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Religious Intelligencer.

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WEDNESDAY, Oct. 4th, 1893.

—IF CANADA were supplied with ministers in the same proportion that the heathen world is supplied with missionaries, there would be less than thirty for the whole country.

—HERE IS A WORD of encouragement for parents and Sunday-school teachers. Eugene Field, the popular writer, says: "I would not now exchange for any amount of money the acquaintance with the Bible that was drummed into me when a boy."

—A WESTERN PAPER tells of a man—a church member—who when solicited to subscribe to the church funds, took a large quid of tobacco from his mouth in order to plead that "the times are too hard," and that he is not able to pay anything. Are there any such in this part of the world? They are poor deluded souls, wherever they are.

—SOME PROFESSING CHRISTIANS—a large number it sometimes seems, fall into a careless habit as to church-going and other christian duties. The danger of back-sliding is so great, and the influences which help to it are so many and so insidious, that the strongest and most sincere christians need constantly to watch and pray lest they be led astray.

—IN ST. PAUL last week Mr. Leyden, once a Catholic, but now a christian evangelist, was announced to lecture on Romanism. The mayor of the city forbade the meeting, for fear, it is said, of violence from Catholics. When were Catholic speakers denied the right of free speech for fear of violence from Protestants? It makes all the difference in the world "whose ox is gored."

—THE BAPTISTS AND FREE BAPTISTS of Ohio are talking about union. A delegation of Free Baptists, representing the yearly meeting of the state, is to attend the Baptist Convention of the state this month, when the matter will be more fully discussed. The feeling favourable to union of the Baptist bodies is being expressed in other places than Ohio. It will come some day. The sooner the better.

—THE HIGH CHURCH people did not like Phillips Brooks because he made light of their apostolic succession notions and similar things. He was bigger and broader than his church in many respects—especially in his large christian spirit. His idea of the successors of the apostles was expressed thus:—In every age there have stood forth the Church's ministers now with one sort of ordination, now with another; but all successors of the apostles in the nature and spirit of the work they had to do.

A PASTOR'S OBSERVATION of one class of his people is thus tersely stated in an exchange:

"He found many of his parishioners who were too poor to take their church paper, but who took secular papers and tales of fiction that cost four or five times as much. Cause: They had little relish for religious reading. Effect: Their relish for religious reading lessened every year. Mystery: They wondered why their spirituality was so dull and that their children loathed everything of a religious char-

acter. Result: Those children who married, or left home, ceased church attendance altogether, and those of them who died gave no satisfactory evidence of the necessary preparation."

REV. WM. McDONALD, chief editor of the *Christian Witness*, Boston, is one of the leaders in what is called the "holiness" movement. He is, evidently, one of the best and most reasonable men connected with the movement. We regret to learn that he is in poor health, and is not likely to improve, his physicians say, unless he leaves the chill and damp of the east for a more balmy region. In a note, in his paper, concerning himself he expresses a desire for "a few years more of life, to press the work of holiness, and for nothing else." And he adds this suggestive sentence:

There are so many who are becoming weak and patronizing, and who, though once valiant defenders of the faith, seem to have more than half gone over to the foe, that we have wished for a few more years to contend for the faith.

THE SUNDAY OPENING of the world's fair has turned out to be a very costly wrong-doing to the management. When they discovered that they had made a business mistake in violating the compact, they resolved to close the gates. But they soon learned that in their attempts to open the gates, in which they succeeded, they got into the hands of an unscrupulous and drunken judge who will not now allow them to close. And so the gates are opened, but there is practically no Sunday attendance, and each Sunday is costing the managers about \$10,000. It serves them about right. They invoked the aid of a Judge to help them make money by Sunday opening, and now that same Judge compels them to have an open Sunday, and lose money. "It matters little," says the *Interior*, about the Sunday opening for the rest of the period of the Fair. Every Sunday that it is opened adds to the retribution. Disgrace is followed by financial loss, which would amount to disaster could it go on indefinitely. The friends of the Sabbath—that is to say, the friends of humanity—are abundantly content with the outcome of their contention. Defeat proved to be a victory more far-reaching and impressive than the victory which they sought would have been.

