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Religious Intelligencer.

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Christian men should not support any political party which is committed to the protection of the liquor interest.

So far, the Japanese have proved themselves much more than a match for the Chinese. The despatches on the eighth page give the latest news of the war.

Rev. B. Fay Mills, himself a widely known and successful evangelist, believes that the history of the church proves that every pastor should receive practical training as an evangelist, and that every evangelist should receive practical training as a pastor.

More of the spirit of personal sacrifice in Christians would give a great impetus to the Kingdom of Christ. To please their Lord, not gratify their own desires, should be the ruling spirit and purpose of Christian lives. Even Christ "pleased not himself." He came, "not to be ministered to, but to minister."

The Roman Catholic church in Baltimore, recently referred to, is said to be spreading. The seceders call themselves American Catholics, and repudiate allegiance to Catholic leaders in the United States. They are sending missionaries into Catholic communities to increase the number of seceders.

Have you ever noticed Prof. Drummond asks, how much of Christ's life was spent in doing kind things,—in merely doing kind things? Run over it with that in view, and you will find that he spent a great proportion of his time simply in making people happy, in doing good turns to people. What God has put in our power is the happiness of those about us, and that is largely to be secured by our being kind to them.

A statement has been going the round of the papers to the effect that Miss Willard, President of the World's W. C. T. U., has changed her views on the question of prohibition—that she had renounced her faith in the principle of prohibition as applied to the liquor traffic. It is, of course, a most absurd statement; but it gives much comfort to rum men everywhere. And though it has been promptly denied by Miss Willard as "false as a gambler's word or a drunkard's joy," it will, doubtless, continue to be repeated for a long time.

Among the advantages of taking a denominational paper are, according to the *Telescope*, the following:

1. It makes those who read it intelligent respecting the work their branch of Christ's church is doing.
2. It is an invaluable means of intercommunication between members of the same household of faith.
3. It is an essential exponent of Bible and church doctrines.
4. It aids the pastor in his work.
5. It serves to enlarge the mental and spiritual horizon of those who read it.
6. It promotes loyalty to Christ and the church.

An Episcopal church in New York has lately had placed in it a statue of "the Virgin Mary." Before this statue a lamp is kept lighted all the time, and vases of flowers are kept on either side of it. Other Roman additions, also, have recently been made to the church furnishing. The back of the church is separated from

the body by another screen, and iron gates are fastened across the aisle, the church being always open, with no sexton in attendance. In this part of the church is the confessional, the entrance for the priest and penitent each closed with a curtain. A dim, religious light comes through the outer window, and shows the crucifix hanging above the little iron-bared window before which the penitent kneels. The font and the vessel for holy water stand beside the confessional.

The New Brunswick Baptist

Convention, which held its regular session recently at Jemseg, Q. Co., passed the following resolution concerning the U. B. Seminary:

Resolved, That this Convention, while not regarding itself as able at present to meet the past indebtedness of St. Martins Seminary, incurred by the Union Baptist Education Society, now insolvent, is of opinion that we in connexion with the F. C. Baptist body are morally bound to make every effort to accomplish this end, and we would urge upon the brethren and churches of this province the duty that lies before us in this direction.

A considerable amount in cash and pledges, was secured towards the present needs of the school. A committee of five was appointed to meet and confer with the Free Baptist Conference next month regarding the joint purchase of the Seminary property.

The Quebec assailants of

the Baptists and the Salvation Army were let off so easily, none of them being even arrested, that their kind in Montreal thought it safe to follow their example and put down heresy by violence. The French division of the Salvation Army in Montreal were a few evenings since attacked by a mob of "the faithful." Windows were broken by stones and the leaders of the meeting narrowly escaped serious injury. Somebody appealed to the nearest policeman for help, but he would do nothing because, as he said, the place of meeting was not in his beat. Another policeman arrived later but, of course, not till the perpetrators of the outrage had got well out of the way. The above case is only one of many. A Montreal paper says that if accounts of all the assaults upon religious meetings in Montreal of late were collected together, they would fill a large volume.

