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Religious Intelligencer.

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

WEDNESDAY, OCT. 16TH, 1895.

Religion is generally regarded as a means of saving men from hell and fitting them for heaven. And it is that. But we are glad to believe, as suggested by the "Christian Register," that the conception of it is becoming more general which regards it as a means of banishing hell from human life and establishing heaven in human society.

Many christians are willing and glad to undertake earnest work in Christ's cause, who are not ready to endure hardness. On the other hand there are those who by patient endurance are serving God with an acceptance far beyond that of those whose conspicuous position in labour makes them observed and much honoured of men.

These words, from the N. Y. Advocate, are enough needed to be repeated:

"If the minister would never assume the tone and manner of pathos, except when his own emotions naturally produce it; if he would read the Scriptures and hymns naturally, instead of in a 'holy tone,' frequently an unholy affectation; and, in social life, if, instead of having the air of a man performing a liturgical service, he would talk and act as a friend, a neighbor, and a gentleman, his influence would be increased."

Pastorates.

The majority of churches and ministers have made their arrangements for the year's work. Some churches are yet without pastors, and some ministers are yet unsettled as to their fields for the year. Negotiations in some cases are, probably, now going on.

One thing about which both ministers and churches need to be very careful is to observe existing pastorate arrangements. No church or churches can be justified in making arrangements for ministerial labour, unless all the churches of the pastorate are included in the arrangement. And no minister should allow himself to be a party to such arrangement. It is a violation of the pastorate system, which not only does immediate harm in leaving some churches uncared for, but does far-reaching and abiding harm in that it destroys confidence in the mutual good-faith of churches, and gives the impression that ministers are more anxious to look out for themselves than to encourage the churches to loyally co-operate for their mutual care and the strength and efficiency of christian work.

When one or more churches, without care for what may become of the other churches of their pastorate, ask a minister to engage with them, he should refuse. He owes it to himself and to them, as well as to the churches which would be neglected should he consent, to plainly tell those who approach him with such a proposition that they are wrong, and advise them to a better and truer and more christian course. If a minister approaches a church or churches with a view to giving them care, without regard to the other churches of the pastorate, he should be given to understand that he is doing wrong, and should be sent about better business.

The pastorate system, since its introduction has worked well, all things considered. It has not been easy to

get the arrangements satisfactory, but by patient work, year after year, the District Meetings and Conference have succeeded in grouping the churches as conveniently as possible. The people, generally, appreciate the advantages of the system, as do the ministers. There may be a few cases in which the grouping of the churches is not the best possible; but for the present it seems the best that can be done. In such cases rearrangements will be made as the necessity for them appears. Meantime, the only way to get the best results is for churches and ministers to loyally observe existing arrangements. Each year since the introduction of the pastorate system has witnessed an improvement in this respect, much to the advantage of all concerned. Let us hope that this year there will be an improvement on any previous year; and all our churches properly cared for, either by settled pastors, or judicious mission labour.

Conference Notes.

Much space in this issue is given up to the report of Conference. We assume that the great majority of our readers are anxious to know what was done; and we think it better to let them have it at once instead of spreading it in small instalments over several issues. Some things have to be left over, but they will appear next week.

The Ministers' Conference was a good meeting. There is no meeting of the annual gathering quite like it. It is the first meeting of the session. Ministers, some of whom have not met for a year, see each other again face to face. The greetings are hearty. They talk over their experiences, both of trials and joys, of struggles, and successes. They enjoy each other, and are helpers of each other. It is always a good preparation for the General Conference. The meeting this year was pleasant throughout.

Two ministers of the Conference died during the year—Revs. E. Sipprell and S. W. Shaw. They had ceased to be in the active work some time before their death—one of them, Rev. E. Sipprell, for several years. Yet when at roll call there was the silence that will never again be broken by them in the meetings of their brethren, the hearts of those who knew and loved them were sad. But for them it is well—they rest from their labours.

Three brethren have been dismissed—Revs. A. M. McIntosh and A. W. Currie, to labour in Nova Scotia; Rev. J. Robertson to labour in Massachusetts. The work here can ill spare these brethren; but since in the order of providence they are absent for a time, we trust they may be much blessed in their labours. The brethren licensed by Conference are young men of promise. May the Lord send forth more labourers, let us all pray.

The weather was delightful. On Tuesday there was a slight shower, not sufficient, however, to inconvenience anybody. All the other days of the session were clear, bright and as warm as September.

Rev. J. K. West, of the Nova Scotia Conference, was heartily welcomed. His sermon Sabbath afternoon was much enjoyed. We all hope he enjoyed the meeting with his brethren as much as they enjoyed him. His genial christian spirit won him a good place. Come again, Bro. West.