—THE AUTHOR of the Chinese Exclusion Bill, Congressman Geary, being interviewed about the effects of the enforcement of the law, shows what sort of a man he is. He was asked:

"Have you any reason to look for retaliatory measures by the Chinese Government upon the Americans residing in that country?"

"I am perfectly willing," responded Mr. Geary, "to vote for a bill requiring every American missionary in China to return to his country, within a year, the protection of this Government to be withdrawn from him at the expiration of that time. I would do this just as I would vote to expel every Anarchist from the United States within a year. The principle that would exclude Anarchists from this country would keep American missionaries out of China. Their cases are exactly parallel."

The Exclusion bill might easily originate in such a mind. But it is surprising that a majority of Congress should follow such a leader. To put the work of Christian missionaries and that of Anarchists on the same level indicates something more and worse than ignorance.

The Conference.

The General Conference of Free Baptists of New Brunswick is at hand. On Friday the 13th inst, the ministers will hold their annual meeting. On the day following, the General Conference will convene. All the ministers are members, and there is, also, about an equal number of lay members, the delegated representatives of the seven District meetings.

The approaching session is the sixty-first. There will probably be one member present this year who was at the first Conference, but it is doubtful if there will be more than one.

The charges of the six decades of the Conference life are more than in the personell of the body. There has been growth in the number of churches—there were six at first, there are now one hundred and fifty; the number of ministers has increased twenty-five fold; the few hundreds of members have become several thousands, and the adherents of the body have proportionately increased. The early churches had no settled pastors, now nearly all have pastoral care; and the methods of doing Conference business have been improved. That all the changes are improvements, some may doubt; but, generally speaking, they are so regarded. Whether the growth of the body has been as marked in late years as in the earlier years cannot, perhaps, be determined offhand. A careful examination not only of

statistics, but of the various phases of the work, to ascertain the development in all ways, is necessary to an accurate judgment about the rate of growth, and the character of the growth.

A large field is occupied by the denomination. That its occupancy was of the will of God and by His blessing there can be no doubt. Whether the field is being as well cared for and cultivated as it ought to be is a question which should engage the careful attention of the Conference. And whether aggressive work, up to the measure of our ability, is being done needs also to be considered.

At Conference reports of church life and work are heard, and what of good they reveal is rejoiced in. That is well. But Conference is not all it ought to be unless there is also most careful examination into the character and extent of our work, with a view to learn its needs, and to faithfully apply whatever remedies are required. It would be passing strange if no defects were found. It would be foolish and sinful, discovering defects, to fail to attempt to correct them. At the approaching session let us hope there will be most careful examination into our work in every part of it, with a view to strengthening the stakes and lengthening the cords.

The Foreign Mission work should, and doubtless will, receive its full share of attention. The year just closing has not been a satisfactory one. The contributions have fallen short of the needs of the work, and short of the expectation of the Mission Executive. Only a small number of the churches, comparatively, have shared in the responsibility of the work. To what this is attributable the Conference should discover, and then adopt methods that will make the recurrence of the experience of this year an impossibility.

In the Home Mission department, receipts and expenditure have more nearly agreed. Probably there is no deficit—we have not heard. But, as in the other branch of the mission work, not nearly so much as ought to be is contributed to home missions.

The condition of the churches demands much close attention. Meeting but once a year, Conference can afford to devote considerable time and its best powers to making provision for the care of the churches. The pastoral system, in so far as it has been observed, has been a marked benefit. But the system has not yet reached perfection; far from it. Neither in what it proposes to do, nor in its practical working, is it all that is desired. It is suggested by some that Conference should assume fuller control of the churches; and either by the Home Mission Executive or the Board appointed especially for the purpose, arrange and have the superintendence of pastors, see that every field has a minister, and that every minister has a living salary. But whether in this or in another way, certainly in some way provision should be made for the regular care of every church. And it is the duty of Conference to see to it; it has no more important duty.