The General Conference of

the Methodist church in Canada has decided to permit the lengthening of churches as desired. Rev. Dr. Carman has been re-elected General Superintendent. Rev. A. C. Courtice has been elected to succeed Dr. DeWart as editor of the *Christian Guardian*, the chief organ of the denomination, and Rev. G. Bond succeeds Dr. Lathern as editor of the *Wesleyan*. The retiring editors filled their responsible positions, long and well—Dr. DeWart having been twenty-seven years in the editorial chair, and Dr. Lathern for ten or twelve years. Both did excellent work and deserve, and doubtless have, the esteem and gratitude of their church.

The Annual Convention of

the Maritime W. C. T. Union began in this city on Friday, and closed Tuesday. There was a large attendance of delegates, representing the three Maritime Provinces. A public meeting was held each evening, large audiences attending. All the meetings of the Union were open to the public. The business was conducted in an admirable manner; and the spirit of Christian devotion throughout the session was very marked. Reports of the proceedings will, doubtless appear in the department devoted to W. C. T. appears.

PERSONAL.—Rev. G. A. Hartley has

gone to Boston for a short holiday.

Dr. Nettleship has performed another operation on Gladstone's eyes. He found them in good condition and thinks no further operations will be necessary.

Hon. Geo. E. Foster has returned to Ottawa. His health has been improved by the summer's rest.

Elizabeth Paul of Victoria county, and E. la Forbes, two students of the Normal school, are reported quite sick. The former is now in Victoria hospital.

GOLDEN WEDDING.—Rev. S. K.

West and wife, of Rockingham, Yarmouth Co., N. S., will celebrate the fiftieth anniversary of their marriage on the 15th of October. Many of their friends will, doubtless, meet at their home on that day to congratulate them and present them with tangible tokens of esteem; and, probably, many who cannot be present in person will be represented by gifts. We hope so. Brother and sister West are both in excellent health, and we trust will enjoy many more years of life together.

The Conference.

In a little more than two weeks the sixty-second annual Conference of the Free Baptists of New Brunswick will meet. The place of meeting is Tracey Mills C. Co., which has already entertained on, at least two occasions. The last session held there was in 1883. That was a session of much anxiety. Disturbing elements were asserting themselves, hampering the activities of the body, and threatening disintegration. Efforts were made to reconcile the differences existing; and it was hoped that the action taken then would restore harmony. Later, a secession took place. Though not a very large secession, the denomination could not but feel the loss of some ministers and other members. There were those who believed that the conference would not, for a long time, if ever, recover the loss sustained. But it has. The years since have been, in many respects, better than the few years preceding. The reports for the year just closing will, we think, show more additions to the churches than for many years. Of the gains in other respects it is impossible to speak with accuracy, but we are cherishing the hope that when all the returns are complete it will be seen that there is substantial improvement in many branches of the work. At any rate, a review of the period since the Conference last met at Tracey Mills will, we feel sure, reveal much for which we all ought to be thankful to God.

But while there are reasons for thankfulness, the brethren will not, of course, allow themselves to believe that all is as it should be. It is not at all probable that any human organization—even one entrusted with a divine mission, will ever be perfect in every part, or do its work without fault or defect. There should, however, be a steady endeavour to perfect such organization, and to have every part of the work carried on as diligently and effectively as possible. One of the chief duties of Conference at the approaching session will be to discover in what respects there has been failure, and to apply the remedy.

Among the things to be considered are,—The Seminary—the relations of the denomination to it, and our duty in the present circumstances. It was during the last session at Tracey Mills that the proposition for union in education took form. The undertaking has had the experiences common to such enterprises. Just now the work is embarrassed. Something has to be done. The Conference will need to say what it shall be. The INTELLIGENCER's views have been frequently set forth, and need not be repeated here.

The mission interests of the denomination will, necessarily, receive attention. They should have a large share of the thought of the Conference. We cannot think that our churches are doing anything near their duty in the support of missions, either home or foreign. With a membership of (say) 12,000 communicants, it is not enough that a few hundreds of dollars are contributed for the spread of the gospel at home and abroad. In the home field there is work for two evangelists all the time; and there ought not to be any difficulty about their support. In the foreign field we should have, at least, double the number of missionaries we now have; and to support them would not unduly tax our people.

