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Paul declared himself ready to serve the Corinthian brethren to utter exhaustion. To be "spent" requires the martyr spirit.

News of the churches is always eagerly looked for by readers of the Intelligencer. Keep us well supplied with it this year, brethren.

The "Morning Star," the eastern organ of our Free Baptist brethren in "the States" has been making its appearance for two or three weeks in a new form. Its size has not been increased, but it has now sixteen pages instead of eight as before. It looks well—and is well, we are glad to know. The *Star* is a good paper, and we wish it increasing success.

The one condition of christian churches doing their work, says Dr. Maclaren, is that they shall be clothed and filled with God's spirit. Do not let us rely on machinery; do not let us rely on externals; do not let us rely on advertising tricks which might do very well for a cheap shop, but are all out of harmony with the work that we have to do; but let us rely on this, and on this alone.

Our Free Baptist brethren across the line evidently had a pleasant and profitable session of their General Conference. It was held the first of the month, at Winnebago city, Minn. Dr. G. F. Mosher, President of Hillsdale College, was elected President of the Conference.

Dr. Given, Treasurer, reported that the receipts during the year for Home Missions were $13,846.36; for Foreign Missions $24,391.98.

George Muller, known all over the world by his remarkable work—the Bristol Orphanages, and other works at home and abroad, has just passed his ninetieth birthday. He is still vigorous, and is reported to be in excellent health. Ever since his first marriage, when he gave up pew rents in favour of voluntary contributions, he has 'trusted to Providence' for personal sustenance and for the sinews of war which he wages against ignorance and impiety, and more than a million and a half has been suscribed for his enterprises. Mr. Muller is proud of the fact that he has never advertised for contributions from the charitable, and, acting on principle, he has abstained from insuring his orphanages at Bristol against fire.

Dr. Buckley, editor of the N. Y. *Christian Advocate*, was led lately to find out how many ministers named Smith there are in the ministry of the Methodist Episcopal church of the United States, and he discovered that there are *two hundred and thirty-eight*. A whole Conference of Smiths could be organized, and it would be one of the largest Conferences in the denomination. Having satisfied himself about the Smith preachers, his curiosity arose as to what were the more numerous names among the rest of the ministers. Examination discovered that there are *one hundred and thirty* named Brown, besides four who spell it with a final e. There are one hundred and ten named Miller; one hundred and six are named Johnson; one hundred and four named Jones; and ninety-five, Wilson; eighty-nine are named Clark, of whom seven spell it with a final e; eighty-three by the name of Davis; eighty-two of Williams. Other names as follows: Thompson, sixty-eight; Wright, sixty-five; White, sixty-three; Taylor, sixty-two; Robinson, fifty-nine; Moore, fifty-nine; Anderson, fifty-eight; Hall, fifty-five; Thomas, fifty-five; King, fifty-one; Wood, forty nine; Adams, forty-seven; Baker, forty-six; Evans, forty-three; Cook, forty; and Allen, thirty.

In an address at the General Conference of Free Baptists, of the United States, held the first of this month, Rev. E. B. Stiles, discussing "The mission of our Young People," said:

As I look at it, three verses in Scripture state our mission, in view of what the world needs. (1) The world needs a consecrated church, that. like its Master, is holy, harmless, undefiled, separate from sinners, in order to truly represent Christ to it as its Saviour. (2 Cor. 6: 18, 19.) Our pledge aims definitely at this end. A church on good terms with the world cannot save the world. A church separated from the world has a vantage ground from which it can mightily lift the world toward God. Such a church it is our mission to make if we are true to our pledge. (2) A church composed of such members will be listening to further voices of God. They will also hear Him. What, again, is the great need of the world? O the aching, seeking, longing hearts who need the Gospel! Our mission is to tell the millions of lost ones that the Son of man came to save them. (3) To-day, as our corresponding secretary read his report of a moneyless treasury, my heart was reminded of a cause of sadness. Millions are perishing. Workers are ready to go soon to them. But the Board must say no, because the wealth of Christians is not poured out at the feet of Jesus. The speaker in his conclusion emphasized the importance and duty of setting aside a tenth or some definite part of our income for God.

