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We are hoping to receive many renewals and new subscribers now.

## Religious Intelligencer.

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WEDNESDAY, Nov. 1st, 1893.

Doing right because it is right, and not being afraid to let the world know your position, is true manliness.

The Conference does not change its attitude towards the free non-sectarian schools system, and yet is persuaded of the importance of school work in which it is interested at St. Martins.

How many people there are who can stand calmly by, and see God's law violated without a murmur of disapproval, but who would be shocked and indignant at the breaking of an edict of good society.

Statistics of churches and church work are very important. But they never tell all the work done, nor the results of the work. There is much in church life and activity which it is impossible to tabulate. And often the untold is the more important.

"Bear ye one another's burdens," is the law of Christ, not only for persons but for churches in their relations to each other. The weak churches need the care of the stronger, and must have it or suffer. Nor will they only be sufferers by neglect; the neglectors as well as the neglected must suffer.

The story is told of a minister who was about to preach in the pulpit of a pastorless church, in anticipation of a call—that he received sundry suggestions which made preaching quite difficult. At the house of a leading member, where he stopped, his host said he hoped he would avoid saying anything in his sermon to offend the Spiritualists, as there were many in the town who attended their church. Walking down street another leading light of the church was met, who hoped he would not say anything to offend the Universalists, as many of

them attended their church. Just as he was entering the pulpit one of the deacons button-holed him and said: "The largest liquor dealer in town is here in his pew; I hope you will not find it necessary to refer to that business." The perplexed clergyman then inquired: "What will I preach about?" "Oh," said the deacon, "give it to the Jews; they haven't got a friend in town." It would be well if this experience were limited to the candidate; but unfortunately the settled pastor often meets with like warnings. And some of them evidently try to satisfy all these advisers.

The following lines written by a prominent New England clergyman strike the reader of newspaper sermons as containing very much of truth.

"I seldom read sermons. Once in awhile, for sharp, vigorous forms of speech, I read South. For a pure, chaste English, I read Emerson. For a clear statement of doctrine and experience, I read Wesley. To warm my heart, I read Spurgeon; and for long and intricate sentences requiring my closest attention, I read Watson. If I have a longing for diluted milk, I read Talmage."

The preacher may grow to the end of life. And he must grow if he would retain his influence with the people. Each year should mark better work on his part. The "Observer" well says that progress must mark the pulpit, as well as the pew. The Church is called to higher performances, and the minister must always keep in the advance.

With a progressive and a live pastor the congregation is kept upon the move. He who presents the gospel must be a growing man, intellectually and spiritually. Those who sit and listen to him must see and feel, year after year, that he is improving. This is the secret of a long, as well as of a successful, pastorate.

The Baptist Year Book comes out early this year and freighted as usual with the doings of the Maritime Baptists in their various departments of Foreign missions, Home missions including the work in Manitoba and the Northwest, Infirmary ministers, Ministerial and General Education, Young People's work, the Book Room and Tract distribution. The proceedings at the August Convention held at St. Martins as also the minutes and statistics of the three Associations in N. B., four in Nova Scotia and one in P. E. Island, are all given under the one cover. The foregoing matters make up a fine book of 212 pages, printed by Messrs. Halloway Bros. of Halifax. It seems to be a good production worthy of all concerned. We learn from page 202 that there are 397 churches with 4467 members, 1652 of whom were baptized during the year. These contributed \$139903.00 for local church support, and \$21180.26 for missions &c. The figures for the previous year are given at \$152383.58 and \$21662.71 respectively. They report 525 Sunday Schools with 2676 teachers and 29798 registered scholars, average attendance 19637. The Educational reports gives 110 students in Acadia College; 121 in Acadia Seminary, 91 in Horton Collegiate Academy, and 161 in the St. Martins Union Seminary.

The Foreign Mission report states that six mission stations are supported in Teluguland near the coast north of Madras, India and six Canadian families are there advocating Christianity and aided by a number of native Christian teachers, preachers and Bible women. This Foreign mission costs about \$15000.00 a year. Rev. J. W. Manning is F. M. Secretary Treasurer. The Home mission report was presented in print by Secretary Coburn and must have been for that reason, and the good work stated, very satisfactory to the Convention. The summary looks well as given on page 94 as follows:—"All the Mission fields have had some ministerial labour during the year. Forty-one of them, a larger number than ever before, have had labor running on through all the year. Several of the old fields have been strengthened by additions and put in better working order. Some new ground has been taken up. A few churches hitherto dependent have become self-supporting and others have made some advance towards self-support.

The aggregate of the Mission Reports show 2300 weeks of labor distributed among 191 churches, at 286 stations; 5883 preaching services; 4932 other meetings; 14307 religious visits; 6804 pages of tracts distributed; 468 baptized, and 137 received by letter and experience.