The Conference may be disposed to consider whether there is not some better way than the present of presenting to the churches the claims of the various branches of work, such as home and foreign missions, education, students' fund, aged and disabled ministers' fund, Sabbath schools, literature, &c. Great improvement has been made in the denomination's methods of work, within the recollection of members who are not yet old; but, perfection in methods not having been reached, the Conference will, it is hoped, press forward towards it.

The foregoing references are to but two or three things. Scores of other things, more or less important, will have the consideration of the brethren. Every one of them, even those which seem of very little importance, will have bearing on the work, helping or hindering it. It is of the greatest importance, therefore, that the members of Conference go to the meeting with prayer for divine guidance and a purpose to follow His will in all things.

The Ministers' conference will be held on Friday, 12th October. The social conference of the session will begin at 9.30 a. m. Saturday. Devotional services will, as usual, be frequent throughout the session. Let all the churches and people pray that the Lord's presence and gracious power be very manifest throughout the whole session.

Nova Scotia Conference

We do not now remember just how many times we have attended the Nova Scotia Conference, but a dozen or more times certainly. A visit there is always pleasant in many respects, and often it is altogether pleasant. Some years the journey thither has been long and wearying. This year scarcely more time was required to reach it from New Brunswick than some of our brethren have some years to spend in getting to the Conference of this Province.

Yarmouth is reached by two routes from St. John—by steamer to Digby and thence by the Western Counties Railway, or by steamer direct. We chose the latter route to save time, for the "Alpha," one of the Yarmouth S. S. Company's steamers, makes the trip in the night. The New Brunswick contingent consisted of four ministers and two ladies. Rev. Gideon Swin was going to see the friends of his youth in his native Province; Rev. J. H. Erb had never been in Nova Scotia and desired to spy out the land; Rev. B. H. Nobles was the corresponding delegate from the N. B. Conference, bearing its fraternal greetings to the brethren across the bay; and the writer was just following his inclinations, desiring to see and hear and talk with the brethren over there—and, incidentally, look after the INTELLIGENCER's interests a little. The ladies went, probably, because they wanted to, and had nobody to say them nay. With so pleasant a company, beautiful moonlight, and the bay as calm as a mill-pond, the trip across could not be other than enjoyable. We missed the veteran Capt. Blauvelt, with whom we had crossed several times. He has retired after many years of faithful service as shipmaster, pleasantly remembered by the many who travelled with him, and respected by the ship and steamer owners whom he served. We hope he is enjoying and may long enjoy his well-earned rest. In his place is Capt. Harding, of Yarmouth, a young man who evidently understands his duties and faithfully performs them. He and the other officers of the steamer were very attentive to the passengers and contributed considerably to the pleasure of the trip.

We had seen frequent notices of Yarmouth's new hotel, and, desiring to know how true they were, we went to "the Grand." And now we are prepared to say that the descriptions we have read were all right. Yarmouth is to be congratulated on having, at last, a good hotel. It is the property of a Company, and cost something over \$75,000. The Yarmouth S. S. Co., of which Hon. L. E. Baker is the wide-awake President and manager, has done much to make Yarmouth known, and is, of course, largely interested in the new hotel. It is expected that next summer there will be a greatly increased number of visitors from "the States" and elsewhere.

From Yarmouth to Kempt is about twenty-five miles. Twice before we had been there, and were glad to go again. We reached there Wednesday evening, and remained till Monday morning, and enjoyed it all—the beautiful situation, the hospitality, the people, the preaching, the prayer-meetings, everything.

Rev. G. M. Wilson, pastor of the church, with an active committee, gave careful attention to members of Conference and visitors and every body was well provided for. The weather from the beginning of the Session to the close was fine. There was a threatening strain on Saturday, but that was all. The attendance was large, especially on Saturday and Sunday, and was larger all the time than was expected in a place so far from many of the churches.