The Council of the Dominion Prohibition Alliance has recently issued a manifesto which is disturbing the Ontario Liquor Dealers' Association, and probably like associations elsewhere. The Alliance says: "The Council is now persistently pressing for a national law of total prohibition. The jurisdiction question is now near a settlement. There will then be commenced an active, vigorous and effective campaign. If the province has prohibitive power, we shall secure the speedy enactment of legislation and must make preparations for its enforcement. If the province has not prohibitive power we must take immediate steps to secure such further curtailment of the traffic as is undoubtedly within the power of the province. Meanwhile the agitation for national prohibition will be vigorously carried on."

The Liquor Dealers' Association has issued an appeal to all in the business and in sympathy with it to unite with them, and contend for mutual protection, urging that "if they do not the liquor business will be wiped out in five years."

They are alarmed, as well they may be. But from their course of organizing for mutual protection, prohibitionists should learn how important it is they, also, stand together. Only by united action in pushing the campaign, and in the choice of Parliamentary representatives can prohibitionists hope to win in the great fight for the overthrow of the giant evil.

Christian Service.

The test of the christian life is service. The Saviour of men was among men as one that served, and was abundant in labours in behalf of all classes and conditions. And He challenged the attention and faith of the people, not by what He said, but by what He did—"believe me for the works' sake." The apostle says christians are "created in Christ Jesus unto good works." If the religious life of many is tested by service, many who are called by the christian name would, it is to be feared, be found to be without the true life. They are like the church in Sardis, of whom it was said, "Thou hast a name that thou livest, and art dead." A sad condition, surely. Sad for those in such condition, and sad because of the effect such misrepresentation of christian life and power has on the unconverted.

"Go work in my vineyard," is the Lord's command to every one. There is work, work suited to the powers and opportunities of each, for every disciple of Christ. "To every one his work," is the divine order. In service comes spiritual growth; and there is no joy like the joy of faithful service. "Therefore my beloved brethren, be ye steadfast, immovable, always abounding in the work of the Lord; for as much as ye know that your labour is not in vain in the Lord.'

Relief.—The families made homeless by the Chatham fire are in need of assistance, and contributions are being sent from various parts of the Province.

Conference Notes.

Both Home and Foreign Mission treasuries had some money after the engagements of the year had been met. This is not a usual experience. Deficits are more frequent than surpluses; and not nearly so pleasant. Let us hope that it may be a long time before either treasury shall be empty. There is no reason why there should be any lack of funds. The churches are quite able to keep them well supplied; and will do so, we think, if the facts about the work being done and needed to be done are kept before them. Each year should witness an increase of interest in these branches of our work, shown in a more liberal support of them.

Free Baptist union received some consideration from Conference. In one form or another, it has come up several times in late years. This year it advanced a step. Brethren representing the three Conferences concerned had a brief consultation about the matter—all that was possible during a session of Conference, when every member was especially busy. It was agreed that it would be well to have committees representing the three bodies meet and examine into the whole question and determine whether such union as has been suggested is feasible and would be advantageous, and if so, on what terms; the conclusions reached to be reported to the several Conferences. Our Conference appointed a committee for that purpose; the other bodies will, probably, do the same. If so, a meeting of the joint committees will be held at as early a day as convenient. Let us hope and pray that whatever will strengthen the churches, increase their efficiency, and forward Christ's cause will be done.

What ought to be done in relation to the Seminary was talked about. There was no dissent from the proposition that it is our plain duty to do our best towards paying the debts of the institution. A resolution to that effect was adopted. The conclusion to withdraw from connection with the institution may have been the wisest. The Intelligencer has not thought so; indeed it does not think the abandonment of so important a work quite worthy of two christian bodies. It has been done, however; and now it only remains for those concerned to keep their record good by paying their bills. Our ministers and churches are urged to do their utmost to this end. Rev. G. A. Hartley has been named to receive contributions for this purpose; and we can only hope that very soon he will have enough to pay fully the Free Baptist share of the obligations

There was no partyism, nor politics of any kind, in the resolution on the schools question. It was simply such a declaration as might be expected from a religious body which has no favours to ask of the state, and which believes with all its strength in equal rights for all and special privileges to none. During the struggles about the New Brnnswick schools the Conference took precisely the same position. It was right then; it is right now. It would just as strongly oppose the claims of any Protestant body to special privileges.

One of the committees of Conference suggested the necessity of a Book Room from which our ministers, Sunday Schools, Young People's Societies and homes might be supplied. The report was adopted, the suggestion evidently having the approval of Conference, But there was little or no discussion of the matter, and nothing definite was done—no steps were taken towards establishing such a place. It *is* a real necessity, and we hope the suggestion of the committee may take form soon.

