Government has created a hundred drunkards for each convert won by Christian missionaries.

—DISESTABLISHMENT is only a question of time—and not a very long time, let it be hoped. The signs point to a speedier reaching of the desired end than many have thought. The unreasonable and often cruel exactions of church officials, together with the ritualistic silliness of the high church wing, are doing most to hasten the end. The feeling in Wales is very strong. The following incident illustrates the condition of popular feeling:

"Evan Evans, a Welsh farmer's boy who went to prison in default of paying a fine for his share in baiting in connection with a distraint upon his employer's property for tithes, has been made quite a hero of in Llandysil. On his coming out of Caernarthen prison a few days ago, a band of sympathizers, including his employer and pastor, met him and accompanied him by train to Llandysil, where a procession was formed and he was conducted through the town with every honor. Speeches were made by prominent men, including a member of Parliament, after which the boy received a present in the shape of a silver watch and chain and a purse of gold."

—TENNYSON was buried in Westminster Abbey on Tuesday of last week. The Queen sent floral offerings.

—THE PAPAL church would not do more than this. The *Church Guardian*, Toronto, says:

A solemn Requiem Celebration of the Holy Communion was sung in the Chapel of All Souls on Tuesday, Sept. 11, for the repose of the soul of the Metropolitan of Canada.

Even if any good in any case, those who knew the deceased bishop would regard the prayer quite superfluous in his case.

—"THE LICENSED Saloon-keepers' League of Indiana" held its annual Convention recently. The gentlemen composing this league are evidently disturbed by the attempt to secure legislation interfering with their high-toned traffic. They resolved, reluctantly of course, to support only such candidates as are opposed to prohibition. And their fine sensibilities are greatly shocked and their righteous souls deeply stirred by the disgrace and demoralization which are brought on religion by the attempts to prohibit their highly religious trade. Their righteous indignation finds expression in this resolution:

"Resolved, That we believe prohibition through legislative enactments is impossible, and that prohibition in politics is as disgraceful to religion and demoralizing to the churches of our country as darkness and debauchery is to the person. The man who drags our sacred institutions of temperance and religion over the vile pathways of politics is entitled to no more respect than the man who debauches himself with intemperance of any kind."

—THE PRESBYTERIAN SYNOD, which held its annual session in St. John last week, took strong ground on the question of temperance and prohibition. The report presented gave details of all the work being done for temperance through the church, the home, temperance organizations and lectures, the public schools, the press and along the lines of restrictive and prohibitive legislation. Reports on each of these branches of the work were given from each section of the provinces, and the report concluded by an expression of hopefulness that in the future prohibition will be obtained. The following recommendations were submitted:

1. That the Synod reaffirms the declarations made by synods in the past in regard to the enormous evils arising out of the liquor traffic, and calls upon pastors, elders, and temperance workers to continue and increase their efforts in the suppression of the evil and in bringing about prohibitive enactment.
2. The Synod expresses its satisfaction with the action of the Nova Scotia and New Brunswick legislatures in making instruction in temperance compulsory; and would urge all our people to insist on the provisions being complied with.
3. The Synod rejoices that a plan of organization has been prepared by the General Assembly's committee on temperance, and would recommend sessions to carry the same into effect.

Conference Notes.

Home Mission work, as it deserved, received a good deal of attention during the session. The contributions last year were painfully small. There is a strong feeling that much more needs to be done in the home field—in the care of weak churches and the cultivation of new ground. The appeal to the people for a thank-offering should have a quick and general response. It ought not to be difficult for the churches to contribute a sum equal to twenty-five cents per member, as requested. It is asked to be done before the 31st December next. Let it be done.

The affairs of the Union Baptist Seminary were fully and freely considered. It was made quite clear that there is a strong and wide-spread interest in the school. The question of the denomination's relation to and responsibility for the institution was fairly faced, and the result was decisive—the Conference understands the responsibility of the denomination and has no desire to shirk it.

It is gratifying that the serious difficulties which confronted the school a year ago have been so well passed, and that the present outlook is bright and

full of promise. The Seminary is a necessity to us, and our people should rally to its support, and we feel sure they will do so. It needs our prayers, our money and our boys and girls.

In Foreign Missions the sisters continue to do well. They do much better than the brethren. They raise more money, and with less apparent effort; and they seem to know how to spend it to advantage.

Aside from what is being done by the Woman's Society, the interest in Foreign Missions is not nearly so general nor so strong as it ought to be. Instead of increasing, it seems to have decreased. The death of Bro. Boyer may have led some one to think that, unless some one goes to take his place, there is less need of contributions. It should not be forgotten that the work remains though some of the workers die; and that money is needed to carry it on. There are many branches of the work which are greatly in need of better support, and these appeal quite as strongly to us as though we had two or three men there. What we are called to do for the enlightenment of the heathen does not depend upon whether this or that person is in the field. The work is the Lord's, for the accomplishment of His purposes; we are His people, called to be workers together with Him; and it is ours to do what he bids. It is hoped that this year the churches will make a better record in their support of this branch of Christian service.