Rev. Thos. Kinney, a New Brunswick minister who has been many years in Maine, was welcomed by old friends and new ones. We hope he may be able soon to make the visit he contemplates to the scenes of his earlier years. He may be sure of a welcome. The Conference was glad to greet Revs. M. P. Orser and G. A. Giberson, and it is hoped their visit will result in good to both their denomination and ours. We hope to see them among us again.

The pastor, R. V. C. T. Phillips, with Rev. J. Noble and other members of the church were at the trains to welcome members of Conference and visitors on their arrival, and conduct them to their homes. And from first to last of the session they were constant in their attentions. The thanks of Conference to pastor and people and choir were well deserved. There are many churches which always do well when it falls to their lot to entertain Conference, and Woodstock can be bracketed with the best.

The Woodstock church is a fine edifice. Recently it has been painted within and without, and it is very pleasant to look at as well as to worship in. It is large and will seat, we think a larger congregation than any other church in the town. The handsome church organ, put into the church about a year ago, was much admired. The roomy and bright Sunday-School

room, and the ladies' parlour and pastor's room were very convenient for committee meetings etc., and made it possible to carry on the several branches of the conference work without interference or loss of time.

Rev. C. T. Phillips has been pastor of the church in Woodstock eleven years. He has engaged to remain this year; and will probably be there many more years, if his health will permit. The church has prospered under his ministry, and the people are much attached to him. He holds, also, a foremost place in the town, and is held in high esteem by all the people, of all denominations. His health during the year past has not been good. His church has given him two months leave of absence. He will probably, begin his vacation this week; and it is earnestly hoped that he may come back to his work greatly benefited. Several of his brother ministers have volunteered to supply the pulpit in his absence.

Several ministers of other denominations were present at different times during the session, among them Revs. Messrs Todd, McDonald and Denton. They were introduced to the Conference, and asked to feel at home, which, we trust, they did.

The public meeting of the W. F. Mission Society, held Monday afternoon, and which it was not possible for us to attend, is said by those present to have been a very interesting meeting. Mrs. Boyer's little girls were there, and were, of course, an attractive and interesting feature of the meeting. There were, doubtless many tender thoughts of and earnest prayers for their mother, widowed and so far separated from her dear children, remaining heroically at her post. The Lord graciously comfort and strengthen her.

Rev. B. H. Nobles was called away before the close of the session by the illness of one of his children. We are glad to hear that the little boy is getting along well. Bro. N. himself had been quite ill for several weeks before Conference, but is gaining encouragingly now, and able to attend his appointments.

A great congregation attended the missionary meeting Monday evening; the large church was crowded. It was a meeting of marked interest. The addresses were good, and the impression made by them will, we trust, abide, and bear fruit.

The session was shorter than usual, things contributed to this: the pleasant weather, keeping members in the best condition for work; the conference being held in a town less time was consumed in going to and from their homes; but, chiefly, there were no questions requiring much discussion.

The devotional meetings were refreshing. The spirit of the whole session was harmonious.

Death came to a visitor to the conference. Bro. J. B. Rideout, whose home was near Houlton Me., but who formerly lived in this Province and was a member of one of our churches, thought the conference being held so near him a good time and place to see many old friends. He attended the Friday evening preaching meeting. Soon after returning to the house of the friends with whom he was stopping he complained of not feeling well, and in a few minutes was dead. Death for a christian is gain; sudden death is sudden glory.

MR. D. W. ERTBROOKS, who died last week, was a well known citizen. He had not been very well for some time, but had attended to his business with a good degree of regularity until within a few days of his death. He had been in the city for nearly thirty years, most of the time carrying on a grocery business. He was an upright man, trusted and respected by all who knew him. He was a deacon of the Baptist church, and active in religious and moral work. As a local preacher he visited many places, especially in York and Sunbury Counties, and did much good. He greatly enjoyed holding meetings in places not otherwise provided for, and was always a welcome visitor in such communities. He has several times been the leader in revival movements resulting in conversions. He was a good and useful man, and will be missed. His wife and two sons survive him. His funeral, on Saturday, was largely attended.

DR. ATHERTON arrived in the city last week, and will remain. After an absence of ten years, many friends give him a cordial welcome.

CANADA'S EXPORTS.—The exports from Canada to Great Britain increased \$219,000 in September, and for the nine months of the present year ending with September there was an increase of \$40,000. The imports from the mother land increased \$21,000 in the month and \$100,000 in the nine months.

