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To those subscribers who

are in arrears—and we are sorry to have to say that their number is large—we wish to say that they can lighten the INTELLIGENCER's burdens very much by sending what they owe at once. It has been a hard year; not that we have had fewer subscribers, but the payments of many have been slower than usual. Printers paper-makers and other people, have to be paid promptly. To meet these bills we are dependent on our subscribers. Will every one who owes anything do us the kindness to send it? The date on the address label shows how the subscriber stands. A remittance within a week will greatly oblige us. THE MONEY IS NEEDED AT ONCE. Do not delay sending it.

Principles, of themselves, are powerless. They must be applied before they can do good.

Bishop Janes said, "God and I will have a revival." That was not presumption, but the confidence of faith. So let every preacher of the Gospel believe and do.

Because there are few at the prayer-meeting do not spoil it by scolding about the absentees. Remember the promise to the "two or three" who meet in Jesus name, and rejoice in His presence.

Mrs. Ballington Booth says there is no ground for the report that the Salvation Army and the Volunteers will unite. There is, she says, no personal feeling keeping them apart, but a difference in their methods.

A Lutheran church in New York state, has gone slightly ahead of those churches which resort to lotteries, grab-bags, prize quilts and the like to raise money for church purposes. It secured the services of Fitzsimmons, the pugilist, to exhibit himself and make a speech at a church entertainment. The scheme drew a crowd, and the church funds were greatly increased. Are some good church people shocked that a church should resort to such means to raise money? It is really not worse than, but of the same character as, the lotteries and like things which are so often employed.

To have one Sunday in the year set apart as Temperance Sunday is being favoured both in England and on this continent. Four Methodist conferences in Ontario and Quebec, and the Baptist conventions in the same Provinces and in Manitoba have endorsed Nov. 28th as temperance day. It would be a good thing if the same day were observed throughout Canada. To have the whole church giving special consideration to this most important question on the same day, and uniting in supplications for the divine direction and blessing in the warfare against the awful rum power, would have a stimulating effect.

Some one has said that the plan of foreign missions is, first, to send out living men and women, the best and the best educated that can be found, to teach, and preach, and live the gospel. Second, to equip them, just as mercantile agents and explorers are equipped, for the new climate and conditions in which they have to live, and to furnish them as far as possible with the strongest weapons of civilization—the printing press, the school, the hospital. Third, to draw into the work as rapidly as possible an army of native workers, that the church in every land may belong to the people of that land, and embody the Christ

life in their own forms of thought and speech. Fourth, to administer the enterprise on sound business principles."

After Conference Notes.

The weather was all that could be desired. There was no "Conference rain," unless the shower Tuesday night, which interfered with nobody, is counted.

The attendance of members was not as large as some years. Nor were there as many visitors, as sometimes when the Conference is in a country district.

The devotional meetings were interesting. The preaching was good, and must have made lasting impressions on many minds.

The Conference was well cared for, as it always is. The location of the next annual session is in the hands of the Executive. The delay in locating is to give time to decide between two or three places, to either of which it might go.

The report of the Woman's Mission Society's annual meeting will appear in the department devoted to that Society. The annual meeting was made more than usually interesting by the presence of two ladies representing the F. B. W. M. Society of the United States—Miss DeMeritte, Treasurer of the Society, and Mrs. Whitcomb, editor of The Missionary Helper. The sisters enjoyed them very much.

One minister Rev. W. J. Halse, asked for and received dismission from the Conference. He stated to the Conference that his mind had been undergoing some change regarding certain doctrines. Among the points he mentioned were communion and foreordination. He has, he said, come to doubt whether or not immersed believers should sit at the Lord's table; and the fact of God's foreknowledge suggests to him a divinely arranged plan of events, and that here is a fixed law which men cannot pass. He intends to become pastor of a Baptist church, probably has already done so. We all wish he may be useful in his new church relations.

Rev. John A. Robertson, a former member of the Conference, who has been several years in Boston, part of the time pastor of a church there, has come back to the Province. He was at the Conference, and applied for and was received to membership. The brethren gave bro. Robertson a very hearty welcome.

The visit of Prof. Anthony, of Cobb Divinity School, was appreciated. It was his first visit to the Province. The many friends he made hope he may come again soon, and come often. His sermon Sunday evening was an admirable presentation of truth, and all his addresses were clear and impressive. He made a fine impression on the Conference, not only for himself, but, also, for the Divinity School. Rev. F. G. Francis, also was given a warm welcome.

Notes on Current Events.