The Intelligencer was not forgotten; indeed, it received more than usual consideration. The brethren seemed to feel that it is very important that it have the widest possible circulation amongst our people—the people in whose interests especially it was established and has for more than forty years been conducted. An attempt is to be made at once to add at least one thousand new names to its list of subscribers. The brethren expressed their purpose to make earnest efforts to introduce it into all the homes of their pastorates. We certainly hope they may have the largest success. We trust they have already begun the good work, and that they will push it with vigour especially during the remaining weeks of this year.

To Organize.—The Prohibition Convention held at Yarmouth, N. S., appointed an organizer to go through the Province and organize the Prohibition forces in every county for the coming battle at the polls. The same thing might be done in every Province with great advantage to the cause.

Conference Snap-Shots.

People have said to me, 'I have not met you before, but you resemble your father, and I am glad to see you for his sake.' I can see your Father's image in you—He is my Father, too, and I welcome you for His sake.—*C. T. Phillips.*

Christ is all and in all; the follower is nothing, except that grace has wrought in him a wonderful work.—*J. K. West.*

The town expects good of you—expects a blessing by your coming.—*C. T. Phillips.*

Who would have thought that the little vine planted here would have grown to such proportions, and borne such fruits? The explanation is that God planted it, and has matured it.—*J. Noble.*

My prospect is glorious—never brighter than now.—*T. Connor.*

Amidst all the uncertainties of life one may know our relationship to God, and be confident of His presence and help.—*W. H. Perry.*

More than fifty years ago Jesus saved me. The way has been better and better all along; and now my heart has the assurance 'All is well.'—*J. G. McKenzie.*

It is hard for the devil to get and keep the boy who has a good mother, or the man who has a christian wife.—*G. A. Hartley.*

Jesus may not come at our time, but He never deserts.—*B. H. Nobles.*

No organization can stand that leaves to aliens the administration of its ordinances.—*J. H. Erb.*

I will do more than ever to circulate the Intelligencer.—*G. Swim.*

CONFERENCE REPORTS.

Report of the Executive for Foreign Missions.

Bro. Moderator—The year has been one of progress in the field of missions. "Thy kingdom come," is more and more the burden of the Church's prayer—and the kingdom is extending steadily, and even rapidly.

Any report on Foreign Missions to this Conference would be incomplete which did not make mention of the lamented death of our first missionary, Dr. J. L. Phillips, which occurred in June last. In 1864 he visited the Conference, held that year in Fredericton.

He was then a young man of twenty-four years, and had just completed his medical studies, and awaiting an opening to go to India, the land of his birth and his love—"My dear India," as he was wont to call it. Up to that time the Conference had not done anything in an organized way, for foreign missions. The presence of the young man, filled with the spirit of missions and eager to be in the field seemed to be a call of God to our people to have a share in the work. A Foreign Mission Society was organized, and Dr. Phillips became the missionary of the society—the first foreign missionary sent and supported by the Free Baptists of this Province. In the autumn of that year (1864) he sailed for India, reaching there after a tedious and perilous voyage of several months. Ten years later he visited this country. He and Mrs. Phillips were at the Conference held at Millstream, K. Co., in 1875. It was then that Mrs. Phillips organized the Woman's Foreign Mission Society, which for twenty years has been doing so excellent work.

In 1878 he ceased to be the missionary of this Conference, having at that time become Principal of the India Bible School. But he never ceased to have interest in our work, nor did our people lose their interest in him. In many of our churches his voice has been heard pleading, as few men could plead, that the utmost be done to send the Gospel to the heathen.

From 1890 to the time of his death he was Secretary of the India Sunday School Union, the duties of which position took him into every part of India, and enabled him to do much of the best work of his life. In his death India lost one of its best known, ablest, most influential and most successful missionaries. He was consumed of zeal for the extension of Christ's kingdom. Worn with much work, he went to the hills for rest; but from there he passed to the eternal rest. Of his going away his wife writes:

"Up among the most sublime range in the world, the grand old Himalayan, covered with eternal snows, he came to look down upon India organized into Sunday School Unions, containing 5,000 Sunday Schools, 10,000 teachers, and 200,000 pupils, largely natives, and then to have the blessed call to come up higher still. One brief week of terrible physical suffering, and on June 25th, at 10 a. m., he cast one triumphant look upward and seemed to say, "I'm coming Lord," and he was forever with his Saviour. One moment in the valley and the shadow of death, the next in the heavenly home. According to his oft repeated request that there should be no mourning, no fashionable funeral flowers when he was called hence, a cross and crown of bright flowers lay on his casket, and the church was draped in white with green wreaths. The congregation sang his favorite hymn, "Precious Jewels," and old friends spoke of the labourer who was at rest, and of the harvest ready for new reapers.

