

This report was interestingly discussed. Prof. Anthony made a brief but excellent speech. No subject, he said, is more important than this. An educated ministry is essential to the fullest power of the church. Moses and the patriarchs and the prophets were men of learning. Paul was an educated man. The apostles who gathered around Jesus are often misrepresented as unlearned men. These men, to be sure, were not college graduates, but all were well conversant with men and events of their time, and could speak at least two languages. To understand Scripture requires well trained disciplined powers of the mind. Preaching is taking the old principles of the eternal Scriptures and putting them in the setting of these closing years of the nineteenth century. He discussed the suggested endowment of a theological chair in some of the Provincial colleges, and the advantages of Cobb Divinity School.

The further consideration of the report was deferred.

Adjourned.

AFTERNOON.—Conference met at 2 p. m. Moderator in the chair. Prayer by Prof. Anthony. After routine, the Secretary presented the report of the Executive of Conference:

Your Executive Committee beg leave to report.—

1. That the committee have held three meetings during the year.

2. At one of the meetings arrangements were made by which the sum of \$1500 was paid to the President of the Union Baptist Education Society, and received by him in full satisfaction of all moral obligations for which this Conference was liable to him.

The report on District Meetings was presented, by Rev. S. J. Perry, as follows:

The District Meetings during the year will be:

1st district, at Lower Perth, on the last Saturday in June, 1898. Ministers to attend: Revs. J. Noble, C. T. Phillips, J. Perry, A. G. Downey, E. B. Gray.

2nd district, at Connell, on the third Saturday in June, 1898, at 10 a. m.

3rd district, at Douglas, on the third Friday in September, 1898, at 2.30 p. m.

4th district, at Patterson Settlement, on the second Friday in September, 1898. To attend: Rev. G. A. Hartley, Rev. J. W. Clark.

5th district, at Jerusalem, on the first Friday in July, 1898, at 10 a. m.

6th district, at Lower Millstream, on the second Friday in July, 1898, at 2 p. m.

7th district, at North Head, Grand Manan, on the fourth Saturday in July, 1898.

The committee recommended that Rev. Dr. McLeod attend all the District Meetings that it is possible for him to attend.

The report was adopted.

The thanks of the Conference was voted to the Fredericton church and congregation, for hospitable entertainment.

Voted that 3,500 copies of Year Book be printed and distributed amongst the churches.

Voted that \$30.00 be paid the Secretary for compiling and publishing the Minutes.

Rev. J. A. Robertson applied for membership in the Conference, and was received.

On motion, Conference went into committee of the whole, with Rev. T. S. VanWart in the chair.

At 5 p. m. the committee reported progress.

Conference adjourned.

EVENING.—At 7.30 p. m. Conference reassembled. Prayer by Rev. E. S. Parker. After routine, the Auditor's report was presented as follows:

Your auditor has examined the books and vouchers of the following treasurers, and find the same to be correct.

HOME MISSION EXECUTIVE.

|                              |          |
|------------------------------|----------|
| Bal. on hand Oct. 6th, 1896. | \$268 91 |
| Received from W. M. Society. | 50 00    |
| Received from Treas. of Con. | 100 00   |
| Interest.                    | 27 00    |
| Contributions.               | 339 03   |
|                              | \$784 94 |
| Expended.                    | \$515 20 |
| Balance on hand.             | \$269 74 |

FOREIGN MISSION EXECUTIVE.

|                           |          |
|---------------------------|----------|
| Received to Oct., 1897.   | \$500 71 |
| Due Treasurer Oct., 1896. | 180 22   |
| Expended to date.         | 9 25     |
| Balance on hand.          | 311 24   |

BOARD OF MANAGERS.

|                        |           |
|------------------------|-----------|
| Invested in mortgages. | \$4000 00 |
| Notes on hand.         | 50 00     |
| Interest overdue.      | 47 00     |
| Savings Bank.          | 106 47    |
| Cash on hand.          | 515 62    |
|                        | \$4719 09 |

TREASURER OF CONFERENCE.

|                               |            |
|-------------------------------|------------|
| Balance on hand Oct., 1896.   | \$621 78   |
| Contributions received, 1896. | 50 90      |
| Contributions received, 1897. | 594 89     |
|                               | \$1,267 57 |
| Paid out.                     | 510 53     |
| Balance on hand.              | \$757 04   |

EXECUTIVE OF SICK AND DISABLED MINISTERS.

|                             |          |
|-----------------------------|----------|
| Balance on hand Oct., 1896. | \$209 29 |
| Received during the year.   | 201 78   |
|                             | \$411 07 |

Disbursed.

Balance on hand.

Voted that the minutes of the Young People's League be printed in the Year Book, 1897.

Consideration of the report on Education was resumed. After some discussion, consideration was again deferred.

