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The strongest argument in favour of Christianity, says Dr. Steele, is the greatness of its achievements in the world.

The Board of missions of the Presbyterian church in Canada have received information from their missionaries in Honan that Roman Catholic missionaries are proselytizing the converts of the Presbyterian mission, and have succeeded in a few instances.

The presence of Mrs. Boyer at the League Convention was very much appreciated by the young people and all others. Her description of the work in India, the difficulties and the successes attending it was listened to with much interest, and evidently impressed all.

The question of admitting women as members of the General Conference is to be again voted on in the Fall sessions of the annual Conferences of the Methodist Episcopal church throughout the world. It is thought probable that the voting will result in the admission of women.

Sir William Dawson, ex-Principal of McGill College, Montreal, and honored as one of the foremost scientific investigators of his time, speaking of the relation of the Bible to the utterances of certain scientists, says: "The observation and study of fifty years have shown me the rise and fall of several systems of philosophy and criticism, and the word of God still abides."

A truth which is not as generally appreciated as it needs to be is that "a church that is not aggressive is really a dying or dead church." If it is not seeking to plant and build up other churches, it will have a struggle for its own life. The same is true of individuals. A Christian that is not trying to make and build up other Christians is a dying and dead Christian that needs to be converted anew to the gospel of Jesus Christ.

There is in England a 'Chris-tian Evidence Society." One of its objects is to answer questions, explaining difficulties which occur to Bible readers. A recent case of appeal for help out of a difficulty shows that there is really some thing for the Society to do. One man, evidently a good man, was troubled about the ark. He stated his case thus: "I do not like to refuse to believe in its size, or its build, or in the number of animals it contained. That is all quite conceivable, and doubtless correct. But when I am asked to believe that the children of Israel carried it about for forty years in the wilderness, well, my faith breaks down."

When he was told about the two different kinds of ark, and shown pictures of them, he was satisfied and his faith was fully established—for the present at least.

Sometimes a church wants to get rid of a preacher for no other reason than that he preaches the plain, straight truth. He may be most painstaking and diligent in all his work, self-sacrificing and earnest—but his preaching disturbs certain people, they flinch under his presentation of truth. The preaching must be made to suit them. If the preacher will not modify his beliefs and teachings to order, one must be found who can and will do so. The *Interior*, a good Presbyterian paper, has a word of advice to churches that may be tempted to fill the pulpit to suit those who desire an emasculated gospel. It says:

If you have a preacher who is not afraid to tell you the truth, hold on to him. That one quality has more in it for you than if he had all the facets of a diamond, all the stars of the Pleiades, all the sweetness of a spring morning. What we need most of all in this world is the exact truth of God concerning ourselves.

Hon. Carroll D. Wright the chief of the United States Labour Commission, is the leading investigator of social problems in that country. In the following statement he is not speaking as a temperance advocate, but as a social reformer who has made most careful investigations He says:

"I have looked into a thousand homes of the working people of Europe; I do not know how many in this country. I have tried to find the best and the worst. And while, as I say, I am aware that the worst exist, and as bad as under any system or as bad as in any age, I have never had to look beyond the inmates to find the cause; and in every case, so far as my own observation goes, drunkenness was at the bottom of the misery, and not the industrial system or the industrial conditions surrounding the men and their families."

Archbishop Langevin has been talking about the Manitoba schools question. He does not think that the success of the Liberal party means the defeat of the remedial legislation project. Of the mandement of the bishops, which he claims had a most patriotic, and from a religious point of view, a most desirable aim, he says:

"By calling upon the electors to vote only for candidates who would promise to support in Parliament, legislation which would restore to the Catholics of Manitoba the separate schools guaranteed to them by the constitution of the country, they desired to obtain that Catholic Quebec should send to the House at Ottawa a phalanx of members determined to exact from the victorious leader, Laurier or Tupper, a federal remedial measure, giving 'full satisfaction' to the Catholic minority, and settling the question for all time."

He says that many Liberal members made this promise, declaring that they would do even more and "generally' the Liberals, just as much as the Conservatives made use of the collective mandement to obtain popular support."

He adds that those who think Quebec, by giving Mr. Laurier a majority, went against the bishops' make a mistake; and that if the Liberals do not do their duty to their Manitoba brethren the Quebec voters who gave them power will take it away from them.

