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

Religious Intelligencer.

REV. JOSEPH McLEOD, D. D., EDITOR.

WEDNESDAY, Oct. 25th, 1893.

The Report of Conference proceedings occupies a large share of space in this issue. The great majority of our readers will want to know what was done during the session, and we think it better to give the report at once, instead of spreading it over several issues. Some reports and papers will be printed later.

Conference Notes.

The session was, in all respects, most pleasant. The brethren, evidently, enjoyed meeting. They devoted themselves to the work before them with much diligence. The utmost christian harmony prevailed. There were, as always where many men meet, differences of opinion, but they had to do with methods rather than principles, and all the discussions were in a truly christian spirit. The preaching was the preaching of the gospel, and the devotional services were quickening and refreshing; indeed a genuine spirit of devotion characterized all the meetings, whether of business or of worship. The brethren have gone to another year's work cheered by contact with each other and purposed, with Divine guidance and help, to strengthen the stakes and lengthen the cords of Zion. The Lord help us all to be faithful, and grant us rich blessings in the work.

It was in 1871—twenty-two years ago—that the Conference was last held in the Waterloo St. church. In two-thirds of a generation great changes have taken place in the congregation of the church. A few, and only a few comparatively, of the 1871 members remain. Those of them who are still there rejoice to greet the Conference in their church, once more; and the new and younger members were not

less hearty in their welcome to the annual meeting. Their hospitality was hearty, indeed it seemed that the church desired to make the Conference doubly welcome because so long a time had elapsed since it was last there. The pastor and the entertainment committee were very solicitous for the comfort of the church's guests, and no one was neglected because of any lack on their part. And in their endeavors they had the thoughtful cooperation of the members generally. We are sure that all who were present must have pleasant memories of the kindnesses received.

The church building had recently been receiving extensive repairs and improvements. New walls, new pews, a new platform, new windows, repainting and varnishing &c., &c. had made it look like a new audience room. A new front entrance to the Sunday school room greatly improves that part of the church. A spire has been added, and when work on that is completed, and the whole exterior newly painted, the church will present outside, as inside, a neat appearance. The whole work was to have been finished before Conference convened, but contractors are proverbially behind time, in this case somewhat to the annoyance of the brethren of the church. They comforted themselves with the fact that the interior was all right. The cost of the improvements is between \$1500 and \$2000, the greater part of which was on hand before the work was begun. Our brethren are to be congratulated on the improvements they have made.

The attendance at the social conference on Saturday was very large, the church being filled. This was scarcely expected, Saturday being a busy day in a city. The large attendance indicated the real interest of the people in a meeting for the relation of christian experiences. The spirit of the meeting was excellent from the very beginning. For more than two hours there was unbroken testimony, sometimes as many as three or four rising at one time to speak. It was a season of spiritual refreshing and joy to the Lord's people.

Rev. J. Noble was the oldest minister present. But he does not seem old. He keeps fresh in spirit, is deeply interested in every department of the denomination's work, and is in warm sympathy with the younger brethren and concerned for their success. They all love him, and hope he may be with us for some years more. His reminiscences were interesting. He told about the time when there were very few Free Baptists in the city, and held meetings in an upper room. He has been at fifty nine annual sessions of General Conference, and has watched with joy the steady growth of the body. His love for God and His cause, and for the brethren with whom his lot has been cast, is, he said, stronger now than ever. It was a joy to the brethren to hear his good words.

The annual sermon, by Rev. B. H. Nobles, was a thoughtful, clear, strong and well-delivered discourse. It was much enjoyed. It is to be printed in the INTELLIGENCER soon. The next annual sermon is to be preached by Rev. G. W. Foster; and at the same session Rev. J. H. Erb is to preach a missionary sermon.

It was pleasant to meet Rev. F. Babcock at Conference again. He is now living in Lewiston, Me., but has lost none of his love for the brethren amongst whom he spent so many years. He evidently enjoyed the Conference. During the session he received a present of \$30 from some of the members, the moderator making a graceful presentation speech. Bro. Babcock was quite taken by surprise, and expressed his acknowledgment in feeling terms.