Three of the ministers were absent—Rev. W. C. Weston, who is still unable to travel, not having sufficiently recovered from the effects of a broken leg some months ago. We saw him and Mrs. Weston at their home in Yarmouth, and were glad to find that he is steadily improving and hopes soon to be able to move about. Rev. F. G. Francis is in poor health, and was not able to attend Conference. He is now resting from his labours for a time in the hope of being able to resume his duties soon. Rev. T. H. Siddall, whose present pastorate is at great distance from Kempt, was unable to attend. These brethren were missed.

Rev. H. Lockhart, of Lowell, was present representing the Massachusetts Free Baptist Association; and Rev. H. C. London, representing the Maine F. C. B. Association. Both these brethren are Nova Scotians; they, therefore, were given a cordial welcome, not only in their representative capacity, but on their own account. Our brethren in New England might get along without the ministrations

who go to them from the Provinces, but they would not be nearly so well off as they are.

A report of the business of the Session will be furnished by the clerk of Conference; we need therefore, make only general statements.

The first sermon of the Session was preached by Rev. Joseph K. West, son of Rev. S. K. West. Bro. West, the younger, is pastor at Barrington, and, though a Nova Scotian, was ordained to the ministry in Maine, and this is his first year of work as a minister in the Province. "Christ our King," was the subject of his sermon, which was a thoughtful and impressive discourse.

Addresses of welcome were made by the pastor, Rev. G. M. Wilson, and by Rev. S. K. West; and replies were made by the acting moderator, Rev. D. T. Porter, and Revs. Messrs. Nobles, Lockhart, Lowden, Erb, Swin and McLeod.

A devotional meeting preceded the business sitting each day, and some of them were seasons of considerable interest. The Conference Saturday afternoon was a most excellent meeting. The attendance was very large, and scores of Christian men and women spoke of their faith in Christ and their love for His service. The presence and power of the Holy Spirit were manifest.

The corresponding delegates from New Brunswick, Maine, and Massachusetts, gave encouraging reports of the work in their respective Conferences and Associations.

The visiting ministers, like the corresponding delegates, were cordially received and given the privilege of participation in the deliberations of Conference. Besides those from New Brunswick, there were Rev. C. D. Turner of Deerfield, N. S., and Rev. J. H. Durkee of the New York F. B. Association. The latter, like the Maine and Massachusetts delegates, is a Nova Scotian, visiting his old home.

The question of closer union of the several Free Baptist bodies in Canada was spoken of by Rev. C. D. Turner and others. The delegate to the N. B. Conference, Rev. C. F. Cooper, is instructed to confer with the Conference and the delegates of the Maine, N. B. and N. S. Y. M., who are expected to be present.

The meeting of the Young People's Societies' Union was one of marked interest. A full report of it is to be furnished by the Secretary, Miss Lillian Decker. Keep part of the meeting was good, but we thought the brief reports by the representatives of the several local societies a most interesting and inspiring feature. An excellent paper on "The Relation of Young People's Societies to the Church," read by Miss Parker, will be published in a later issue of the INTELLIGENCER. The young people in the churches are evidently taking an intelligent and increasing interest in all branches of denominational work and their organized efforts must have effect.

There was never so deep or general interest in Foreign Missions in the N. S. churches as now. The presence of Miss Wile in India as their representative binds them to the work more strongly than ever. The meeting held by the Foreign Mission Society was good, and the reports showed an increase of practical interest in the work of winning the heathen to Christ.

In the meeting of the Home Mission Society Rev. B. F. Parker made a good address on the duty and opportunities of the church. "The Importance of Sabbath School work" was well discussed in a paper by brother R. A. Sims.

The preaching during the Session was good. The Conference sermon, preached Sabbath morning by Rev. C. F. Cooper, was a practical, pointed and powerful discourse. Bro. Cooper has promised it for publication in the INTELLIGENCER.

One minister of the Conference, Rev. J. L. Smith, has recently removed to Vermont, and was, at his own request, dismissed to unite with the yearly meeting of that State. One young brother—Joseph Wilson, was licensed to preach. He purposes going to Bates College soon as possible.