As this is the 15th Annual report, a glance backwards may be permitted. In reviewing the fifteen years that the work has been under the direction of the Convention Board we find that the laborers supported in whole or part from the funds of the Board, have organized 35 churches, baptized 5692, and received 1469 by letter and experience. Of the churches organized and assisted quite a respectable number are now self-supporting, and some of them are paying back a hundred fold, by their

contributions to our denominational enterprises, all that was expended on them."

The Infirmary Ministers fund with Rev. Dr. Saunders of Halifax as Sec. Treas. is slowly increasing. They now have \$19192.50 capital accumulated in the past ten years, during which time they have paid \$4243.22 to ministers or their widows and children.

The Records of one Association (N. S. Central) give a digest of the best thoughts in reports and addresses instead of too much dry details as "minutes": It would be well if others would do likewise.

## Conference Sparks.

"This paper is as original as original sin."—C. T. Phillips.

"Those who have not had the experience cannot understand how one feels whose heart beats with desire to speak, but is not able to speak."—G. A. Hartley.

"The end is nearing, thank God!"—Thos. Connor.

"For more than half a century I have, by the grace of God, known and enjoyed the experiences of the christian life."—F. Babcock.

"Preachers live on less than other men—because they have less to live on."—J. H. Erb.

"Next to the blessed privilege of personal work for and with boys and girls, is the privilege of speaking to and encouraging those who are working for them."—B. F. Jacobs.

"The things of nature fade. Looking upon the brethren, I see in some of them the signs of numbering years. But, thank God, grace never grows old."—J. V. Morrill.

"If Free Baptists are not the best people in the world, they ought to be. They certainly have the best doctrines in the world. And they are the doctrines most generally accepted in all denominations."—G. M. Park.

"The church is not a field to work in, but a force to work with."—B. F. Jacobs.

"Fifty-nine years I have met with my brethren in Conference. My love for them and for this precious cause is as strong, even stronger, than ever."—J. Noble.

"There is no presence like the presence of Jesus. He is, surely, with us to day."—T. O. DeWitt.

"As I grow older my faith grows stronger and more firmly established. God is a necessity in my life."—C. White.

"It is not possible for me to tell all the feelings I have to day. I am a child of the church, and am at home. Here I sought and found the Saviour."—W. J. Halse.

"We who have been so greatly favoured should, surely, send our less favoured sisters that which has so richly blessed us. How can we neglect to do it."—Mrs. C. Burtt.

"Seed is being sown that must bear fruit."—C. T. Phillips.

"There is a great difference between going fishing and catching fish. Jesus would have us be actual fishers of men."—B. F. Jacobs.

"I hope for a closer union of these denominations."—G. W. M. Carey.

"I came very near being a Free Baptist; but, of course, I am very glad I did not become one."—Geo. Howard.

"Though a brother beloved, who was with us last year, and spoke tenderly of love for Jesus, has gone away from our sight, the tie is not broken."—D. Long.

"Fathers and mothers who love God and His cause should pray the Lord of the harvest to thrust their sons and daughters into the work."—G. M. Wilson.

"They are a fine people, notwithstanding they did not give me an address to leave them."—J. H. Erb.

"Nine times out of ten I find I have been right, though at the time I feared, from what others said, I was wrong."—C. T. Phillips.

"In our Foreign mission work we are greatly encouraged. God has answered our prayers. We have a missionary, and the money with which to send her to the field."—G. M. Wilson.

"It is hard work to deceive boys and girls. The teacher must undergo the scrutiny of their sharp eyes and keen perceptions."—B. F. Jacobs.

"The ministry of the gospel is not all peace, but a sword also."—G. F. Currie.

"We have done well, but we must do better."—Mrs. C. W. Weyman.

"How sweet to the ear is one's own language when he has been hearing another tongue. So, sweet to the believer is the language of christian faith and love."—J. T. Parsons.

"Having enjoyed sonship for many years, I am confidently expecting to enter into the inheritance of sons."—W. Peters.

"I am happy in the fact that I am able to speak."—G. A. Hartley.

"Did Jesus ever say to anyone—'If you want to be saved come up to the synagogue at half-past ten next Sunday'?"—B. F. Jacobs.

"It is impossible to trace the many influences which work together to lead a soul to God."—C. T. Phillips.

"We will have other missionaries soon."—G. A. Hartley.

"I will give \$5.00 if he will stop speaking."—S. Dakin.

"God has been good to us in giving us so soon another missionary."—Mrs. C. Burtt.

"If there are not conversions, the church needs to get down and ask God what is the matter."—B. F. Jacobs.

"It is lamentable that so small a proportion of church members attend the Sabbath schools."—G. W. Foster.

"Forty-nine percent of Sabbath schools are closed in winter."—S. J. Parsons.