Rev. G. M. Wilson, delegate from the Nova Scotia Conference, was cordially welcomed. Not only because he represented brethren beloved, but on his own account, his presence was enjoyed. We hope he may want to come again.

Rev. G. M. Park, the representative of the Maine Free Baptist Association, was given a warm greeting by the brethren who had met him at Conference some years ago. And he made more friends, who will be glad to see and hear him again. It was his first visit to St. John, and he did the city pretty thoroughly in the short time at his disposal, besides attending and taking part in Conference proceedings.

During the session a number of ministers of other denominations were in once or more times. We noticed Revs. J. Shenton, C. H. Paisley, Dr. Pope, G. M. Campbell, Mr. Howie, G. Howard, G. M. Carey, Dr. Hopper, Mr. Whitman. There may have been

others, whom we did not see. The Conference was glad to have these brethren look in upon the work.

Several ministers are changing their fields this year. Rev. G. F. Currie goes to Tracey Mills and Knoxford C. Co.; Rev. Wm. DeWare to Moncton, Dover and Taylor Village; Rev. A. H. McLeod to Millstream, K. Co.; Rev. G. W. Foster to Keswick, Queensbury and Prince William, York Co.; Rev. W. R. Reid to Fredericton Junction and Tracey station; Rev. J. J. Barnes to Gordonsville, Coldstream and Knowlesville, C. Co.; Rev. G. Swin to Brighton, Hartland and Connell. There are, perhaps, other changes which we have overlooked, or of which we have not heard. We hope the brethren will send us word of their movements. There are some vacant pastorates which it is hoped may at once be provided for.

The Woman's Mission Society had a very interesting public meeting. Our sisters have done their work systematically and with success. They have never had the painful experience of a deficit, nor are they likely to have. They show their interest in the work at home by an appropriation to the home mission board.

They came together with joy because God had answered their prayers for another missionary. Miss Gaunce, who was present, has made an excellent impression on those who have met her. It is felt that in her the Society will have a faithful representative and worker in the India field. She leaves the last of this month. Many prayers are being made that she may have a safe journey, and be kept in health and greatly blessed in her work.

The presence of Mrs. Boyer's little girls gave additional interest to the women's meeting. They are very bright and pleasant children. Looking at them thoughts went at once to their mother, widowed and alone, toiling on in God's service; many hearts beat, eyes filled, and prayers went up to God in her behalf.

The temperance meeting was good. The speeches of brethren Foster, Park, Currie and Erb were earnest and pointed. No one who listened would go away with the fear that Free Baptists occupy any uncertain position on this vastly important subject.

The resolution concerning young people's societies is of interest to all the churches. One of the most promising features of church life in this day is the organization of young people for christian service. The importance of the movement is recognized by every branch of the church of Christ. In several of our churches there are such organizations, some of them known as Christian Endeavour societies, and some known as Advocates of Christian Fidelity societies. The latter is the name of the young people's societies organized by our Free Baptist brethren in the United States. Some of our churches in Nova Scotia and some in this Province have A. C. F. societies, and some have C. E. Societies. The Conference resolution does not express a preference for one or the other, but simply endorses and encourages the organization of the young people under some name, leaving it to themselves to determine the form of organization and the name. It is hoped that during the year many societies will be organized. The pastor and church officers will, of course, give encouragement and all the assistance in their power to this work. Anyone who wishes information about the A. C. F. society may write brother J. B. Daggett, Wilson's Beach, Campo Bello, who will gladly answer any questions and furnish them with samples of constitution &c. When writing him it will be well to enclose a stamp for reply.