The late Bishop Coxe, of the Protestant Episcopal church in the United States, was the son of a Presbyterian minister, Dr. S. H. Cox. The father was a Presbyterian of the most robust kind, and while a little proud of his son's ability, never quite enjoyed his having become an Episcopalian. He also objected to his having added a letter to the family name, spelling it Coxe. Several stories are told of father and son, among them these two:

On one occasion the father, was visiting a friend. Opening a letter from his son at the breakfast table he read the concluding sentence aloud, in this wise: "And now, my dear honored father, hoping I may some day receive you in the bosom of the one true apostolic mother Church of God, I am your affectionate son Arthur." Upon which Dr. Cox *pere* exclaimed—"The little whipper-snapper!—to address his old father in that way—he who was rocked in a Presbyterian cradle and took in Presbyterianism with his mother's milk; what an impertinent youngster?"

The other incident related to the son's marriage. He said to his father: "Father, I am going to be married, as you know; I am sorry I cannot invite you to marry us, for though I love and honor you as my parent I cannot recognize you as a lawful minister of the Gospel, and have therefore asked the bishop to perform the ceremony." "Thereupon," said Dr. Cox, "I looked him square in the eyes, and then raising my hands exclaimed with deliberation, 'May God forgive me for having begotten such a foolish boy!'"

On another page is a notice of the Free Baptist Pastors' Correspondence School, established two or three years ago in connection with Cobb Divinity School. Brethren who have undertaken this course of home study have derived much advantage from it. There are ministers in the Provinces who, unable to leave their work to attend school, would receive great help from this plan of study; and we hope some of them may join the classes this year. Dr. Summerbell will gladly furnish any with all the information required.

Dr. Hayes, one of the Professors in Cobb Divinity School, writing of the Correspondence studies says,—"It gives them (the pastors who need it) an opportunity to learn how to grow, and to keep growing. Pastors who have never known how to extract and assimilate the knowledge in a good book can be taught how to do this without suspending their pastoral work, indeed having their preaching grow better all the time, and without the expense of leaving home. It is like having the professor come into ones house each week, hear and correct the week's lessons, show what more, if any thing, is to be learned about them, assign the lessons for another week and show how they are to be learned. Probably no other kind of institution offers so much in proportion to the outlay required, when the saving it allows is considered. Yet it cannot offer all the advantages that flow from daily personal contact with a faculty of sympathetic teachers, and a group of students all enthusiastically investigating the same subjects, and it is commended only to those who cannot leave home to secure the e advantages."

The League.

In every respect the annual meeting of the Free Baptist Young People's League was a success. The attendance was large—larger than at either of the previous meeting; the reports from the Secieties were encouraging; the papers read were good; the discussions during the session were practical; the devotional spirit in all the meetings was most marked and encouraging; and the earnest spirit and purpose of the members give promise of still better things by our organized young people.

The League is only two years old. To the question, asked by some when it was proposed to organize the League. "Where are the young people to make it a success?" Nobody was able to answer more than, "Well, we must try to get them together; then we will know what we have, and what they can do." The attempt has justified itself, and more. No one who attended the League meeting last week can any longer have doubt or uncertainty about the wisdom of the movement, If there are some who are yet indifferent they would, we think, be converted to enthusiastic support of the movement by attendance at one session such as that just held. Bro. Phillips confessed his half-hearted interest in the work till he attended the meeting for organization two years ago. He wanted the Young People's movement to succeed gave it his sympathy, and bade it God speed; but was too busy, he thought to acquaint himself particularly with the details of its organization and work. Attendance at the first League meeting changed him, he says, into an earnest champion of the movement. And he advises societies and others interested to make earnest effort to get luke warm ministers to attend the League session.

The bright earnest young men and women at the Convention represented a thousand young people of like spirit and purpose, who are devoting themselves, not only as individual christians, but in organized activities to the extension of Christ's Kingdom. And what they have done is but the beginning of promise of great things they are sure to do.

The societies are training schools for the young who in them are being taught and equipped for the most efficient service in the various departments of christian work in later years. This movement deserves the hearty sympathy and the practical help of all who are concerned for the prosperity of our Zion.

Rev. John G. McKenzie.