In the silence of the mountains there is a new grave. In the choir of heaven there is is a new voice, and the children's friend is keeping the pearly gates ajar for them.

From his deep devotion and consuming zeal are there not lessons for us to learn of what our Lord expects of us in consecrated service for the salvation of the world?

Reports from the Free Baptist mission in India are, in the main, encouraging. Two good signs are especially noted, (1) the hopefulness of the workers, both native and foreign; and (2) the readiness of the people to listen to the Gospel and to admit its beauty and power. The readiness of the native christians to engage in christains work is very encouraging. Saved themselves, they are anxious to spread the Gospel.

The Report of Mrs. Boyer's work is appended. In addition, she writes thus: "It seems to me that year by year the care and responsibility in regard to the boys increases. But I love the work none the less.....It is im possible for people at home to know what it is to contend with the powers of darkness as they are found in this country. At least it would have been impossible for me to imagine it..... But I am thankful that I am counted worthy to do even a little to make India better. It is taking intelligent human beings (but in some respects not better than brutes), and trying to make men of them.....It is not the lack of homes and comforts that makes life hard here; it is the fighting against such fearful odds."

Last year it was thought that Mrs. Boyer would come home this year for needed rest. But her love for the work keeps her at her difficult post. She writes,—"I shall probably stay here another year, unless you send for me. Sometimes I think I shall never leave unless you do send for me."

The contributions of the churches this year have been sufficient to meet the obligations assumed by the executive. This is pleasing. But the fact which we need to consider is that what we undertake to do is far below what we are able to do, therefore below what our Lord requires of us.

Besides what is done by the Conference and the Women's Society, it is gratifying to be able to report that the Young People's societies have undertaken to provide funds for the India Orphanage, which work was commended to them by the Conference at its last session. It is hoped they may succeed in all they have undertaken in behalf of this good and much needed work.

For the ensuing year the Executive recommends that an earnest effort be made to considerably increase the contributions to foreign missions. "Freely ye have received, freely give."

Jos McLeod.
Cor. Secretary.

Mrs. Boyer's Report.

BOYS' ORPHANAGE.

Numbers.—Including boarders, there are forty five children in the orphanage. This year a number of children have been supported here by parents and friends for the sake of the school privileges to be obtained in Balasore.

Support.—It has been a great encouragement that so many persons and societies at home have adopted orphans. Some of the children are much interested, and ask many questions concerning the persons adopting them. Most of the "*promising*" children have been adopted, but there still remain quite a number who cannot be considered promising, that is they do not give promise of ability to become mission workers. If any person or society wishes to support a boy who is dull, or slow, or naughty, I will be glad to supply one. The rates are the same as for good boys.

Improvement.—Affairs, temporal and spiritual, have gone on about as usual. Reviewing the year I recognize improvement. Only one has been baptized, but the lives and testimonies of others give me hope that more will soon be ready to publicly acknowledge Christ. Since the Mission High School was opened, I notice an increased interest in their studies on the part of my older boys. Nearly all of them are anxious to enter it. Four attend now and probably as many more will be able to enter next year.

New Quarters.—In November we moved from the high school to the old mission house then under repairs. Our ordinary routine of work was increased by the necessity of removing numerous heaps of broken bricks, lime and plaster, which were well strewed over the place. The boys went to work with a will, even the little twins carrying off bricks on their heads, and now we are all much pleased with our newly repaired house and clean compound.

Industry.—Making their clothes, studing their lessons and doing the other work required of them keep the boys fairly busy. There is a systematic division of labor, but that does not always ensure that there will be plenty of drinking water, that there will be sufficient wood cut, that the brass dishes will be well scoured, or that the lanterns will be filled and trimmed by the evening study hour. The most rigid rules do not prevent these young people from strewing their clothes over the compound, leaving their mats where the cows eat them, and losing their books and slates; but they are not the only persons who do the things they ought not to do, and leave undone the things they should do.