The response to the appeal for special contributions to the Foreign mission treasury was most cheering. It was made on Monday evening, while the reports of the Treasurer and Secretary were under consideration. It is several years since a like appeal was made. And it is hoped it may not be necessary to repeat it very soon. It is only justified in an emergency. It was justified this year. The better way—better for the cause and better for the churches—is to keep the claims of the work so regularly before the churches that there shall be always a stream of contributions flowing into the Treasury sufficient to meet all the demands upon it. And this happy condition may be assured by the pastors.

In this connection we must direct attention to the resolution of Conference urging those churches which, for any reason, failed last year to contribute to mission work, to forward the money now. Notwithstanding the generous offering at Conference there is still about \$150 needed to enable the

Treasurer to meet maturing obligations. It is hoped the churches who were remiss in their duty last year will at once make up the lack. They will feel better after having done their duty. Do not neglect this, brethren.

The Seminary was under discussion during the session. That the brethren are increasingly interested in the school is, we think, quite evident. Of course, it is well understood, that much more will be needed from the denominations concerned in it, before the property is clear of debt. When next an appeal is made for another lift at the burden, we believe our people will be found willing to do their part. It is very gratifying to know that the character of the school is so high, that it has been so successful, and the religious influences are so marked and so effective. That so large a number of the students were converted during the last year speaks volumes for the christian character of the school.

A few of the members of Conference made up twenty-five dollars to send to the Principal, to be used, according to his judgment, with other contributions, in any interior improvements being made in the school. The sum would, without doubt, have been much larger but that the special contributions for missions, and some other appeals, had gathered up the available cash of those present. It may be regarded, however, as the earnest of an interest which will do more when the proper time comes.

In considering Home Mission work it was apparent that there is a very general feeling that there is work within our borders for one or two evangelists—work in weak and little-cared-for churches and in fields as yet unoccupied. A resolution recommending the Home Mission Board to employ an evangelist, if possible, was adopted. The Board may find it somewhat difficult to carry out the recommendation. It is not always easy to get the man, and certainly care needs to be exercised in the choice. The lack of funds may cause them to hesitate. But having a man fitted for the work there will be slight risk about his support. If they succeed in putting the right man in the field, and we earnestly hope they may, great good will surely, be done.

Besides the regular meeting on Friday, the Minister's Conference had three short sittings.

The weather was delightful. With the exception of a slight rain Saturday evening, the weather was so pleasant that it seemed like a section of June carried forward into October.

One of the most impressive meetings of the session was that on Wednesday evening, after Conference had adjourned. It was a farewell to Miss Gaunce who is so soon to sail for India. The programme was arranged by a committee of Conference and of the Woman's Mission Society. The moderator presided with dignity and grace. Rev. G. M. Wilson announced hymn 869; Rev. G. Swin read a scripture lesson; Miss Jane Weyman led in prayer; and hymn 855 was sung. Addresses were made by Mrs. C. W. Weyman, Mrs. C. Burr, Rev. C. T. Phillips, Rev. G. A. Hartley and Rev. Jos. McLeod. Miss Gaunce made a brief and touching address. The choir sang appropriate selections between the addresses. The closing prayer was by Rev. Jos. McLeod, and the hymn "God be with you till we meet again" was sung. There was a large congregation, and a deep interest was manifested. At the close a very large number went forward to take Miss Gaunce by the hand and bid her God speed in the work to which she goes. Those present will not soon, if ever, forget the meeting, and we feel sure that the impressions made must increase the sympathy with the mission and the missionaries, and find expression in more earnest prayers and more liberal support.

The Contempt Case.