We sometimes wonder whether prayer is being made that God will call some of our young men to the Foreign work? Possibly, here and there, some one who feels a deep interest is making daily prayer to this end. There should be such prayer in all the churches. The Lord will be inquired of by His people in this matter.

The report on the question of Baptist Union speaks for itself. The number voting is so small a percentage of our church membership that the result cannot be regarded as an adequate or decisive expression of the will of the denomination. The fact, however, that so many did not vote, either intentionally or from indifference, may be regarded as indicating that the time has not come for deciding the question, so the Conference thought. We are still of opinion that the union of these Christian bodies, sometime, will be for the furtherance of God's cause. When that time will be it is impossible to even conjecture. But if we all seek and watch for divine leading, God will, in His own time and way, show us what is His will. Meantime each body in its own field and in the use of its own methods, must carry on the work entrusted to it—and do it with unflinching devotion to God and loyalty to the doctrines which distinguish it.

It is cause for joy that denominations which in belief and practice have so much in common, have also so close fellowship and so cordial relations. These may be cultivated with profit to both, and with great benefit to the cause of Christ.

The proposal to more closely unite the Free Baptist bodies in the Provinces was regarded with favour by the Conference. It is expected that there will be a meeting of the committees of the Conferences interested some time in November, and we trust, with good results.

The question of the establishment of a theological chair, and which came up on the suggestion of the N. S. Conference, was favourably received. For a number of years young men from the Provinces have been going to Cobb Divinity School, an institution of our Free Baptist brethren in Maine. That they have been kindly treated and carefully trained there, there is no doubt. Perhaps the treatment given them has been too kind. At any rate many of them never come home to remain. They find openings in the States, and presumably, stronger inducements, and are lost to the home field.

More than fifteen years ago the N. B. Conference suggested to the N. S. Conference co-operation in support of home theological training. Our N. S. brethren were not then disposed to look favourably upon the proposal. Now they have made the suggestion, and the Conference of this Province expresses willingness to co-operate. What seems the proper thing to attempt is set forth in the report on the subject, and it is to be hoped that the undertaking may be successfully carried out.

The INTELLIGENCER received hearty endorsement from the Conference, for which, of course, it thanks the brethren. It will seek in this year to be worthy the good things said of it, and to be the faithful exponent of the beliefs,

and the advocate of the interests of the denomination which it represents.

It is our hope that the desire expressed in the resolution of Conference, viz. that it be introduced into every Free Baptist home in the country—may be realized, and that at once. If the ministers will kindly read the resolution to their congregations, and add a few words of good advice, and solicit and take subscriptions, the desired end can be accomplished, we think. The present is a good time to do this.

The members of Conference enjoyed being at Cornhill, and it was quite evident that the people of Cornhill enjoyed having the Conference. They did their part admirably, and we trust the influence of the session may be, permanently, a benefit to the cause there.

CONFERENCE.

Continued from first page

3. An earnest admonition to deeper devotion and increased activity in all branches of our work.

The Secretary presented the following report of the General Conference Executive:

Your Executive begs leave to report: 1. That your Executive held a meeting on the 14th October, 1891, at Marysville, at which only routine business was transacted.

2. Your executive held a meeting in June 1892, in St. John, at which, among other business, (a) the resignation of Bro. F. M. McLeod, Treasurer of Conference, was accepted, (b) arrangements were made for the vote of the churches on Baptist union, and (c) Rev. Dr. McLeod, at his own request on account of other duties, was relieved of the duties of General Secretary.

3. Your executive appointed Bro. James Patterson, Treasurer of Conference, which appointment they hope you will approve of.

A. C. THOMPSON, Chairman.

The report was adopted and its recommendations confirmed.

The Treasurer of the Executive for Ministers' Relief, Bro. Gideon McLeod, reported:

GIDEON McLEOD, Treasurer Executive of SICK AND DISABLED MINISTERS RELIEF FUND.

IN ACCOUNT WITH FCB GEN. CONFERENCE.

1891.	Cash on hand	\$195 22
Oct. 13.	From Board of Managers	9 00
Nov. 26.	From Board of Managers	9 00
Oct. 4.	First District	10 00
	Second District	12 39
	Third District	20 87
	Fourth District	23 25
	Fifth District	9 40
	Collection at General Conference	30 00
		\$320 13

Oct. 14.	Paid Board of Managers	\$88 50
	Paid Rev. G. A. Hartley for Rev. F. Babcock	25 00
	Paid Rev. C. E. Phillips, for Rev. E. Garrity and Rev. E. Sippell	30 00
		143 50

Balance on hand, \$176 63
Corn Hill Kings Co., Oct. 4, 1892

Rev. A. M. McNinch, Chairman of the same executive, presented the following report:

Your executive for the relief of sick and disabled ministers have to report that they have granted during the year the following: Rev. F. Babcock, \$25.00; Rev. E. Sippell, \$10.00; Rev. E. Garrity \$20.00. These were the only applications received by us. The Treasurer's report shows the state of the finances.