Probably the question of providing for evangelistic work will receive some consideration during the session. Two evangelists, at least, would find enough work to keep them busy all the year round. Among other things that should have attention during the session are—education, especially the denomination's relation to the Seminary; the organization of young people's societies; temperance in the churches and Sunday Schools; and provision for aged and sick ministers.

The Woman's Mission society will hold its annual meeting during Conference. There is no doubt that its financial statement will, as usual, be quite satisfactory. And the sisters will have special joy because the Lord has given them another missionary.

It is hoped there will be a full attendance of both ministers and lay members; and that those who attend will be prepared to remain till the end of the session.

Everywhere amongst our people—in the churches and homes, there will, doubtless, be much earnest prayer for the presence of God in the Conference, and His blessing on all its deliberations.

F. B. Annual Conference of Nova Scotia.

The F. B. Annual Conference has just finished its session at Clarks Harbor, Shelburne Co. A welcome meeting was held Wednesday evening in which addresses were made by the Pastor Rev. T. H. Siddall, the Moderator Rev. E. Crowell and others. Thursday was given to organization and

Rev. T. H. Siddall, elected Moderator.

Rev. E. Crowell, Clerk.

Rev. D. T. Porter, Cor. Secy.

R. A. Sims, Treasurer.

Rev. J. K. West and Rev. B. P. Parker, came into the Conference as new members and Rev. C. T. Phillips and J. E. Gosline as delegates from N. B. and Maine respectively.

The report of the Executive mentioned the addition of one church organization at Central Argyle, and certain changes of pastorate boundaries. The absence of Revs. W. M. Knollin, J. W. Smith and J. S. Durkee, on account of sickness was noted with regret.

The Cor-Secy's report when read showed on the whole substantial progress with the 125 additions to the membership in all and a net gain of about 80 members, some parts of the Conference field showing commendable activity in church organizations.

A committee previously appointed announced the placing of a monument at the grave of the late Rev. A. Swim, as duly attended to and a balance remaining in hand.

Matters referred to in letters from Bear Point and Argyle Sound were considered in committee of the whole and progress made.

Excellent meetings were held by the different societies each evening and papers were read by Rev. F. G. Francis on "The Bible and how to use it," and by Rev. T. H. Siddall on F. B. Faith and Practice; by Rev. E. Crowell on "Denomination Extension."

Whereas we believe that it would help all our interests as a people if special thought were given to the manifest need of a more thorough recognition of righteousness of life throughout our membership.

Therefore Resolved (1) that we recommend in the Spirit of Christ obedience to our covenant on the part of both officers and churches, (2) that in November next meetings be held in Barrington, Yarmouth, and Kings Co. for three days in each place, of Pastors and people to quicken and deepen the spiritual life of our membership; (3) that during each day there shall be Bible readings, the presentation of themes directly bearing upon Christian privilege and duty and in the evening preaching and social service; (4) that a committee of three be appointed by this Conference to name three in each locality herein named to be a committee of arrangement; (5) that programmes be printed and the meetings thoroughly advertised, and that collections be taken during the meetings to defray expenses, and for our benevolent societies.

T. H. SIDDALL.

The following committees were appointed to carry out the three days meetings in November.

(a) Barrington.—Josiah Crowell, Charles D. Crowell, Paul E. Crowell.

(b) Yarmouth.—Rev. C. F. Cooper, Caleb Cook, N. Jeffrey.

(c) Kings Co.—Leander Z. West, E. Crowell.

Delegates appointed to other bodies were:

Rev. G. M. Wilson to N. B. F. C. B. Conference.

Rev. S. K. West, substitute.

Rev. W. C. Weston, to F. B. of Me., N. S. and N. B.

Rev. C. F. Cooper, to preach next annual sermon.

Programme Com. for next year.

Rev. E. Crowell,

Rev. G. F. Francis,

Rev. J. W. Freeman.

Officers of societies—Foreign Missions:

Rev. D. T. Porter, Pres.

Miss Eudora Hilton, Cor. Sec.

Rev. A. G. Jones, Rec. Sec.

Mrs. J. W. Freeman, Treas.