Mr. John V. Ellis, editor of the St. John Globe, is in jail in this city, having been committed for contempt of court. Besides imprisonment he has been ordered to pay a fine of \$100, and all the costs of the case, which are said to amount to over \$2,000. The case has been dragging along for five or six years. Mr. Ellis' offence consists in some criticism of Judge Tuck in connection with the Queen's Election case which had such notoriety. The press in this country, while vigorous enough in its treatment of public questions, is fairly careful in the references to men holding public positions. That occasionally there may, in the heat of party strife, be an injudicious thing said is not to be wondered at. The Bench has, in the main, received very generous treatment in the press—quite as generous, perhaps, as it has a right to expect, and

more generous than some people think it deserves. No paper nor thoughtful person would, wittingly, say an unfair thing about any gentleman who holds the honorable and responsible position of judge. Mr. Ellis may have erred, probably did err, in his criticism of Judge Tuck. Of that, however, we do not pretend to judge. But the Court is not adding anything to its dignity, nor even preserving its traditional dignity, by pursuing every man who speaks or pens what it thinks an unwarranted criticism of its acts. Mr. Ellis is the second New Brunswick editor who, within two or three years, has been sent to jail for contempt of court. The court is making a grievous mistake if it thinks that by this course it saves itself from contempt or increases the respect had for it by the people at large. There may be nice legal points which seem to justify the imprisonment of Mr. Ellis, but the people generally neither know nor care anything about the fine technicalities of the law, and are sure to resent, in feeling and in words, what they regard as petty tyranny. It is doubtful whether any body of men should have the power to sit in judgment in cases which affect themselves; but when they have such power their fitness to possess it is better shown by refraining from exercising it than by imposing penalties on real or fancied offenders against what they regard as their dignity. The respect in which the judiciary is held depends a good deal more on the character of the men occupying positions on the Bench than upon the promptness and diligence with which they seek to send men to jail for alleged contempt. In the present case, Mr. Ellis in jail is not so great a loser as the court which sent him there.

Things Religious in the Provinces.

—The 13th Anniversary of the Moncton Y. M. C. A. was celebrated last week. It was an interesting service. The Association in Moncton has done much good.

—Bishop Kingdon confirmed thirty-three candidates at St. Andrews one evening last week.

—Rev. Alfred Gaudier of Brampton, Ont., was on Thursday inducted into the pastorate of Fort Massey church, Halifax. He succeeds Rev. Dr. Burns, the salary being \$2,500. Mr. Gaudier is said to be a brilliant preacher.

—The Seventh day Adventists have organized a church in St. John. Nine persons were baptized a few days ago.

—Rev. R. W. Weddall, pastor of the Methodist church in this city, and wife, were presented with a china dinner service one evening last week, it being the 20th anniversary of their marriage.

—Rev. L. G. Macneill has just completed seven years as pastor of St. Andrews (Presbyterian) church St. John. The church had a pleasant entertainment in celebration of the event.

—Rev. A. F. Baker has become pastor of the Baptist church, Woodstock. He was ordained there on Tuesday evening of last week.

—The tenth anniversary of the pastorate of Rev. W. McIntosh, Congregationalist, Yarmouth, N. S., was celebrated last week.

THE EX-PREMIER.—Sir. J. J. C. Abbott's health shows no improvement. It is thought he cannot live long.

NEW JUDGE.—Mr. W. W. Wells of Moncton, has been appointed County Court judge in room of Judge Landry raised to the Supreme Court bench.

PROHIBITIONISTS.—The Prohibition party of the Maritime Provinces held its annual convention at Sussex last week. There was a very good attendance, and considerable enthusiasm.

BUSINESS COLLEGE.—The annual circular (1893-94) of the St. John Business College has been received. It sets forth the course of study, etc., and has, besides a large number of certificates of graduates stating the thoroughness of the training they received and the great advantage it has been to them. Kerr & Pringle are the managers of the College, and will be glad to answer any inquiries addressed to them.

DEATH OF MOTHER AND SON.—Mrs. Moore, who a few years ago inherited a large Irish estate, died at the home of her son, Mr. Edward Moore in this city, last week. On the day of her burial, her eldest son died in Lowell, Mass.

(Continued from first page.) for labourers, we should also pray for hearts to support the cause.

Rev. T. Vanwart, seconding the motion to adopt, suggested the present duty, viz to wipe out the deficit. He proposed that at least \$200 be raised in the meeting. His proposal met with a ready response, and it was not long till nearly \$200 were paid in. Brethren Erb, White, Long and G. A. Hartley each spoke briefly, but very much to the point.