The election, by ballot, of the General Conference executive for the ensuing year, resulted in the choice of—Revs. G. A. Hartley, J. W. Clark, Jos. McLeod, C. T. Phillips, and B. H. Nobles.

Rev. A. C. Thompson called the attention of the brethren to the importance of giving more attention to the collection of the Conference Fund in the churches. It is possible, he said, to greatly increase the amount secured and thereby provide for mission and other interests which are greatly in need of help. Revs. T. O. DeWitt and A. G. Downey, and brethren W. Peters, and D. W. Clark all spoke on the subject.

Rev. T. O. DeWitt suggested the appointment, before the session, of brethren to speak to the reports of the several secretaries of Conference. He also suggested that it would be well, if possible, to have ordinations earlier in the session—on the Sunday of Conference, if it could be so arranged.

7 P. M.—There was preaching by Rev. A. H. McLeod. The attendance as at all the meetings was large. After the sermon many ministers and others spoke, and it was a most enjoyable and stimulating meeting.

Wednesday.—Conference met at 8 a. m. After routine Conference went into committee on licentiates, Rev. E. B. Grey in the chair.

The committee having completed its work reported as follows:

1. That brethren I. D. Harvey, W. R. Reid, A. W. Currie and S. J. Perry be ordained.

2. That the license of brother F. A. Currie, who is pursuing his studies at Dalhousie College be continued.

3. That brother E. Cripps, a licentiate of the Sixth District meeting, continue.

The report was adopted. The committee on Baptist Union presented the following report:

BROTHER MODERATOR.—Your Committee on Baptist Union has to report as follows:

1. Obeying the instructions given by Conference we addressed the following circular letter to the Churches and ministers:

"DEAR BRETHREN:—We were instructed by the last General Conference to address you on the question of Baptist Union, on which you are now asked to vote.

The question of Union of the two Baptist denominations having been agitated, more or less, for several years, a joint committee was appointed in 1886 to consider the subject, and, if possible, arrange a Basis of Union. That committee agreed upon a "Basis of Union." It is published in the Year Book of 1890.

The Churches are now asked to say whether they approve of that Basis. It is important that the vote be full and based upon proper information. We have, therefore, to ask that before a vote is taken the Basis be read in every Church; also, that every member be requested to read it at home.

It is necessary to remember that you are not asked to vote on whether you are willing to become Baptists, or have Baptists become Free Baptists, but whether you are willing to accept the Basis of Union as a statement of your doctrinal beliefs, and to have a union with any person or denomination that accepts the same beliefs.

It is not our duty or privilege in this letter to state our own personal views on the question. We are willing to leave the whole with the Lord and our brethren in the Churches.

We are instructed, however, by the Conference, to urge that the vote be a full and clear declaration from every Church. And that it may be, we suggest:

(1) That due notice be given of the meeting at which the vote is to be taken, and that the object be clearly announced.

(2) That all the members of the Churches, both male and female, be requested to vote; and that the vote be taken by ballot.

(3) That when the time comes to vote the question be put thus:

Are you in favor of the Basis of Union? (4) That the votes be counted, that a record of the number voting yes, the number voting nay, and the number present not voting, be made in the Church book, and that the number voting either way be stated in the report of the Church to the District Meeting.

A question so important cannot be decided lightly. And we trust the brethren in all the Churches are asking and will continue to earnestly pray for Divine guidance. If we are directed of God the result will surely be for the promotion of His cause and to His Glory."

2. The reports received from Clerks of Districts do not enable us to say, with exactness, how many churches voted on the question; but probably not more than one-third of our churches voted.

3. The total number of votes cast is 1,309, or about one-eighth of our membership. Of those who voted, 447 were in favor of the Basis of Union, and 862 against it.

4. It is quite evident that the votes cast are not a sufficiently full and satisfactory expression on so important a question. What are the reasons which induced so large a number to refrain from voting, your committee cannot undertake to say with certainty. Possibly the method suggested was not the best, or the time may have been inopportune, or there may be a lack of thorough understanding of the Basis and all that may be involved in its adoption or rejection. But, whatever the reason or reasons, the result of the attempt to get an expression of the will of our people can scarcely be considered decisive.

5. Whatever may be, in coming years, be unfolded to us as the Divine will in this matter, it is apparent that our present duty is to carefully conserve the interests entrusted to us as denomination, and to propagate with zeal the doctrines peculiar to us.