The Minister of Railways made a trip of inspection over the Canada Eastern Railway last week. This, of course, revives the belief that the C. E. may soon become a part of the government system of railways.

It is intimated that at the great W. C. T. U. meeting which convenes in Toronto there will be an attempt to remove Lady Somerset from office because of the position she took on the social evil question in India.

The Governor General and Lady Aberdeen have been visiting several places in the Maritime Provinces. They arrived in St. John Friday morning, and remained, the guests of the city till Saturday afternoon, when they went to St. Andrews. Lady Aberdeen has not abandoned her Victorian Order of Nurses scheme, and a public meeting in its interest was held Friday evening.

Maldstone, Eng., a shiretown of 30,000 people, in the centre of the hop-growing industry, is suffering from a serious epidemic of typhoid fever. It broke out within a fortnight of the arrival of the hop pickers who, in this busy season, are "housed like hogs," and exposed to other unsanitary conditions. It has been found that 96 per cent. of the 1,300 cases already reported are traceable to a single water supply—and this "coming from the fields where a squalid host of hop pickers from the London slums encamped a month ago." Many of the victims of the disease are from the higher class of citizens. Repeated efforts have been made to induce the employers in this industry to afford their transient employees the ordinary decencies of living; but they have laughed at the sort of "sentimentalism." The abuse will, probably, now be corrected.

The India famine is ended. The rains have been general and abundant, and assure a good crop from the autumn sowing. The government of India has fed several millions of people for a continuous period of more than six months, but is now lending the farmers money on the security of their future crops, without interest, in order to assist them in agriculture. The wretched condition of the starving multitudes touched the hearts of millions of persons, and substantial contributions toward the relief of the suffering were received from nearly every quarter of the globe. A famine is one of the things that breaks down all barriers and "makes mankind akin."

Charles A. Dana, editor of the New York Sun, is dead. He died on Sunday having been in failing health for several months.

It is intimated that Spain may soon give up the struggle in Cuba, and grant the independence of the island on terms satisfactory to the Cubans. Of course Spain would hold on if she could, but her desperate financial condition has led her to see the inevitable, and after a certain season of delay in deference to public opinion, will yield to Cuba all that she asks.

The Anglicans of Toronto having declared in favor of sectarian teaching in the public schools, the Baptists are protesting against it. They are preparing a strong memorial against it, to be presented to the Provincial government.

The burning of Windsor, N. S., on Sunday, was one of the most serious fires which have occurred in the Maritime Provinces for a long time. The town is almost obliterated. A calamity of any time, it seems a more serious one because occurring as the winter is at the door. There needs to be, and, of course, will be a generous response to the call for help to meet the immediate sufferings of the many who have lost all.

Home Religious News.

—Rev. J. B. Champion has tendered his resignation as pastor of the Sussex Baptist church.

—Failing health has compelled Rev. W. E. Hall, pastor of the Tabernacle Baptist church, Halifax, to resign.

—Evangelist Gale is to hold a series of meetings in Carleton, St. John, beginning Nov. 1st. The meetings will be in the City Hall.

—Two young men—H. C. Archer and Miles Trafton—were ordained to the ministry of the Reformed Baptist church, in St. John, last Sunday evening.

—The fourteenth annual convention of the Sunday School Association of New Brunswick is in session in St. John this week—Tuesday, Wednesday and Thursday.

—Rev. Dr. Carman, General Superintendent of the Methodist church in Canada, has been appointed by the Mission Board to go to Japan to assist in matters of administration there, and to be present at Japan Conference in June, 1898.

AN OMISSION.—In the report of the Corresponding Secretary of Conference as printed last week, the pastorate of Rev. G. Swin in the Sixth District was omitted. It is in the report presented to Conference thus: Rev. G. Swin: Petitediac, Cornhill, Lower Ridge, Portage, Graves Settlement.

MR. MOODY has been addressing large congregations in Montreal, Ottawa and Quebec. The aim of his teaching was to arouse the church to greater zeal in Christian work.

ACADIA.—Thursday was a high day at Acadia University. Dr. Trotter was duly installed as President.

CORNER STONE.—The corner-stone of the Free Baptist church in Roxbury Boston, was laid on the 6th inst., with appropriate ceremonies.

POLITICAL NEWS.—A banquet was given Hon. A. G. Blair, in St. John, last week.

Premier Peters of the P. E. Island government is about to resign. He is to form a law partnership with Sir C. H. Tupper. They will practise in British Columbia.

MR. W. A. Grenier, who was convicted of libelling Mr. Tarte has been sentenced to six months imprisonment in jail.