Conference went into Committee of the whole.

The committee of the whole reported as follows.

Your committee of the whole begs leave to recommend the following for adoption by the Conference,—

1. That application be made at the next session of the Legislative Assembly of New Brunswick to so change the several acts incorporating this body that the corporate name of this Conference shall be 'The Free Baptist General Conference of New Brunswick.'

2. That Rev. Dr. McLeod, A. C. Smith, Rev. G. A. Hartley, Rev. C. T. Phillips and W. H. Heine be a committee having in charge the above application to the Legislative Assembly of N. B.

3. That the Executive of Conference be instructed to act for the Conference (when necessary) in connection with this matter.

4. Whereas the Free Baptists of New Brunswick recognize the essential unity in doctrine, polity and spirit existing between ourselves and the Free Baptists of the United States. And whereas we believe many benefits would accrue from a closer union amongst all Free Baptists.

Therefore resolved that our delegate to the General Conference of Free Baptists which convenes at Ocean Park, Me., in August, 1898, convey to that Conference our most cordial greetings and express a hope that fraternal feelings may continue in the future even to a greater degree than in the past, and to say that we would be most happy to welcome a fraternal delegate.

LICENTIATES.

5. That L. A. Fenwick, S. J. Case, M. A., F. S. Hartley, and A. H. Williams be granted General Conference License.

6. That Chas. Stirling and A. D. Paul be continued on District Meeting license.

7. That Rev. A. Stoeger, who formerly belonged to the Reformed Baptist church, be permitted to labor with our churches during the ensuing year, having the status for that year of a Conference Licentiate.

The report was adopted and the recommendations carried out.

A motion to change the time of holding Conference from October to September was lost.

Rev. G. F. Currie gave notice that he will at the next annual session move to change Art. I of the Bye Laws of Conference.

It was voted that a collection be taken each year, in every church, for the ministerial students' fund. Rev. B. H. Nobles was appointed Treasurer of the Fund.

The report of the Education committee was adopted, and the following committee appointed,—Revs. F. C. Hartley, W. C. Keirstead, J. W. Clarke, B. H. Nobles and Dr. McLeod.

Thanks to the press for reports of the Conference, and to the Steamer Co. and the L. C. R. for reduced fares were passed.

Rev. B. H. Nobles called the attention of Conference to the matter of the distribution of the INTELLIGENCER subscribed for by Conference. The matter was, by vote, placed in the hands of the Conference Executive.

The location of the next annual session was left to the Executive.

The election of the Conference Executive for the ensuing year was proceeded with, the balloting resulting in the choice of Revs. G. A. Hartley, Dr. McLeod, C. T. Phillips, J. W. Clarke and D. Long. The Moderator and Secretary are, ex officio, members of the Executive.

The business being completed, the Moderator made a brief speech thanking the brethren for their diligence and the kindly spirit in which they had co-operated with the chair in the conduct of the session, and wishing for all the members and the churches with which they are identified a good year.

The minutes being read and approved a motion to adjourn was adopted.

Prayer by Moderator.

#### Denominational News.

NEW PARSONAGE.—A parsonage has been purchased at Hoyt. It will be occupied by the pastor of the Blissville—Patterson pastorate.

MINISTERS.—Rev. J. B. Daggett has accepted a call to the Hartland—Brighton pastorate, and has already entered upon the work.

Rev. J. N. Barnes and wife have gone to Lynn for a few weeks. Bro. Barnes needs the rest after a year of very hard work.

Rev. C. T. Phillips spent last Sabbath at Sussex and Penobscot, the pastorate he served for many years before going to Woodstock.

Rev. C. S. Parker spent last Sabbath in Woodstock, preaching twice.

Rev. B. H. Nobles spent the Sunday with the Moncton church.

We were glad to learn during Conference that the Coverdale church, one of the churches of Rev. A. Perry's pastorate, had made him a present of enough money to pay his expenses to Conference. This is an example which other churches may well follow next year.

Rev. Gideon Swim has accepted a call to the Millstream pastorate, and will move there at once. His P. O. address is Apohaqui, N. B.

Lieut. C. Stirling has taken charge of the Prince William-Queensbury pastorate. His P. O. address is Bear Island, York Co.

Rev. A. Stoeger took charge of the Keasick-Duglas pastorate last Sabbath.