Three pastorates are now in need of pastors—Beaver River, Argyle and Clark's Harbour. These are good fields, and it is hoped they may have pastors very soon.

Three invitations for the next annual session of the Conference were received—Yarmouth, Canni g. and Port LaTour being the inviting churches. Which invitation was accepted we do not know, the matter not having come up for decision before we left—Monday morning.

It was good to meet the brethren, and to find them cheerful and hopeful, thanking God for past and present blessings, looking for still larger blessings, and going forward with courage

and confidence in the work committed to them, strengthening the stakes and lengthening the cords of their beloved denomination. The Lord give them an ever-increasing measure of success.

The Convention of the United Society of Advocates of Christian Fidelity.

The annual meeting this year was held with the church in Fairport, N. Y., Aug. 24-26. A large delegation of young people from Massachusetts to Michigan came together and enjoyed a three-days spiritual feast. Harmony and earnestness prevailed in all the business meetings. The spirit of the motto, "In the name of Christ, forward," was the key-note of the interesting papers read and the addresses delivered. The officers were mostly re-elected. In addition an advisory council of six, was appointed to whom several matters of importance were submitted, such as the employment of a "field agent," the reporting of the societies in the *Register*, etc.

From the General Secretary's report it appears that there are enrolled about 15,000 Free Baptist young people in the various societies. What an army to compose the church of the future.

One thing was made evident in the Fairport convention, viz., that the C. E. Societies were as welcome and had the same rights as the A. C. F. Societies. The sooner this idea pervades the minds of all our people the better it will be for us all. The reports from the organized Young People of New Brunswick and Nova Scotia were gladly received. The oneness of the work will bind us all together in Christian fellowship and service.

THOMAS SPOONER.

Mission News and Notes.

A striking example of the growth of the missionary spirit is seen in the fact that Australasia has recently sent missionaries to Ceylon, Africa, China and Japan.

—All the judges of the small cause court of Madras, India, including the registrar, are native Christians. Of 2,169 graduates of the Madras University 180 are Indian Christians.

—Two Scotch missionaries, having recently made their way into Tibet, were captured by the Tibetans, and were only rescued by a vigorous exercise of the authority of the Chinese frontier officers at Chema.

—In a recent address in Philadelphia Dr. A. T. Pierson said, "In 1866, when I was first in Europe I could not carry a copy of the Bible inside the walls of Rome. Last year there were twenty-nine Protestant chapels in the city of Rome, and preaching openly carried on in them with impunity, the Pope and cardinals finding it impossible to interfere."

—We remember reading in "Captain Cook's Voyage round the World," his realistic description of Savage Island. Perhaps the name intensified our impression of the wildness and barbarism the voyager found there. But what was Savage Island has become an island of saints. The population of Niue—so it is called to-day—is about 5,000. There are among the people eleven native pastors and 1,646 (some one-third of the inhabitants) church-members. These Christians support their own ministers, and in 1892 sent out four missionaries and their wives to New Guinea. They are liberal. Last year they contributed £300 to the London Missionary Society. This mission is not a failure. Have we a town in England with a population of 5,000 and 1,646 church-members? We know not of such a proportion of members to the population in any English town. Have we a population of 5,000 which has sent four missionaries and their wives in one year? Have we a community so large in its gifts to missions, according to its ability, as the Christian community at Niue? Savage Island has become an island of saints.

General Religious News.

—Of the 8000 Chinese in New York and Brooklyn, about 300 are Christians.

—A meeting for the deepening of spiritual life will be held in Hanson Place Baptist Church, Brooklyn, from October 9th to 12th. The general theme will be "The ministry of the Holy Spirit." Among those expected to take part are: A. J. Gordon, D. D.; A. T. Pierson, D. D.; Major Whittle; Anthony Comstock, and others.

—Rev. John McNeill has been holding very successful meetings in Melbourne, Australia. Great crowds gather to hear his plain and vigorous preaching of the Gospel. And the influence of the truth is manifest.