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By request of the chairman of the committee of the N. S. Conference they met in St. John on Thursday, July 4th last. There were present, besides the undersigned, Revs. J. K. West and D. T. Porter, representing the N. S. Conference. A telegram was received from Rev. E. Crowell, who was enroute to attend the meeting, informing us that, owing to an accident to the steamer by which he was travelling, he was unable to reach St. John on the day appointed for the committee meeting.

The question of a possible union was considered, informally, by those present, and the following was agreed upon as expressing their views:

1. The members of the joint committee present (Revs. D. T. Porter and J. K. West, representing the N. S. Conference; and Revs. Jos. McLeod, G. W. Foster and J. W. Erb, representing the N. B. Conference) believe that a closer union of the Free Baptist bodies of the Maritime Provinces is desirable. They also agree that the F. B. Conference of N. B., N. S. and Maine be asked to appoint a committee to meet with the committees here represented, at an early day, to consider the whole question of such union, and, if thought desirable, to frame terms of union to be submitted to the respective Conferences.

2. It was hoped that the suggested meeting of the committees would be held before the annual session of the N. S. Conference; but it has not been possible to have it yet.

A delegation is present from the F. B. Conference of N. B., N. S. and Maine; the Cor. del. from the N. S. Conference, has, we are informed, been authorized to represent that body on this question. Your committee, therefore, suggests that the Conference appoint a committee, or arrange in such way as seems best, for a joint consideration of the question of Free Baptist Union.

Brothers McLeod, Erb, Currie, Vince and Hartley were appointed the committee recommended in the report.

The committee on the Sabbath, by Rev. T. O. DeWitt, reported.

[The Report will appear later.]

Rev. D. Long, for the committee on nominations presented the following:

Home Mission Executive: Rev. F. C. Hartley, Cor. Sec.; Rev. J. W. Clark, Treasurer; Revs. G. W. Foster, J. T. Parsons, C. T. Phillips, P. Smith and W. Shepard.

Foreign Mission Executive: Rev. Dr. McLeod, Cor. Sec.; E. W. Slipp, Treasurer; Revs. W. J. Halse, D. Long, A. Perry, G. W. Swin, J. N. Barnes and W. Peters.

Sunday Schools Executive: James E. McCready, Cor. Sec.; Revs. W. H. Perry, A. G. Downey, and J. B. Daggett, and T. L. Alexander.

Board of Managers: Rev. G. A. Hartley, A. C. Smith, B. S. Palmer, W. H. Heine, E. J. Clarke and J. E. Good.

Com. on Education: Revs. G. F. Currie, J. J. Barnes, T. S. VanWart, and O. N. Mott and J. J. Jewett.

Ministers' Relief Fund Executive: Gideon McLeod, Treasurer; Revs. C. T. Phillips, J. Perry, E. B. Grey and A. H. McLeod.

Com. on the Sabbath: Revs. J. H. Erb, J. G. McKenzie, J. Noble, A. H. Bonnell and J. D. Harvey.

Com. on Temperance: Revs. W. J. Halse, W. DeWare, S. J. Perry, H. Hartt and C. B. Lewis.

Com. on Absent Brethren: Rev. A. H. McLeod, B. Palmer, G. W. Sharpe, Jas. Patterson and M. Fenwick.

Com. on Collections: Rev. J. Henderson, A. W. Rideout, J. T. Jewett, A. W. Mesereau and S. Barker.

Com. on Appeals: Revs. W. H. Perry, G. W. Swin, W. Jamieson, E. Crouse and J. E. Good.

Com. on Deceased Brethren: Revs. J. W. Clarke, J. Noble, J. Perry, J. N. Barnes and J. B. Daggett.

Com. on Correspondence: Revs. J. T. Parsons, B. H. Nobles, G. F. Currie, L. A. Cosman and E. B. Grey.

Com. on District Meetings: S. Barker, W. J. Owens, W. Shepard, J. Dupliss, Bradford Palmer, W. H. Heine, and Rev. J. B. Daggett.

Com. on Literature: F. A. Currier, Revs. W. DeWare, A. G. Downey, A. Perry and C. B. Lewis.

Delegate to N. S. Conference: Rev. J. H. Erb; Substitute, Rev. T. O. DeWitt.

Delegate to Main State Association: Rev. D. Long; Substitute, Rev. C. T. Phillips.

Delegates to N. B., N. S. and Maine F. B. Conference: Revs. Dr. McLeod and T. S. VanWart.

The report was considered section by section, and adopted. Conference adjourned.

AFTERNOON. Conference reassembled at 2 p. m. Rev. G. W. Swin in the chair. Prayer by Rev. T. S. VanWart. Rev. J. J. Barnes, for the committee on denominational literature, presented a report:

1. Your committee think it cause for regret that we have not a denominational Book Room, furnished with the literature which our people require. We hope this need may receive consideration at this session of Conference.