The Boys' Mission School.—This school numbers ninety-three, the majority of whom are Christians. Boys graduated from here are ready to enter our Christian High School. The teachers are for the most part painstaking, and the school has a good record.

The Russel Memorial School.—This interesting school is composed of little boys. They learn to read the Primer and begin numbers. They learn writing on the hard mud floor with a soapstone pencil. A good Christian woman has charge. She is fond of the little ones and takes good care of them. She tells me that she is part nurse and part teacher.

Young Men's Meeting.—The Young Men's meeting is still held here. Nearly all present take part and the meetings are interesting. The young men still keep up there Hindu Sunday Schools. One young man who walked four miles to his School died during the year.

C. I. Boyer.

Report of Home Mission Executive, 1895.

Brother Moderator,—

In presenting another annual repor your executive desire to express gratitude to Almighty God; His thoughts have been large toward us and our work; we have indeed abundant reason to be thankful.

It is the purpose of this report to set before you as clearly and as concisely as possible, first—what your executive have endeavored to accomplish during the past year; second, how well they have succeeded in accomplishing their desires; and third, to offer a few thoughts and suggestions as to the better development of this most important branch of our work.

The executive has been convened five times during the year, at each of these sessions our best attention has been given to the formulating of plans for the development of our interests and to the consideration of the many applications from the different pastorates and pastors: besides the business transacted at these different sessions considerable has been done by way of correspondence.

It is with extreme sadness that the executive refers to the great loss sustained in the death of one of its foremost and most highly esteemed members. Bro. G. F. Atherton was a good man, deeply interested in our cause and possessed of more than ordinary good sense and executive ability. We have missed his counsels much and would desire to place on record our appreciation of his true worth as a fellow labourer.

First. The executive have endeavored by the engagement of a regular missionary during the entire year to assist pastors in special work and to look after some of our weak and scattered interests.

It has also been our desire to assist the young men who are coming up among us having the ministry in view, by encouraging them in their efforts to continue their studies by means of the remuneration received during summer vacation. We believe our young men cannot do better for themselves than to engage during the summer in regular pastoral work, for in so doing they gain spiritual strength, cultivate latent ability and get better acquainted with our people. We have furthermore continued the policy of previous years in assisting by money grants such pastorates as were unable without aid to secure pastors; and also to make arrangements by which weak and isolated churches might receive pastoral oversight from ministers labouring on adjoining fields but who could not be expected to extend care to these churches without some remuneration.

Second. How the executive have succeeded in putting their plans into execution. Your executive have been able to keep a general missionary in the field during the entire year. Bro. Rev. T. O. DeWitt, who did considerable work for the executive last year, has been under its control during the present year. As he has gone from place to place his labors have been signally owned and blessed of God. His work for the year may be seen in the following brief outline:

The month of November was spent on Deer Island principally with the church at Lambert's Cove. Leaving Deer Island, Bro. DeWitt proceeded to Bear Island, York Co., at this place a good work of grace was enjoyed, nine were baptized and others much helped. In February Brown's Flat was visited and before leaving this place the missionary baptized twelve persons and added nineteen to the fellowship of the church. He also extended some care to the cause at Westfield, where they are trying to erect for themselves a house of worship. At this place eight were baptized.

After spending a few days in St. John West, assisting the pastor in special work there, Bro. DeWitt visited Flewellings Wharf, Oak Point, and here he baptized four, and five were added to the church. Just at this time, Bro. J. McKenzie of Blissville, required assistance in carrying on the work so well begun by him. Bro. DeWitt went to his aid; they laboured hard and earnestly. God wonderfully blessed the people and an extensive revival was the result. At Blissville and Mill Settlement, Bro. DeWitt baptized thirty-seven persons. He also visited the village of Clarendon and held services there. As a result eight persons were baptized and a new church organized. The church at Lincoln, having requested aid from the Executive, Bro. DeWitt was next directed to this place. Here also he enjoyed revival; nine were baptized. Bro. DeWitt also reports having organized six Y. P. S. C. Endeavor in connection with the churches visited.

In the month of June, Rev. Samuel Perry was sent by the executive to the village of Bethany; during his visit to that locality he baptized four persons and organized a small church of eleven members: he has since extended care to this church and it is hoped that the new interest may develope and be the means of promulgating Free C. Baptist doctrine in that locality.

In assisting the young men, your executive have done what they could. Bro. Frank Currier, who was graduated during the year from Dalhousie