6. For our brethren of the Baptist denomination we entertain profound Christian love, and desire that our mutual relations continue to be warmly fraternal, as becomes those who hold more truth in common than any other two Christian bodies.

7. We suggest that a letter communicating the facts about the action of our Churches, and the substance of this report, be addressed to the Baptist Convention of the Maritime Provinces.

JOS. McLEOD
G. A. HARTLEY
J. W. CLARKE
C. T. PHILLIPS.

The committee on Free Baptist Union reported, as follows:

BROTHER MODERATOR.—Your Committee on Free Baptist Union have to report that they have had a conference with the delegate of the Nova Scotia Free Baptist Conference, and wish to report that the Union of all Free Baptists was looked upon with favor, and think it is probable a meeting of committees of the different bodies interested may be arranged for in the near future, and recommend that this Conference appoint a committee to whom shall be entrusted this matter.

G. A. HARTLEY,
JOS. McLEOD
A. C. THOMPSON,
J. W. CLARKE,
C. T. PHILLIPS.

The report was adopted and committee appointed, as follows: Brethren G. A. Hartley, Jos. McLeod, C. T. Phillips, J. W. Clarke, Thompson and J. Noble.

Rev. A. C. Thompson, seconded by Rev. G. Swin, moved the following resolution:

Whereas there seems to be a knowledge on the part of some people as to the uses made of the reference fund, and believing it necessary that all should know the purpose of that fund, therefore resolved, after paying the expenses and appropriations of the Conference it is understood that the balance shall be appropriated to the mission work of the denomination, as the Conference direct.

Adopted. The Secretary moved: That as an expression of our fullness to God for His mercies to us as a denomination during the year, we request our people to raise an amount equal to at least twenty cents for each church member, by the 31st December 1892, for the Home Mission Work.

Adopted. A resolution of thanks to the people of Cornhill for their hospitable and maintenance of the Conference received as it deserved, a very hearty vote. Thanks to R. R. and Str. managers for reduced fares was voted.

The INTELLIGENCER received mention in the following:

Whereas, The RELIGIOUS INTELLIGENCER is the recognized organ of Free Baptists of New Brunswick and Nova Scotia;

And Whereas, Its esteemed and efficient editor has given so many of the best energies of his life, as still at his post, consistently advocating the principles and practices of denomination, and continuing to be able and uncompromising advocate of all moral and religious questions effect the well-being of our community;

And Whereas, We believe RELIGIOUS INTELLIGENCER well serves a far larger and wider circulation than has yet been reached;

Therefore Resolved, that we place on record our high appreciation of the labors of Dr. McLeod, its proprietor, and in doing so, that it may at least crystallize in very pleasing and tangible form new subscribers from each member this General Conference, and that long we may have the gratifying intelligence of its being placed in the Free Baptist family of New Brunswick and Nova Scotia, believing in this way we can very materially advance our denominational interests.

Which kind expression the editor acknowledged in a few words.

The Board of Managers was instructed, by vote of Conference, to pay the Home Mission treasury \$125.00.

Rev. G. Swin, Chairman of Second District meeting, brought the attention of Conference, the question of that District for a change the constitution of District meetings enabling them, when they think desirable, to hold semi-annual sessions. gave notice of motion for such a change at the session of 1893.

The location of the next session of Conference was left to the Executive. The annual sermon in 1893 is to be preached by Rev. B. H. Nobles.

The business of the session being completed, Conference adjourned.

THE ORDINATION.

At 7 P. M. Wednesday, the ordination service was held. Brethren J. Harvey, W. R. Reid, A. W. Currie and S. J. Perry were formally and solemnly set apart to the Gospel ministry. The order of service was as follows:

Invocation by W. H. Perry, first hymn, J. N. Barnes; prayer, J. Barnes; second hymn, T. Connors; sermon, J. W. Clark; third hymn, B. Gray; presentation of candidates, Noble; questions, assistant moderator J. Perry; ordination prayer, A. Thompson; charge, G. A. Hartley; hymn, J. J. Barnes; benediction, D. Harvey.

The church was crowded with deeply interested congregation. The service was impressive. Many prayers were offered then, and many others will go up to God for His rich blessing on the young brethren thus evening ordained.

Work To Be Done.

DEAR INTELLIGENCER,—Our Nova Scotia Conference has become a thing of the past for this year. But it is to be hoped that two of the most important questions brought before the Conference are still living in the hearts of the people, viz., Home and Foreign Missions.

The cry comes to us from every side "more laborers." And one of the most gifted women of our denomination tells us that "not to be a laborer means loss." The question comes home to us to-day, What gift or gifts must laborers possess in order to win souls to Christ, either in foreign mission fields or down among the poor and despised in our towns and cities? Must not they come so near to Christ that they shall feel His great heart