2. We most heartily endorse the RELIGIOUS INTELLIGENCER as a well-conducted religious paper, and a most faithful exponent of our denominational views; and we urge upon our people the duty of extending its circulation as widely as possible. We also feel that the Conference should as far as possible seek to encourage the Editor in his work, by giving it a still wider circulation, thus making it at the same time more valuable to him and to the denomination. We hope and pray that all Free Baptists will show their love and loyalty to the denomination—by making the INTELLIGENCER their first choice in the selection of a family paper.

3. Whenever our Sabbath Schools and Y. P. Societies are able to secure F. B. Literature, in S. S. Quarterlies and lesson sheets and hymn books, etc.,

we strongly recommend them to do so.

The report it was adopted. In considering it some of the brethren spoke of the necessity of a Book Room. It is hoped that one may soon be established, for the convenience of our churches, Sabbath Schools and Y. P. Societies.

Thanks were voted to Rev. F. C. Hartley for the annual sermon, and it was requested that it be printed in the INTELLIGENCER.

Voted that 3500 copies of the Minutes of Conference be printed for distribution to the churches.

Voted that the 500 copies of the hand book printed with the last, but remaining unbound, be bound—the number now for sale being nearly exhausted.

It was moved to change the time of holding Conference to the first Saturday in October in each year. Lost.

W. F. MISSION SOCIETY.—The W. F. M. Society, which had held a business meeting in the morning, held a public meeting at 3 p. m., on Monday, the Conference adjourning for an hour to give the Society the use of the church audience room. It was a meeting of much interest. It will be reported later in the department of this paper devoted to the society.

At 4.30 p. m. Conference resumed business. Rev. J. H. Erb read his paper on Christian Baptism. It was attentively listened to and was commended. The thanks of the Conference were voted to Bro. Erb, and he was requested to hand the paper to the INTELLIGENCER for publication.

Rev. C. T. Phillips presented the report of the committee on temperance:

BROTHER MODERATOR: The attitude of this Conference, since its organization, towards the liquor traffic has been one of persistent opposition, and that opposition grows more earnest and persistent with the passing of the years. Your committee can only reiterate and emphasize, in spirit, the resolutions of former years.

Since the Conference last met the Royal Commission appointed by the Parliament of Canada to ascertain if liquors were a blessing or a curse to the country has reported. The majority were evidently of the opinion that the traffic is, if not an unmitigated blessing, at least not an unmitigated curse, that it has a redeeming feature and that, on the whole it would not conduce to the welfare of the country, to have the traffic prohibited. A minority report was presented by a member of the Commission, who is, also, a member of this Conference. The minority report emphatically declared that the liquor traffic is an unmitigated curse, and that a prohibitory law should be enacted and can be enforced in this country. Your committee give to that report and to the gentlemen presenting it, their unqualified endorsement.

The committee on education, by Bro. W. J. Owens, presented a report recommending that something definite be done to place the educational work of the denomination on a better basis.

Rev. A. H. McLeod, for the committee on Absent Brethren, reported that seven ordained ministers—Revs. A. M. McIntosh, A. W. Currie, W. R. Read, J. D. Harvey, J. W. Carpenter, J. S. Jones and S. J. Perry, and one licentiate—F. A. Currier, were absent; and recommended that, as they were all absent for good cause, they be excused. It was, also, urged in the report that every member who finds himself unable to attend be required to write giving the reasons for non-attendance.

Adjourned.

MISSIONARY MEETING.—At 7.30 p. m., Conference reassembled. Hymn 849 was sung. Prayer by Rev. G. A. Hartley.

Rev. J. W. Clarke presented the report of the Ministers' Relief Fund Executive:

During the year the Executive has had occasion to give assistance in a few cases, to which their attention was called, to the amount of \$150.00. They are thankful that so few cases have occurred requiring aid, and they pray that it may continue thus. There remains in the Treasurer's hands \$121.71.

Rev. G. A. Hartley, Sec. Board of Managers, reported:

Your Board of Managers, in submitting another annual report, has to say that the business of the denomination entrusted to us has been carefully attended to.

1. The Treasurer's account will show how the funds are invested, the interest collected, and the appropriations of accrued interest paid. As this is the chief work of the Board, an examination of the accompanying account will give all needed information about the management of the finances.