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ent stations; and that the various branches of the work have been carefully looked after. The report shows some reasons for joy and others for sorrow. The low death rate among the church members, the good health of the missionaries, prosperity, and real progress of some of the churches, especially in the long strides toward self-support, &c. Again it is sadly evident that the workers are far too few and that through the lack of means at the disposal of the missionaries the facilities for carrying on the work altogether too insufficient.

Thirty-three years ago at the General Conference then convened in this city the Free Baptists of this Province formally committed themselves to Foreign Mission work, and joyfully undertook the support of a missionary in India. Since then throughout all those years this good work has to a large extent engaged our interests and each year we have endeavored to do something toward advancing the cause. But it is sadly evident that at no time have we come up to the full measure of our responsibility in this matter. So much have we lacked in this that we fear the Master cannot say of us "They did what they could."

For the year just closed we have not much to report. We have no representative in the Foreign Field, nor have we given support to any station or native worker. The usual amount of money has not been contributed this year. There being a falling off of about \$200.00 from that of last year.

We wish to put on record our appreciation of the grand work which has been done, and is being done by our sisters of the Women's Foreign Mission Society and rejoice with them in their prosperity and success. We would also recognize with thanksgiving the interest taken in Missions by the Young Peoples Provincial League. Venturing at the same time to express the hope that ere long, they may have the privilege to support, of themselves a Missionary in the Foreign Field.

The prayer of this Conference, as well as all the churches here represented should now be that God would call men from our own midst to do work in India. "Pray ye the Lord of the harvest that he may send forth labourers" is what Christ taught us to do. Brethren, the time has come when we should stop playing at Missions and consecrate our lives and our substance to the advancement of God's cause. Notice these facts.

1st. We have the men. We may not be able to say why no man has been forth coming and saying to us "here am I send me to India, but we know that it is not because of the lack of men well qualified for the work. Here in our midst standing today are men, young men strong in body and stronger in intellect, well equipped by education &c., for the work in the Foreign Field.

2nd. We have the means.—We may not be able to get the money, men of means may refuse to contribute of their substance to this work. They may dare to withhold from God His money, and rob Him of that which is His due, but in any case it will not be because of our poverty that no Missionaries go out from our midst.

3rd. We have the opportunities.—We have the cry come over and help us. We may see the hand of God opening doors, removing barriers more and more as the years pass until now nearly all the world is open to missionaries. With both eyes and ears we see and hear of opportunities to do work, no person can read carefully the report from our own Mission without seeing that the most prominent and impressive feature is lack of possibility to enter all the doors that open. Brethren there are over 3,000,000 souls looking to the Free Baptists of America for the Gospel, and many of them are hungering for the truth.

"Truly the harvest is plenteous but the labourers are few." Look on the fields all white and ready for the harvest.

Oh, where are the reapers, Oh who will come? To share in the glory of the harvest—home

Oh, who will help us to garner in, The sheaves of good from the fields of sin?

Fredericton, Oct. 11th, 1897.

The adoption of the report was moved by Rev. W. C. Keirstead, who made a thoughtful and earnest speech. He regretted that the report had come on at so late an hour, and feared it would not receive the consideration it deserved. The church, he said, is recognizing the common origin of man, and that Christ died for all. He told of the rise and progress of modern missions. He mentioned his attendance at the Northfield Conference last Summer, and of the Round Top Meetings, and of the inspiration of the associations and addresses. Our need as a denomination, he said, is obedience—full and all-round consecration. He urged young Christians to listen to the voice of God, and gladly obey, wherever He sends. Christian parents should be willing to give their children to the Lord's work anywhere. Missionaries would be greatly multiplied if the church would provide money to send those who are willing to go. Pastors need not only to ask their people to pay, but to be examples to their flocks. The churches and individuals that obey God will be blessed.

Rev. D. Patterson, seconding the motion to adopt, spoke of there being but one field in God's sight. Wherever the needy and lost are there is work for Christians to do. Failing to do it they must suffer weakness and barrenness. God calls us all to have part in the blessed work of evangelizing the world. Let us obey His call. He

spoke, also, of the power of consecrated money, and earnestly exhorted to larger and better service.

The report was adopted.

The Treasurer for Foreign Missions, bro. E. W. Shipp, presented a report as follows:

Due Treas. Oct. 5th, 1896. \$180 22
Expenses Executive meeting. 5 75
Interest. 3 50

Receipts during the year. 189 47
Bal. in Treasury. \$311 24
Adjourned.