DEDICATION.—Sunday was a happy one to the people of Royal Road. Their pretty new church was dedicated to God. This building was started last May, and was completed for dedication in October, with the small debt of \$425 00 upon it. And Dr. McLeod succeeded in getting that amount pledged on dedication day. The sacrifice made by the people is almost unprecedented. This building was planned by J. H. Currie of Boston, who was present at the opening. It is of Gothic Architecture supported by the truss self supporting system, having a floor space seating comfortably one hundred and fifty, with additional gallery space seating fifty, also a pastor's room and library. The chandeliers of ornamental wrought iron, manufactured by J. Lincoln Collins, Boston; and contains six powerful oil lamps. This was a gift of the young men of that place. The interior of the building is finished in natural wood; being rubbed to a high polish. The portion of the walls surrounding the platform are fresco painted with blue and carmine lettering, and scroll work giving it a handsome appearance. The pews made by Risteen & Co., are of ash finished in natural wood. The aisles are covered with matting. The platform carpeted and furnished with handsome pulpit chairs.

Revs. Dr. McLeod, G. F. Currie, J. H. Henderson, A. Stoeger their new pastor, and W. C. Keirstead were present.

Mr. Wm. Seymour, chairman of building committee who has worked so faithfully, though he has been sick for some time, was able to get out to one service.

The dedicatory service was conducted by Rev. G. F. Currie, and the dedication sermon was preached by Dr. McLeod. Text was I Peter 2:5. The preacher said the worship of the true God began in Eden, and was handed down till the people had the tabernacle and then the Temple. The first Christians worshipped in private rooms. We who are living in the 19th century see the progress made by the doctrines of Christ. The man is not well informed who says christianity is a failure. To-day there are 300 societies sending the gospel to every creature and 10,000 men in the Foreign field. Christ is fulfilling his prophecy and all men are being drawn unto him.

In the erection of this building you are worshippers. This house is part of your worship, as the altar upon which the Jew placed his sacrifice was part of his worship. And it is a praiseworthy effort. The speaker said he was not easily surprised but the people had surprised him. He went back into the history of the church and turning to Rev. John Henderson, said if he had never done more for God than the planting of a church here, from which had gone out Rev. G. I. Currie, and his brother Rev. A. W. Currie he has not lived in vain. He was glad that there had gone from this place a young man who could plan such a building.

But after all the house of God is but the scaffolding by means of which the true temple is built. 'Ye are the temple of God.' Christians are the temple of God with Christ the foundation. The mission of the church is to make Christ known. It would be well for different denominations to think of what they have in common, rather than in what they differ; have unity if not uniformity, and like an army made up of different regiments march as one against a common foe.

Then there is the personal side of the truth. The church is spiritual if the individual is spiritual. There is nothing so personal as religion.

In the afternoon Rev. G. F. Currie preached an excellent sermon from Eph. 2:5. By grace are ye saved through faith. The word saved, said speaker, has reference to the days gone by and to the present. And while it does not mean one is as secure as if he were in heaven, yet no man can step out and walk down life's unexplored pathway with the security of the Christian. Whether we acknowledge it or not the grace of God has saved all of us from many things.

We are saved from the darkness of heathenism by the Grace of God. But

for the influence of the church where would we be today? There are often pivotal days in one's life in which one's future course turns upon one small thing. It may have been a mother's prayer, a pastor's entreaty. They say Waterloo decided the fate of Europe, and they say a small boy who told Blucher the shortest route to Waterloo decided that battle.

Largely what the infidel is, though he does not acknowledge it he owes to the grace of God.

But for all this a man may die and be lost unless he accepts the unmerited grace of God. God wants a man to give himself up to him and then God saves him. Men try to save themselves. Just as the swimmer waited till the drowning man ceased struggling before he saved him, so God waits for a man to give himself passively into his hands for salvation. What a dedication this would be if some one today would give himself to God.

A man is saved from bondage, and selfishness and worldliness. A salvation which gives joy and peace and blessing. He is saved to the fellowship and companionship of christian people, one of Christ's.

God does not save us from affliction and sickness, and from growing old. He did not save Job from losing his property, his family and from disease. But God saves us to endure. Nothing but the grace of God can enable a man to say "The Lord gave and the Lord taketh away." "Blessed be the name of the Lord." The Grace of God did not save the worthies but it brought them out. It did not save Daniel from lion's den, but brought him out to praise God. It did not save Paul and Silas from the jail, but enabled them to rejoice and brought them through. It did not save martyrs from flames but enabled them to sing praises to God. And so while it does not save from affliction, and old age, yet "at even tide it shall be light."

In the evening the pastor W. C. Keirstead preached on Lessons from life of Abraham. He said this man teaches that a noble life is one that follows the leading of God. That "God does guide a man's life," and that it is possible for man to know God guides.

The solution of the problem of life is to know God's will and to obey; to hear God's call and follow. Men make failures because they have planned life in such a way that the plan clashes with God's purpose for them. Men fail because they select pathways to which God has never led, and will not hear the voice of God calling them from that chosen pathway.

Abraham gave himself completely to God obeyed him implicitly and God led him from self sacrifice to self sacrifice, but from revelation to revelation, from blessing to blessing.