2. Your Board is pleased to know that requests urged upon the churches in former reports regarding the liquidation of church debts, building parsonages, repairing, painting and generally clearing up church edifices, have been to some extent acted upon. Several pastorate, noticeably those of Millstream and Norton, have built fine, comfortable houses for homes for their pastors. We hope this work may continue until every pastorate shall have such a pastor's home, and all the church property be freed from debt. Among the churches that have been repaired and finished this year, special notice may be made of the beautiful house of worship at Grand Harbour, Grand Manan. It is a valuable accession to the church property of the

denomination, and reflects credit upon the whole band of workers at Grand Harbour.

3. It is with deep sorrow your Board has to report the death of one of our members. Bro. L. S. VanWart, who acted with us in the work of the Board one year ago, has been called to the better land. He was an interested and active member of your Board, and his surviving co-workers desire to place on record this expression of his true worth. The Conference will, of course, fill this vacancy by a judicious appointment.

[Following is a list of boards of trustees.]

The Treasurer of the Board of Managers, B. S. Palmer, presented the following report:

Securities Statement:
Invested on mortgages..... \$4936 00
Notes of hand..... 150 00
Deposited in D. S. Bank..... 37 53
Interest..... 335 16

\$5458 69

B. S. Palmer, Treasurer of B. of Managers in account with F. C. B. G. Conference:

1894. DR.

Oct. 15, Cash on hand last audit..... \$99 23
" by cash H. Hart, interest..... 36 00
" " T. O. DeWitt..... 3 00
" " G. W. Boyer..... 148 00
" principal..... 100 00
" by cash G. McLeod, M. R. F..... 106 00
Nov. 13, Withdrawn D. S. Bank, 1200 00

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1895. CR.

Nov. 16, To paid E. W. Slipp, F. M..... \$57 00
" " G. A. Hartley, H. M..... 27 00
" " G. McLeod, M. R. Fund..... 9 00
" 20, R. Crookshank, N. B..... 12 00
" Bible Society..... 50 00
Nov. 15, Invested on mortgages..... 1400 00
" 21, Deposited D. S. Bank..... 12 00
Treasurer's postage..... 45

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Cash on hand..... 134 28

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Woodstock, Oct. 7th, 1895

The Corresponding Secretary for Foreign Missions, Rev. Jos. McLeod, read his report. (It will be printed in another issue.)

The adoption of the report was moved by Rev. B. N. Nobles. He said the gospel is God's means of saving men. He might have chosen another way, for He has all power. But He has chosen this way; it is therefore the best way. Our business is to publish the gospel. "Go ye into all the world" etc., is the command to us. No matter what the difficulties; no matter whether people receive or refuse, our duty remains the same.

There is much to stimulate us to earnestness. The heathen are inquiring. Their interest is awakened; and by their talk of what they see and hear they spread the interest. Often they ask for missionaries to be sent to their villages. It is a Macedonian cry to which we must respond. They are ready, also, to help themselves. In China every native christian gives an average of 45 cts for the spread of the gospel; in Barmah an average of 55 cts; in Japan \$2.00. This means much. Christians here may learn lessons from them. We have reason to blush. God's promises concerning the work are encouraging; and His presence is with the workers. The gains of the christian religion are great, notwithstanding it is sometimes insinuated that christianity is declining.

Christianity is in the world to win. Joseph Cook says that christianity is now moving nineteen times faster than ever before in its history. It will cover the earth. Voltaire thought he was living in the twilight of christianity. He was, instead, living in its dawn. The gospel will have free course and be glorified. Let us be hopeful, confident and faithful, publishing the glad tidings abroad. Pray for it; pay for it. Paying for it is, perhaps, the hardest part. Mary's gift of spikenard Judas thought a waste. But her love moved her to make the offering; she could not do too much. So, when our love is great we will want to sacrifice for His sake whom we love. The year book of 1894 says that for Home and Foreign missions and Conference fund our resident members gave less than thirty cents per member. We are not doing what we might in this work. We must learn to esteem it a privilege to have part in God's plan of saving the world.

Rev. W. J. Halse, seconding the motion, said his heart was touched by the report. The Gospel is spreading and filling the earth. In this is the fulfilment of prophecy. The spread of the blessed word of life is no wonder, for "the mouth of the Lord hath spoken it." God has given us opportunity to send the good news. Who dare take the responsibility of not sending it? The Lord help us to take our place and do fully our part. There was a time, he said, when India seemed very far away. Now it is very near. Two years ago he bade good bye to his sister and her husband as they started for that heathen land; and their presence there has brought the country and the work very near. We should be anxious to do all we can to spread the Gospel. If we love our Lord, we surely want others to know and love Him. He said it is gratifying that we are improving in our contributions, so much so that there is this year a small surplus in the treasury. Let us make

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