TUESDAY.—Conference met at 8 45 a. m. Half hour prayer meeting, led by bro. Stirling. At 9.15 the Moderator took the chair. "All hail &c" was sung. Prayer by Rev. G. A. Hartley. Roll call. Minutes read. The report of the committee on Absent Brethren was presented by Rev. S. J. Perry, as follows:

1. Ten ministers are absent—7 ordained and 3 licentiates.
2. We recommend that Revs. T. Connor, J. S. Jones and C. F. Rideout be excused on account of age and infirmities.
3. That Revs. J. H. Erb, W. H. Reud, and A. H. McLeod be excused on account of being necessarily out of the Province.
4. That Rev. I. D. Harvey, for the reasons given by him, be excused.
5. The Licentiates S. J. Case, M. A., and L. A. Fenwick be excused.
6. That brethren J. H. Erb, A. H. McLeod, W. R. Reud, S. J. Case, and L. A. Fenwick sent greetings to the Conference. Your committee thinks that any brother who cannot be present should send a reason.

Report adopted.
The Treasurer of General Conference, bro. James Patterson, presented his report:

Balance on hand Oct. 1896. \$ 621 78
Received during the year. 645 99

Total receipts. \$1,267 77
Expenditures. 510 53

Balance on hand. \$ 757 24
[The itemized statement is omitted.]

BOARD OF MANAGERS' REPORT.
Rev. G. A. Hartley presented the report of the Board of Managers:

Your Board of Managers in presenting another Annual Report is pleased to say that the property under the control of the Board, and the monetary business of the Conference entrusted to us, have been attended to with usual care. So far as is known, all the boards of local trustees have been careful and true to their trusts.
2. It is gratifying to report that each year new and substantial church edifices are built and old ones rebuilt, so that now nearly all our churches throughout the whole denominational vineyard, are in the enjoyment of commodious and comfortable houses in which to worship. Good parsonages have been erected in several parishes quite recently, while others of our churches are building or preparing to build like good homes for the comfort of their pastors and families. It is very desirable that every church or pastorate in the denomination shall own a good home for the minister. It is also desirable that all church property be free from encumbrances and kept well insured. A year ago your Board gave notice, as instructed, to S. R. Hayden that the money for his matured mortgage was needed. The money was promptly paid and the mortgage discharged.

3. The interest due on other securities has been nearly all paid.
4. All payments due from the Board have been made, as will be shown by the Treasurer's account.

5. After careful consideration your Board has decided to recommend this Conference to drop from the assets in our accounts, the note of Rev. G. W. McDonald.

6. Your Board has pleasure in stating that, the Executive of Conference, acting on Resolution 44 of last year's Conference, has made satisfactory and final arrangement and settlement with the late President of the Union Baptist Education Society, paying that gentleman fifteen hundred dollars, the full share of the amount due him from the F. C. Baptists. Of this amount one thousand dollars were drawn from the Treasurer of this Board, the remaining five hundred dollars being freely contributed by our churches. While in our corporate capacity we were not responsible for any amount due any creditor of the late Union Baptist Education Society, yet feeling the weight of the moral responsibility for our share—one third—of the amount due the late President, your Board feels that every true Free Baptist feels better, and is better for this act of honorable payment. We sincerely wish an equally satisfactory settlement could be made with every creditor of that unfortunate institution.

7. Your Board has not yet carried out the intention of Resolution 45 of last year, in the matter of the payment of \$200.00 Boyer donation to the British and Foreign Bible Society. The scarcity of uninvested money this year, and the death of the Treasurer of that Society during the year is the excuse for delay. We hope to carry out the wishes of the Conference during the ensuing year.

8. Your Board would again call the attention of our people to the importance of making special effort to increase our denominational funds. Our fund for aiding sick and disabled ministers deserves immediate augmentation. We should also do something worthy of ourselves and of our young men, towards aiding those who are trying educationally, to fit themselves for efficient work in the Master's service.

[The last section is a list of Trustees of churches which is omitted.]

Report adopted.

The report of the Denomination Literature com. was further considered. The question of a new hymnal was discussed. There was also discussion of the importance of our Sunday Schools using only Free Baptist lesson helps.

The committee on District Meetings, by bro. T. Bassett, presented a report.

The question of appointing ministers to attend District Meetings arose, and was discussed at some length. The feeling of Conference is, evidently, against appointing ministers to any Districts except those which need such help. The report was referred back to the committee.

The committee on correspondence reported, by Rev. D. Long, as follows:—But one letter has come into our hands. Rev. E. B. Stiles appeals for an increase of missionary interest. We recommend that his letter be read in open Conference.

The report was adopted and the letter read. The following is the letter.