"I fear I have frequently done injustice to good causes because I, too readily, believed that my brethren knew more than I."—C. T. Phillips.

"We claim to have the most of truth. What are we doing with it?"—B. F. Jacobs.

"I hoped God would be with us; then I believed God would be with us. Now I know God is with us."—A. K. deBlois.

"If one-third of our church members are women, with fifty cents from each per year we could support five missionaries."—Mrs. C. W. Weyman.

"That is merely the Clerk's supposition."—G. Swin.

"God has been with us these many years. God is with us now."—J. Noble.

## Sabbath School Meeting.

[The following was written for, and should have been in, the issue of Oct. 18th, but it got astray in mailing. It turned up two or three days ago.]

Saturday evening was devoted to Sabbath School interests. The meeting was presided over by the Moderator. Opening prayer by Rev. G. W. Foster. The Secretary of the Executive for Sabbath Schools, S. L. Peters, presented his report. We hope to publish it in a future issue. The adoption of the report was moved by Rev. C. T. Phillips, and seconded by Rev. G. W. Foster, both of whom spoke briefly. Bro. Phillips regarded the report as very suggestive. The smallest District, the First, had sent the best report. Pastors are, he said, in a great degree, responsible for the success of Sabbath schools. Some pastors may not be able always, or even often, to attend the schools in their churches, but if the work is in their hearts there will be frequent references to it in sermons, in prayer meeting talks and in prayers. The great anxiety of Sabbath school teachers should be the conversion of the scholars.

Bro. Foster said that while some may think not much has been done, he thought a great deal had been done. That so many have read the Bible regularly is a great thing, the good effect of which no one can estimate. It is gratifying that so many members of the schools had been converted during the year. We have reason to be encouraged. The future success of our churches is in the Sabbath schools. If the schools are neglected weakness and decay must come to churches. No one is too old to profit by the Sabbath school, and there should be more general attendance of church members. They have responsibility, and ought not to think to avoid it. The report was adopted.

Rev. A. Lucas, Field Secretary of the N. B. S. S. Association spoke. He expressed the pleasure he felt in being present at the Conference. Referring to the Provincial S. S. Convention just held in St. Stephen, he said it was the best ever held in the Province. The blessing of God was upon it, and a good impulse was given the great work in which we are engaged. However important it is to work earnestly for unconverted souls, it is even more important to work earnestly for the children—it is the Divine plan.

Speaking to pastors, he urged them to carry the S. School into their pastoral work.

S. J. Parsons, the veteran S. S. worker, said the report made him think of the much that is to be done. Lord help the laity not to put the work all on the ministers, and move each one to say, "Here am I, Lord, send me." Somebody needs to wake up. Church members must go into this work with ever increasing love and zeal.

B. F. Jacobs, President of the World's Sabbath School Association, was warmly received. He regarded it a great privilege to be permitted to address so large a body of Christians, and hoped, by the blessing of God, to stimulate some of them, at least, to more zeal in work for the children of the country. You have a good name, he said, what are you doing with it? The man who carries the flag cannot be in the rear—he must be to the fore where everybody can see it. Free from sin, free from prejudice, freely and gladly we must do God's will—serve Him with faithfulness and effect. Has the Holy Spirit possession of us Christians? Is He having His way with us? He spoke of equipment for Sabbath school work, and told some incidents encouraging to the patient toilers for the young. We are playing too much at this work, he feared. To win boys and girls we must make them believe we love them. And we must love them, or we cannot make them believe we do. The Sabbath school teacher who puts conversion at the end of the work is making a great mistake. The salvation of the boys and girls is the first thing to be sought, the upbuilding and fruit-bearing will follow.

We don't undertake to report the speech, which was an excellent one. It was full of sharp points, aptly illustrated, and it breathed the spirit of an ardent Christian love. We wish every Christian in the country could have heard it. The attendance at the S. S. meeting was large, and every one must have been, not only interested but stimulated to deeper Christian devotion and greater earnestness in behalf of both young and old. A vote of thanks was given the brethren who added so much to the interest of the meeting.

Voices and Echoes.

"Heaven," according to the chief Red Cloud, "is a place where white men tell no lies."

And a very good definition it is too! The poor red man has had too much of misery brought upon him by the insincerity of the alleged christian white man, not to place a high value on honesty and truth.

"Speaking of 'Dr. Pascal,' remarked a literary woman recently, 'I am again reminded of Lowell's apt phrase, that most French novels should have upon their covers the sign of the old country inns: 'Entertainment within for man and beast.'"

And chiefly for the beast!

Every saloon-keeper makes his living at the mouth of hell.—Rev. Dr. Cuyler.