Another of the old ministers has finished his course, and passed to his eternal rest and reward. Rev. John G. McKenzie died on Tuesday, 4th inst. The illness preceding his death was of only a few days duration; he was walking about the day before he died. While for several years his health had been far from good, he continued to busy himself in the affairs of the Kingdom of Christ, anxious to be found in active service when the summons home should come. Since last fall he had been in charge of the churches composing the Ruslagornish pastorate, and rarely missed an appointment. A few days before his death, not feeling very well, he went to the home of his daughter, Mrs. David T. Hartt, at Fredericton Junction. And there he died. Mrs. McKenzie, the loved companion of many years, preceded him to the home on high a little more than a year ago. Four sons and four daughters survive him, all of whom are christians. In their bereavement they will have the sympathy of all who knew and loved their father, they will have, also, the precious memory of his good life, his loving teachings and safe example.

The funeral, on the 5th inst, took place at Jerusalem, Q. Co., which had been his home for many years. The funeral service was conducted by Rev. G. W. Foster, who preached an appropriate sermon from 2 Timothy 4: 7-8. Revs. T. O. DeWitt, O. N. Mott and J. W. Clarke were present and took part in the service.

We regret that we have not at hand the data necessary in the preparation of a full and fitting record of the life and labours of our departed brother. Perhaps some one will furnish a fuller record later.

He was nearly seventy-two years old. He was converted when quite a young man, and was baptized by the late Rev. W. E. Pennington. He was ordained to the ministry Oct 5th, 1856, at Greenwick, K. Co.; Rev. Thos. Connor was ordained at the same time.

Rev. G. W. Foster writes: "He preached the word, was instant in season and out of season, was sound in doctrine, endured afflictions, did the work of an evangelist, made full proof of his ministry. He was the minister of consolation to many sorrowing ones, and won many to Jesus. His family, the Jerusalem church of which he was a member, and our beloved denomination have sustained a loss that all deeply feel. He was loyal to the denomination he loved; its joys were his, and equally its struggles and sorrows were his. He died in the faith of Jesus; when the end came he could say, 'I have fought a good fight, I have finished my course, I have kept the faith; henceforth there is laid up for me a crown of righteousness.' In Jerusalem, where he has resided many years, he was highly respected by the whole community."

During the forty years he was in the ministry he was faithful to Him who had called him to preach the Gospel. His ministerial service was confined, almost exclusively, to Kings, Queens and Sunbury Counties. In the churches in these counties he was well known and much beloved. In his earlier years he did a good deal of evangelistic work, and was much blessed in it, many being converted and added to the churches. Many of the older members of our churches will recall the years when, in his prime, he was abundant in labours and preached with great power. And they, with many who are younger, as all his brethren in the ministry, will mourn that they will see him no more on earth.

The pains of death are past;
Labour and sorrow cease;
And, life's long warfare closed at last,
His soul is found in peace.

Soldier of Christ, well done;
Praise be thy new employ;
And, while eternal ages run,
Rest in thy Saviour's joy.

The Young People's League.

The annual meeting of the Free Baptist Young People's Provincial League was held at Mouth Keswick, York Co., beginning Tuesday evening, Aug. 4th, and closing Thursday evening, Aug. 6th. There was a large attendance of representatives of societies, besides many visitors....The first meeting was a welcome meeting. Rev. J. B. Daggett presided, until the arrival of the President, Prof. S. J. Case. The scripture lesson was read by Rev. C. T. Phillips, and prayer offered by Rev. G. A. Hartley. An address of welcome on behalf of the church was made by the pastor, bro. W. C. Keirstead; and on behalf of the local C. E. society by the President, bro. Walter Williams. These brethren spoke earnestly, assuring all of a very hearty welcome to the community. Responses were made by the President of the League, S. J. Case, by the Corresponding Secretary, Rev. J. B. Daggett, and Revs. G. A. Hartley and C. T. Phillips....Announcements of meetings for the next day were made, and the meeting closed with the benediction by Rev. J. T. Parsons.

Wednesday.—The day began with a praise and prayer meeting at 9.30 a. m., led by bro. Sanford Pond. It was a most blessed meeting.

At 10.30 the first business meeting was opened. Prayer by Rev. F. C. Hartley....Enrolment of delegates, and roll call....Rev. Dr. McLeod, on behalf of committee to draft bye-laws, rules of order, and order of business, presented a report. It was considered section by section, and adopted. It was voted the Constitution, as amended at last annual session, be published in the minutes of the Secretary with the bye-laws, etc., just adopted. They are as follows:

CONSTITUTION.

1. The name of this organization shall be the Free Baptist Young People's Provincial League.

2. The object of the League is to promote the mutual acquaintance of Free Baptist young people in the Province, to develope their spiritual life, and to secure their most effective co-opertion in the christian work of the denomination.