The report was adopted. Rev. G. A. Hartley, treasurer of the Home Mission Executive, presented his report. It will be found included in the report of the auditor.

The Corresponding Secretary for Home Missions, Rev. F. C. Hartley, presented the following report:

Bro. Moderator: Coming as we do at this time to the close of another denominational year it becomes our duty to look back and review our work; in so doing we will learn the lesson of God's love, care and blessing. Standing as we do to night on the very threshold of another year it becomes us to gird up our loins and prepare as men of Faith and courage to follow the lead of God's spirit. Your executive of Home Missions has endeavoured to fulfill as best they could the obligations imposed by the trust placed in our hands. The board has been convened four times during the year, all the members of the board, with one exception have given regular attendance. There have been presented to the board a goodly number of applications from different pastorates and pastors. These have been carefully examined into and as our best judgment directed, the means at our disposal have been expended to meet the most urgent needs and where the prospect promised the best return. . . . The board twice endeavoured to place a regular missionary in the field but both the brethren sought for that position soon accepted regular engagements and no other opportunity seemed to offer. Following the example of its predecessors your board of the year has aimed at assisting weak pastorates and giving regular employment to ministers. . . . The sum of \$15.00 was granted to Rev. T. O. De Witt for labour expended in the seventh district at North Head Grand Manan. Northern Harbour church was assisted to the extent of twenty dollars in obtaining regular pastoral care. Rev. A. H. McLeod writes that he has visited this church regularly once a week and thinks good has been done by the faithful preaching of God's word, and regular pastoral oversight. . . . In the sixth district the only church to receive assistance is Newtown. This church has for years been in a low, inactive state. Rev. B. H. Nobles has received four dollars per month for care extended to this church and in his report to the secretary says "I have preached to the church regularly and believe my weak efforts have not been without success. Several have recently given evidence of spiritual life and we expect to have baptism soon".

—He writes that after conference the church will appoint new officers; we hope soon again to see a regularly organized and efficient church at Newtown. . . . In the Fifth District the churches at Lewis Cove, Henderson and Akely have been assisted by a grant of forty dollars. Bro. S. J. Perry sends a good report from that field. He reports extensive labour, two have been baptized and added to the churches of the pastorate. The church at Stanley in the Third District received help to the extent of forty dollars. They have been ministered to by Rev. H. A. Bonnell. Two have been added by baptism. In the Second District the church at Hartland was granted the sum of twenty dollars. —Rev. Gideon Swin is pastor of the church. He reports the church as having a year of great blessing, five have been added by baptism—a Young People's Society organized, and the outlook is hopeful.—Rev. E. B. Grey the pastor of Foreston and Knowlesville churches has received thirty dollars from the Home Mission Treasury. . . . In the First District the sum of one hundred dollars has been expended. Twenty-five were granted. Rev. J. N. Barnes who has laboured most diligently and successfully in the upper end of the district. Bro. Barnes in his report states "my field of labour has been from Long Island to Lime Stone with some nice preaching places. The Lord has blessed my labours, thirty persons have been brought to God and twenty-nine added to the churches." Bro. J. J. Barnes who has for five years laboured in this missionary district has this year received seventy-five dollars from the board. He reports the organization of a new church at Upper Kent where a new church edifice is nearing completion. Sixteen persons have been baptized on this pastorate all of whom have united with the churches. Bro. Frank A. Currier was given a special mission of three months on the Upper Tobique.—The money expended in this mission (\$75.00) was raised by special subscription. The result of the mission is unknown to your Executive but it is hoped good will result. . . . Your executive has endeavoured to keep the expenditure within the receipts, more money had been at our disposal, it is we have done the best we could with the funds at our disposal. . . . Your executive has this to say to you: It is of vital importance. The root of our denomination is the field open up before us so grandly for establishment new churches, so many churches to build up, and strengthen weak and scattered churches and pastorates. What shall we say as we face these

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