To the Brethren of the N. B. F. B. Conference.

Dear Fellow-worker's in the Master's vineyard:—Such pleasant recollections have I of my visit with you at Tracey's Mills that I would most gladly reproduce the pleasure by being with you at Fredericton. This, however, I cannot do, so I send Christian greetings, and pray that you may be richly blessed and inspired for the service of the coming year.

A part of your planning will have reference to India. May God enlarge your hearts to plan and execute great things that you ever have done. Our field is in a sad plight for money and men. Mr. Hall is now on his way home, leaving only five men where we have sometimes had eight.

Brother Boyer's place has been made doubly vacant by the marriage of sister Boyer.

You have been honored in your representatives abroad. I trust that you do not intend to let the line of missionaries die out. Haven't you a man and wife that you can send out at once? We haven't men enough to hold our own, and there are vast areas that we can't touch for want of men and money. Unless we, of this generation, carry the Gospel to the people of our generation in India, they will perish without the light, and God will call us to an account. It is true that there is much to be done at home, but it is equally true that home work will not thrive on robbery, and it is no less than robbery to deprive the benighted of the Gospel. What we share with others for Christ's sake will not deprive us of any good thing. The widow's oil and meal, shared with God's servant, was marvellously multiplied, till it fed three during the long time of famine. Before it was shared there was only enough for a scanty meal, after which death stared her and her son in the face.

In the kingdom of grace multiplication is by division. "There is that scattereth and yet increaseth. There is that withholdeth more than it is meet and it tendeth to poverty." Remember the grace of our Lord Jesus Christ, who, though he were rich, yet for our sakes became poor that we through his poverty might become rich." Then remember that He said, "Go ye into all the world and preach the gospel;" then that He said, "If ye love me keep my commandments."

Do you love Him? Test yourself by these words of our Lord.

Yours in Christian love,
E. B. STILES.

Rev. F. A. Currier, for the committee on education, presented the following:

1. We are pleased to learn that seven of our young men are pursuing a college course with the aim of more thoroughly fitting themselves for the Christian ministry. Brothers W. R. Reud, F. S. Hartley, A. H. McLeod, T. Patterson and Bro. Paul are at Cobb Divinity School, at Lewiston, Me.; Bro. W. C. Keirstead is in the senior class at the C. N. B.; Bro. L. A. Fenwick is in the senior class at Acadia College.

All these men are doing good work, and we recommend that the Conference devise and execute some means to assist them, when assistance is necessary, while pursuing their studies.
2. We believe that he who is to teach should himself be taught. We think there is no profession that demands so wide and thorough a training as that of the Christian ministry. We would recommend that any person having the ministry in view should, as far as possible, aim at a thorough preparation for the work.

3. This Conference regrets that it has at present no institution of learning of its own, and therefore our young men preparing for the ministry are compelled to seek elsewhere the privileges denied them at home.

4. Your committee feels the time has come when something more definite should be done by us in the matter of education. Your committee recommended that the Conference consider the advisability of co-operating with the Free Baptist Conference of Nova Scotia either in the endowment of a chair in connection with some Provincial institution, or in the appointment and support of a Professor in the faculty of Cobb Divinity School; and for the execution of this recommendation we further recommend that a special committee of five members be appointed to consult with a committee of the Free Baptist Conference of Nova Scotia; and in connection with that committee, if it is thought advisable to appoint a professor, to fix the amount of his annual salary, and to devise and execute means for raising the pro rata part of that salary which should come from this Conference.

But your committee would recommend that this Conference enter into no engagement to appoint or support said Professor until the means of raising his salary are definitely secured.

This report was discussed. But excellent said, is more than a full report of the men of education gathered represented men, to be graduates, sent with time, and language require of the mind old principles and paths these closing century. I endowment some of the the advance School. The full report was presented, follows:—The District year will be 1st district last Saturday to attend Phillips, J. B. Gray. 2nd district Saturday 3rd district Friday on p. m. 4th district on the 1898. To Rev. J. W. 5th district first Friday 6th district on the 2 p. m. 7th district Manan, July, 1898. The Rev. Dr. Me. him to attend. The report of the the congregation. Voted Book be amongst them. Voted tary for co Minutes. Rev. J. membership was received. On motion committee S. Van W. At 5 p. progress. Conference EVENING en e reass S. Parker tor's report. Your books and treasurers correct. HOM Bal. on hand Received Interest Contribut Expended Balance of FORE Received Due Treas Expended Balance of Invested Notes of Interest Savings Cash on TRE Balance of Contribut Contribut Paid out. Balance of EXECUT Received.