3. The League shall be composed of its own officers and properly certified delegates from all F. C. Baptist young people's societies in N. B., and such others as shall be provided for in the following section.

4. The representation of the societies shall be on the following basis: The President and Corresponding Secretary of each society; the pastor of the church in connection with which the society is, he being a member of the society; and one representative for each ten active members or fraction thereof.

All ministers, ordained or licensed, not being members of societies, may become members of the League by paying an annual fee of one dollar each.

5. The officers shall be—a President, seven Vice Presidents (one for each District), Corresponding Secretary, Treasurer and Recording Secretary.

6. The executive shall be composed of the officers of the League. Five shall be a quorum.

7. The Vice Presidents shall be the representatives of the League in their respective Districts, and will be expected to exercise a superintendence of this work, seek to establish new societies where needed, and co-operate with the President and Cor. Secretary in promoting the work of the League.

8. The Executive shall arrange programmes for the annual meetings, and transact such business as is necessary, between sessions of the League.

9. The Cor. Secretary shall keep on hand constitutions, cards, etc., necessary in the organization of societies, and conduct correspondence with the societies.

10. There shall be held an annual meeting of the League, the time and place to be designated by the Executive, when not determined by the League.

BYE LAWS.

1. This League shall hold one session annually, to commence on such day and to continue such time as shall be determined by the League, or, when the League requires it, by the Executive.

2. Twelve members of the League shall constitute a quorum.

3. The first half hour, at least, of each meeting during the annual session of the League shall be devoted to praise and prayer.

4. The following committees shall be appointed at the first business meeting of the session:—(1) Devotional, (2) Reports of societies, (3) Resolutions, (4) Correspondence, (5) Nomination of officers.

5. The election of officers shall take place at the first meeting of the last day of the session.

6. The new officers shall take their several positions at the next meeting following their election.

7. At each session of the League there shall be an enrolment book, which shall be signed by each member present, and may be signed by visitors who are members of F. B. Young People's Societies or churches, by F. B. ministers, and fraternal delegates and visitors.

RULES OF ORDER.

The Rules of Order governing the General Conference shall be the Rules of Order of this League—the word President being substituted for Moderator, and the word League for Conference. (See Hand Book, pp. 36 39.

1. Devotions.
2. Roll-call.
3. Reading minutes.
4. Reports of Societies.
5. Reports of committees—(a) appointed at last session, (b) appointed at the present session.
6. Introduction of representatives of other societies.
7. Reading of papers prepared for the session.. and discussion thereon.
8. Unfinished and new business.

Reports from societies were received. Hearing these reports was an interesting part of the meeting. They were referred to a committee, composed of L. A. Fenwick, F. C. Hartley, Miss Robinson and Sanford Pond to summarize their contents.....Adjourned. Benediction by Rev. G. F. Currie.

At 2 p. m. devotional meeting, led by Rev. W. R. Reud. Business was resumed at 2.30 p. m. Prayer by Rev. J. T. Parsons, Rev. J. B. Daggett, who had been appointed to attend the Y. P. League of Maine, explained that he had been unable to attend; he had, however, sent a fraternal letter, to which a reply was received. Rev. G. A. Hartley, who represented the League at N. S. Young People's Union, reported as follows.

Bro. President, Your delegate appointed by this League, at its last Annual Session, to represent you, and to bear your faternal greetings to the Free Baptist Young People's Union of Nova Scotia, has much pleasure in reporting that he greatly enjoyed the performance of that pleasant duty.

At no service in connection with the yearly meetings of our brethren of the sister province, did your Delegate feel more at home, or more heartily enjoy himself, than at the Annual meeting of the Young People's Union. They met at Port La, Tour, at the time of the meeting of the N. S. General Conference, in September last.

As yet, the Young People's Union of Nova Scotia, does not hold an independent Convention, as we do in New Brunswick. They meet at the time and place of holding the yearly meeting, and the Annual meetings of their other Societies. The meeting last year was good, real good, full of inspiration. One of those meetings in which young hearts could effervesce without pumping. Much interest was manifested when your delegate reported the doings of this League. They rejoiced in our prosperity.

They, in that meeting, reported having 16 Societies, with 590 members they also reported more to follow. By this time, I doubt not, they have fully 20 Societies. Your delegate invited the Union to appoint a Corresponding delegate to meet with us in this convention. Had our meeting been held in connection with our General Conference they would have done so.

Your Delegate hopes, that should there be no other representative from the N. S. Union, an official letter may reach us.