W. C. KEIRSTEAD.

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JAPAN AFFAIRS.—There seems to be a general uprising among the coolie class in Japan. The jirikisha men and employees generally have taken up a system of extortionate charges for services and of brutality in enforcing the charges which puts foreign residents in a very unpleasant situation. In the city of Kobe an American lady, the wife of a captain of a sailing ship, took back to a silk shop some work which was not according to order. She was set upon by a man in the shop and beaten over the breast and shoulders in the most brutal manner. A lady while riding in a jirikisha was assaulted in the same manner by the puller, and another lady, whose husband is a grandson of ex-President Harrison, was hooted at and obliged to seek shelter in a neighbor's house to escape the stones thrown by a mob. The British Vice-Consul in Kobe was attacked, and every one who has so far escaped fears that his turn will come next. There is no redress to be had from the police or the courts, as the laws in regard to assault are very bad, and the coolies, having learned of this, take advantage of the situation. In Tokio a mob attacked the storehouse of some prominent merchants, smashed furniture, clocks, etc., and raised riot generally, the police being not only powerless to stop the riot but even to make arrests. Different explanations are given of what is looked upon by some as a sudden transformation, the Japanese coolie being generally considered a very harmless, mild-dispositioned character. Some attribute it to the influence of foreign sailors, others to the spread of the anti-foreign feeling which in the upper classes is covered over by the forms of politeness.

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##### NOTICE.

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D. LONG,  
Cor. Sec. H. M. Ex.  
185 Victoria St.,  
St. John (North).

#### Home Mission Fund.

Received during the Conference, and since, the following amounts:

|                         |         |
|-------------------------|---------|
| Keewick church.         | \$ 0 50 |
| Hainesville ch.         | 8 10    |
| Staples Settlement ch.  | 1 45    |
| Campbell Settlement ch. | 3 25    |
| El River ch.            | 3 17    |
| Lower Canterbury ch.    | 5 00    |
| Apohaqui ch.            | 3 00    |
| Upper Millstream ch.    | 1 20    |
| Millstream Mountain ch. | 2 10    |
| Snider Mountain ch.     | 90      |
| Rev. David Long.        | 5 00    |
| Fredericton Ch.         | 5 00    |
| Rev. J. N. Barnes.      | 2 00    |
| Mrs. S. J. Perry.       | 1 00    |



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| Mrs. Alice Patriquin.                        | 25    |
| Pennic church.                               | 2 35  |
| A. W. Case.                                  | 50    |
| Treasurer of 5th District.                   | 13 60 |
| Bradford Palmer.                             | 1 00  |
| Benj. S. Palmer.                             | 1 00  |
| A. E. Slipp.                                 | 1 00  |
| Rev. G. W. Foster.                           | 1 00  |
| Mrs. Leonard Thompson.                       | 25    |
| Isaac S. Vanwart.                            | 25    |
| Cold Stream ch.                              | 1 00  |
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| Hampstead Co.                                | 2 25  |
| Sussex ch.                                   | 17 45 |
| Penobscot ch.                                | 7 75  |
| Dutch Valley ch.                             | 2 70  |
| Coll. Lower Millstream ch.                   | 6 00  |
| Tracey Station ch.                           | 11 40 |
| Half Coll. W. M. meeting of 4th District.    | 5 00  |
| Lillie Alexander.                            | 0 50  |
| Lincoln church.                              | 4 75  |
| French Lake church.                          | 1 50  |
| Half Coll. Missionary meeting at Conference. | 5 58  |
| Benj. S. Palmer Treas. & aid of manager.     | 27 00 |
| J. W. CLARKE, Treas. H. M. Exco.             |       |
| St. John.                                    |       |
| Oct. 15 h., 1897.                            |       |

#### QUARTERLY MEETING.

The Shelburne County Free Baptist Quarterly Meeting will convene with the Shag Harbour church, Nov. 16 18, commencing Tuesday evening at 7 o'clock.

G. M. WILSON,  
Q. M. Clerk.

#### Marriages.

BRADGON STAIRS.—At Grafton, C. Co. Oct. 18th, by Rev. C. T. Phillips, James N. Bradgon and Eliza B. Stairs.

PETERSON MCCLARY.—At Woodstock, October, 14th by Rev. C. T. Phillips, Theodore Peterson and May McClary.

NASON-TRACEY.—In this city, on the 13th inst, by Rev. Dr. McLeod Harvey Nason and Lydia Tracey, both of Gladstone, C. Co.

SIPPRELL OLIVER.—At the residence of the bride's father, Mr. Charles Oliver, Oct. 13th, by Rev. C. T. Phillips, Scott T. Sipprell and Lizzie J. Oliver.



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