His work then consists in showing the poor unfortunate, who come within his reach down deep into the bottomless pit, where not the least of hell's punishments is the fact that the rum-seller himself must inevitably come down, and they must spend an eternity in his company.

There is less difference between the ancient and the modern Greek tongues than between Chaucer's English and the English of today.

There is no material difference between Chaucer's English and our modern English. According to the above there is even less difference between New Testament and modern Greek. Therefore the Greek word for baptism means to day the same as it did in New Testament times. The Greek Church by its practice recognizes the fact that their word for baptism, to-day means immersion. The above is a syllogism with the conclusion clear as day, and yet in the face of it all there are people who tell us that the Greek word for baptism used in the New Testament does not mean immersion.

The one great question upon which the electors of Canada should prepare to give their verdict when next summoned to the polls is whether or not they desire the protectionist system continued. The present government stands by the principle of protection. The Liberal opposition have emphatically decided upon the overthrow of that principle.—St. John Telegraph.

The question which the people of this country ought to make "the one great question" at the polls, is the question of prohibiting the liquor traffic. Free trade in rum is burdening and cursing the country. Protection of the homes and children of the country against the legalized ravages of this monstrous evil is more important than all the questions which occupy the attention of the party papers.

## A Spiritual Diagnosis.

Feel chilly? Been out in the cold too much, ought to come into the prayer meeting, where it's warm.

Inclined to be melancholy and discouraged? Better get into spiritual society more, been living too much by yourself and imagining every little thing some fatal disease or temptation.

Pulse fifty? Ought to be seventy-five. That new heart is all right but you have been stifling it. It wanted to beat 75 beats of the love of God and you wanted it to go part of the time in love of gold. You must let it beat as it wants to or some day it will stop altogether. Pulse irregular too? Take a little of that tonic "Abide in me."

Temperature sixty-five? Cold? Don't wonder you feel blue. "Ye clothe you but there is none warm." You have been trying to get warm, altogether from the outside. You want warmth-producing food and more exercise, to set your blood circulating. Take more of the "Bread of Life," and then get out and exercise your muscles in helping some one. You are feverish at times? Probably you get anxious about yourself and your needs. If you feel so again here is something to allay the fever—"Casting all your care upon him, for he careth for you." Your nerves need toning up with strong doses of the Word taken often.

Tires you to go to church once a week and almost impossible to go to prayer meeting? Can pray or testify only occasionally? A bad sign! When a man can't stand work it is an evidence of exhausted vitality. Appetite very poor? Don't enjoy studying the Word.—Bread of Life doesn't taste good.—Can't find any pleasure in the prayer service.—Meals of prayer a good deal of a form?—A very serious case! May not take poison, but don't take nor enjoy bread. You will need an appetizer! Prescription, 3d chapter of John. Take it till you get better.

You can't rest? Rest is as necessary as food. "Come unto me all ye that labor and are heavy laden, and I will give you rest." "Is there no balm in Gilead; is there no physician there? Why then is not the health of the daughter of my people recovered?" Because she seeks not the balm, because she call not for the Physician, because she "was not present when Jesus came." Where does Jesus come? "Where two or three are gathered together in my name."—Free Baptists.

## General Religious News.

—There are now 10,163 Salvationist soldiers in India.

—Counting all the Protestant missions in India, there is one missionary to every 500,000 persons.

—Mr. William Grove in Glasgow, has led over 100 men and women of the working class to profess to find Christ, and more than 400 have taken the temperance pledge.

—A New England Endeavor Society, confronted with the necessity of raising its share of the expenses of the convention of '94 has taken the agency for a soap concern.

—A good religious awakening reported from Springfield, N. S. Evangelist Meikle is conducting meetings there. Over forty had declared for Christ at the last report. The work is deepening.

—The Japan Mission of the Evangelical Association, which was founded in 1875, when four missionaries began their work in Tokio, has been formed into annual conference with one presiding elder's district and sixteen pastoral appointments.

—The annual convention of Christians at work in the United States and Canada is to be held this year at Atlanta, Ga., under auspices of the International Christian Workers' Association. The sessions will last through seven days, Nov. 9-15. Under the terms of the invitation special delegates are appointed by churches, while any Christian can attend as a general delegate.

## A Trip to Argyle.

A happy group of young people assembled at the Corner 6.30 a. m. on the 17th inst. for the purpose of attending the organization of Free Baptist Young People's Union of N. S., held at Lower Argyle, 2.30 p. m. The atmosphere was damp and somewhat chilly, but with plenty of warm wraps and blankets we started in good spirits. The drivers whipped up the horses, and we passed through many winding paths before we came to Eel Brook. About 9 o'clock the sun shone in all her splendour. Nature clothed in her Autumn dress presented to our gaze a beautiful picture, and our eyes feasted to our hearts content, in fact, we were at our destination before we anticipated, so delightful was our journey.