It was resolved that the League send a delegate to the N. S. Union this year....The President appointed the following nominating committee,—Revs. G. A. Hartley, C. T. Phillips and Dr. McLeod, Miss Savage and Miss Kelly..... The summarizing Committee by Rev. F. C. Hartley, reported as follows:

We find that 19 Societies have reported. 17 of these Societies are represented by delegates: On comparing the reports with those of last year we find that nine Societies, namely, Fenwick, Fair Haven, Oromocto Cumming's Cove, Rusigornish, North Head, North End (St. John), Cross Creek, and Snider Mt. has not reported this year. Some of these societies are known to be active, and no reason can be furnished for their failure to report.

Nine Societies, namely, Grand Harbour, Dover, Blissville, South Wakefield, Upper Hainsville Southampton, Lincoln, Beechwood and Bear Island, not reporting by letter last year, have sent reports this year. Seven of these societies were organized during the year.

2. The membership of the societies reporting its Active members, 665; Associate members, 245; Total, 910. As compared with last year there is in the members reports a decrease as follows—Active 77 Associate 34 Total 111. The societies reporting show an increase in membership over last year of 199.

3. There have been added to the active membership from the Associate members in the societies reporting, 53.

4. As far as reported $688,23 has been raised during the year. Of this $113 00 was for missions. $306.60 for Orphanage $268.63 for Church and Society purposes. Last year the amount report was 791.96.

The report was considered and adopted.

The report of the Treasurer of the Orphanage Fund, bro. W. O. Slipp, was presented. The amount now on hand is $688 23.

The evening meeting began at 7.30. Singing, scripture lesson by Dr. McLeod, prayer by Rev. J. N. Barnes Rev. C. T. Phillips preached a helpful sermon on "Growth in Grace." Following the sermon was an an interesting address on the India mission work by Mrs. Boyer. This was a most excellent meeting.

Thursday. — Devotional meeting at 9.30 a. m., led by bro. T. A. Lindsay. Business began at 10 a. m. Prayer by Rev. J. N. Barnes. Minutes read....The nominating committee presented the following:

To be officers for the year,—President, Prof. S. J. Case; Vice Presidents, 1st. Dis., A. A. Hartley; 2nd Dis., Miss D. A. VanWart; 3rd Dis., Miss J. F. Robinson; 4th Dis., Miss Dora Mersereau; 6th Dis., James McCready: 7th Dis., Miss Edna I. Daggett. Corres. Sec., Rev. J. B. Daggett; Treas., T. A. Alexander; Rec. Sec., Fred White; Assist. Rec. Sec., Miss Phebe Boyer; Auditor, Allen Rideout. Delegate to N. S. Y. P. Union, Rev. Dr. McLeod.

The report was adopted....Rev. E. O. Steeves (Baptist) was invited to a seat in the League....Voted that the expenses incurred by the Cor. Sec. in connection with the Orphanage Fund be a charge against the ordinary funds of League....The Treasurer's report was referred to the Auditor....On motion the Vice Presidents were instructed to ascertain at the earliest date, either by visit or otherwise, the reasons for the failure of societies in their respective Districts failing to report, and to give encouragement and help to weak societies....On motion Mrs. Boyer was made an honorary member of the League....A very cordial invitation from the Woodstock society, presented by bro. T. A. Lindsay, to the League to hold the next annual session in that town, was accepted....*Resolved*, That the societies be requested to appoint their delegates in time to forward their names to the Corres. Sec. of the society with which the annual session is to be held at least two weeks before the session....The President appointed the following committee on resolutions: W. C. Keirstead, Gertie Hartley, Miss Harris, Kate Phillips and Mrs. Boyer....The Auditor reported that he had examined the books and vouchers of the Treasurer and found them correct....*Resolved*. That the week beginning with Thanksgiving Day be observed by the societies as a week of special prayer and self-denial....A committee was appointed to arrange the programme for the next annual session. ....The committee on resolutions, by Miss Gertie Hartley, presented a resolution of thanks to the society, pastor, church and people of Keswick for their hearty hospirality.

At 2 p. m. a devotional meeting was led by Miss Robinson. At 2.30 business was resumed. The committee on resolutions, by Miss Phillips, presented the following:

1. Resolved that we recognize the good hand of God in the organization of this League of Y. P. Societies and with profound gratitude we acknowledge the great blessing he has given the societies in this great work we have undertaken.

2. We believe the undertaking of the League in behalf of the India Orphanage, was of the will of God and