Ministers Aid:

Hon. Albert Gayton, Pres.

Rev. W. C. Weston, Sec. Treas.

Home Missions:

Rev. E. Crowell, Pres.

Byron Sims.

Education Society:

Rev. G. M. Wilson, Pres.

Rev. C. F. Cooper, Sec. Treas.

S. S. Convention:

Bryon Sims, Pres.

Rev. G. F. Francis, Sec. Treas.

Great interest was added to the Foreign Mission meetings by the presence of Miss Wile, recently accepted by the Board as missionary to the field in India.

About \$500 were collected for foreign missions during the year, and \$10,000 raised for general church work.

The attendance was so good that both the large churches were well filled on Sunday afternoon. The "annual sermon" by Rev. D. F. Porter on the "Glory of the Church" was delivered on Sunday morning. The weather was most favorable throughout.

Your Committee on State of Denomination beg leave to report as follows:

Resolved, that as a conference from information laid before us

(1) We wish to express our profound

thanksgiving to God for the tokens of

His favor that have been granted us as a people in the refreshing that has come to our churches resulting in the quickening of God's children and the conversion of sinners.

(2) That it is also a matter of gratification that our doctrines meet with so general approval and acceptance by the mass of the people and we record our adherence to these doctrines.

(3) Further we have to face the fact that owing to providentials, removals, and the changes of population occasioned by the financial crisis of the times, our ranks at some points have been depleted, and finances weakened. From some points come strong appeals for help. Evidently a duty facing us is, "To strengthen the things that remain." We have an inheritance of burden bearing as well as of blessing and in our joy of the last we are not to forget the first.

(4) While we have reason to adhere to our Pastorate system—because of what it has accomplished for us, we believe that these relations should be sufficiently elastic to serve the best interests of all our field. Possibly some readjustment of our pastorates might result in relieving some of the financial distress now experienced.

5. That while we deplore any discussion that may affect us, we nevertheless thank our God for the good degree of fellowship and christian unity that exists in our body.

May the good shepherd who gave His life for His sheep so guide us His flock that all discussions may be speedily healed, our christian unity and fellowship be extended, and we more perfectly glorifying Him.

In behalf of Convention.

J. L. SMITH,
Clerk of Convention.

The above is a short report of our Yearly Meeting which may suffice at present, and will be supplemented by the Cor. Sec. reports and papers read and any other necessary matter for a good understanding of our session.

E. CROWELL.

Voices and Echoes.

There are people who pray, "Thy kingdom come" who do not even take a religious paper.—*Ram's Horn*.

They are the same people who give nothing to support missions at home or abroad, and who talk much about the degeneracy of the times, the lack of spirituality in the ministers, the coldness and formalism of the church. Such prayers are scarcely worth the time they occupy.

The high license saloon is a toll-gate on the highway to hell, and the receipts go to keep the road in good repair.—*Exchange*.

The definition is as true as it is terse. And yet some people think it might be well to adopt the system. Are they utterly blind, or do they think a share of the tolls may in some way, be to their advantage? We hope they are only blind.

The wife who practices the art of pleasing seldom fails to have a pleasant, happy home for her husband, her children, and herself.—*Telescope*.

And what about the husband—hasn't he something to do in making the home happy? In the majority of cases, if the husband and children would do their parts as well and faithfully as the wife and mother does hers there would be more happy homes.

Decent people in big majority—only they lack the grit and gumption often in asserting their power.—*Chris. Standard*.

How true that is. And the devil and his followers and fellow-helps laugh at the weak-kneed god—and use them. O, for more grit and gumption in good people.

An order-in-council prohibiting the importation of dried fruit, etc., from Smyrna is causing many inquiries to be addressed to the department of agriculture by importers. Many of the people are anxious to know whether figs, raisins, candied peel, etc., from various points in southern Europe will be allowed to enter the Dominion in view of the existence of cholera in scattered districts. The uniform answer of the department has been that no dried fruit from any infected district will be allowed to enter Canada, although the order-in-council only mentioned the district of Smyrna.—*Ottawa despatch*.

The prohibition of dried fruits from cholera infected districts is right enough. None will object to the order, except, possibly a few whose trade may be interfered with. But who believes that the introduction of the dreaded cholera would do a tithe of the harm the rum trade has done and is doing? And yet the rum trade is legalized and nurtured. Desolation infinitely greater than cholera could produce is authorized for the paltry revenues received.

We desire to exercise every possible degree of forbearance with those who are indebted to us; but we must at the same time earnestly remind our friends who have enjoyed the reading of the paper that the present is a time of

great pressure upon religious newspapers. If it is not possible to pay in full, send us a half of what is due, and the balance as soon thereafter as possible.

Such is the gentle yet definite way in which the *National Baptist* tells certain of its subscribers their duty. The INTELLIGENCER says "ditto" to those of its subscribers whose payments are due. Recently statements of account were sent to a large number. Some have promptly remitted payments, for which we thank them. From all the others we should hear at once. Do us the kindness of attending to the matter without further delay.

General Religious News.

There is a small Protestant community in a little village of Husinec, Bohemia, where John Huss was born. The reformer's house is national property, but a neighboring barn is to be transformed into a chapel and a pastor's house.

Dr. Withrow, pastor of the Third Presbyterian Church in Chicago, held a special service lately for "Wheelmen." The men attended in large numbers, and stored their bicycles in the Sunday-school room, while they listened to the eloquent preacher.

Hon. John Wanamaker has entered upon the work of an evangelist. He has begun his work near his Philadelphia home. May his great success as a merchant and his greater work as Postmaster General be followed by the greatest achievements of his life in this work of a lay evangelist.

Rev. R. McKnight, formerly of Dunnville, Ont., who was recently granted a certificate of dismissal by the Hamilton Presbytery, announces that he wishes to return to the Church of his fathers. Rev. Mr. McKnight left the Church for the purpose of joining the Church of England.

The singing of solos and anthems in Cooke's Presbyterian church, Kingston, is causing friction. The older adherents object to the innovation, while the younger element consider it very appropriate. On a recent Sunday several of the elderly men and women retired when a solo was being given.

An experiment is about to be tried by Church of England workers, in the rural districts of Northumberland. In each rural deanery, suitable spots are to be selected for small chapels capable of holding from thirty to fifty people, and arranged for services by mounted clergymen, who are to be called "cavalry curates," each of whom is to be supplied with a pony. The work of these cavalry curates will be the holding of three services on Sunday, three cottage lectures during the week in three other chapels, besides visiting the sick and aged in each of these remote districts, circulating books and tracts, and so on.

Denominational News.

CHEHOQUE, N. S.—Rev. A. W. Currie has accepted a call to the pastorate of the Chechoque and Chegoggin, N. S. churches. He is moving his family to Nova Scotia this week.

FROM REV. W. R. REUD.—It is some time since I have written anything for the INTELLIGENCER. We are at work on this circuit trying to do the Master's service as best we can. The difficulties do not appear to grow any less, but the blessings are greater.

Upper Hampstead gives a good congregation at the preaching services, and a hearty welcome and kind word are always awaiting the pastor when he calls. When on that end of the circuit I often meet Bro. Lewis, pastor at Little River. His kind words have often helped me on the way; and I am always made to feel "at home" in his house by the kindness of his family.

In Upper Hampstead there are those who, in spite of the general feeling of depression in religious matters, are praying the Lord to send His blessing upon us—a shower of blessing.

The Gagetown Village congregations continue good, and increasing. The friends are kind, and Mrs. Reud and myself confess many tokens of their friendly feeling toward us. We had brother, Rev. G. F. Currie of Moncton, to call and see us on his way down river. We regretted much that we were not at home to greet him, pastoral duties having called us away shortly before his arrival. He was well cared for by brother John Fox and his wife, during the night he and his wife and baby were here.

On Wednesday evening 20th inst. I preached, by special invitation, for the Baptists at Lower Jarneg, to a packed house. Old Bro. Springer was with me. I found him at the house when I arrived, and gladly did I welcome him. He was well, and an

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