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Religious Intelligencer.

REV. JOSEPH MCLEOD, D. D., ... EDITOR.

WEDNESDAY, SEPT. 22ND, 1897.

The "Intelligencer" wants more subscribers, and is willing to reward those who get them. See the Bible premium offer on the next page. Then set to work to get one.

Those who are doing their very best are not often heard claiming that they have done their best; they are usually trying to do more.

It is only to the very inconsiderate church member that the passing preacher, who has just preached his best sermon, is more desirable than the pastor,

An important factor in the formation of Christian citizens, says bishop Walters, is a live and patriotic church, aglow with the spirit of Christ It is the light of the church that is to dispel the darkness of ignorance, superstition and doubt.

A church which reports a revival and additions to membership, and yet does not give a better support to local church interests, and increase its contributions to the various branches of the christian work, has made a mistake—it has not had a real revival.

Prof. Anthony's impressions of the Nova Scotia Conference will interest our readers in that Province, and many others also. We will be glad to have him come to the New Brunswick Conference some time—this year if he can; but if that is not convenient, then some other year.

Our Nova Scotia readers will be glad to have so large a part of the official report of the N. S. Conference as we are enabled to publish this week. We have to thank the Clerk, Rev. E. Crowell, for having sent the fiast instalment of his report so promptly. We hope to have the balance of the report for next week.

We will be glad if the ministers will speak to their congregations about the INTELLIGENCER before Conference, and intimate that they will take subscriptions, both old and new. Many subscriptions are due, a considerable number of which we hope the brethren may be able to bring with them to Conference.

In everything pertaining to the welfare of a church, there must, in order to succeed, be cordiality of feeling and unity of action Personal pique must be suppressed, self-assertiveness must be checked, and forbearance, good will and an earnest purpose of cooperation be manifest. Where there is harmony of action, there will be success.

If the 'Intelligencer' should make the following statement concerning Roman Catholics it might be regarded as an expression of bigotry, but when it is made by a Catholic paper it is peculiarly significant. The N. Y. 'Catholic Citizen' says: "There are two influences among us (Roman Catholics)—the saloon tending to pull us down; the public school tending to pull us up. Some of our friends would sooner quarrel with the latter influence than with the former."

Moody says if a man desires to be used in the Lord's work the first thing he must do is to make an unconditional surrender of himself to God. He must consecrate and then concentrate. A man who does not put his whole life into one channel does not count for much, and the man who only goes into work with half a heart does not amount to much. We are living in an intense age, and if a man is to succeed, he must set himself apart for the work and throw all his energy into it."

The movement in Europe in favour of a better observance of Sunday as a day of rest is receiving increasing attention. While in many American cities there is encouragement of the European Sabbath customs, in Europe the agitation in favour of Sabbath reform is gaining ground. Last month, in Brussels, there was a Sunday-Rest Congress. It was evidently, a successful meeting. There were present representatives from various parts of Europe. One who was present says "the public interest was in marked contrast with the indifference or ridicule with which a similar Congress was held in the same city eight years ago."

Pay the Preacher.

"They that preach the gospel should live of the gospel." The Apostle tells of those who ministered to the temporal needs of those whose ministry to the people was in spiritual things, and commends them.

There was a time when, in the revolt against a "hireling ministry," it was believed that all ministerial service should be "without money and without price." The minister who had the temerity to hint, even remotely, that some pecuniary recognition of his services would be acceptable was sure to excite strong and lasting prejudice against himself as one who was more concerned for "the fleece than for the flock." In our own denomination it was many years before any minister dared to make an engagement to serve a church for a stipulated salary. And when the first one did so he had to undergo sharp criticism. and was thought by many to have departed far from the faith.

There has been a marked change in the matter of ministerial support—a change which is worthy of commendation; but there is still large room for improvement. The needed improvement is coming, we think; but we could wish it might come more quickly.

The demands made upon the preacher were never so great as to-day. The churches not only require that he be better equipped for his work, but they demand more of him in every way—more of his time, his mind, his whole life. It is good that this is so. The more severe the demands upon the preacher (within the limits of reason, of course), the more he will do and the more he will be able to do.

But with the churches making greater demands on their preachers the preachers may, properly, expect heartier cooperation and more liberal support from the churches. There are no preachers, worthy the place they occupy, who are concerned chiefly, or even in a large degree, about the amount of salary. Their acceptance or rejection of an invitation to a pastoral charge, or other kind of ministerial work, is not determined, as is sometimes flippantly remarked, by the salary offered. And yet they have sometimes to stop and consider whether it is possible to "make ends meet" on what is offe ed. The wonder is that so many succeed in living and keeping free from debt on the small salaries they receive. The churches, generally would do well, as they near the close of the Conference year, to consider the question of salary, and see whether it is not their duty to add something to the pastor's stipend for the next year.

Nearing the end of the year churches should be careful to have the salaries of their pastors paid up. It is as easy—indeed, much easier, to pay promptly than to allow an accumulation of arrears; and it is greatly better for the pastor. The delay in payment of his salary is, not nfrequently, a serious inconvenience to a minister, and sometimes worse than an inconvenience.

Then out of careless and dilatory habits of payment have come the unpaid balances, of which not a few churches have been guilty. There are balances of salaries due ministers—some of them due for many years, which, were they paid, would be a great relief to the ministers—some of them now advanced in years—to whom they are due. It is not easy to understand how a church which has practically repud ated a financial obligation, can expect spiritual blessing. Occasionally a church reports itself out of debt, and perhaps thinks it is, but some former pastor remembers the balance yet due him, and wonders how it could have been forgotten. It would, we be ieve, pay some churches to look into their affairs with a view to discovering what they owe, and then set to work to pay to the last farthing.

Notes on Current Events.

Sir Wilfrid Laurier was given an enthusiastic reception in St. John. The officers of the Exhibition Association, the Mayor and members of the City Council. and the citizens generally did everything in their power to make his visit to the city a pleasant one. And he seemed to enjoy it all, and, probably, did enjoy it. Other members of the Government—Hons. Messrs. Tarte, Davies and Fielding, were in the city at the same time.

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President Andrews, of Brown University, has, at the earnest solicitation of the Governors of the institution, withdrawn his resignation. The incident has resulted in a distinct rebuke of those who would make everything and everybody bow to money.

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Major Walsh, Administrator of Yukon, has deferred his departure for that territory till the last of this month. The postponment is due to the report of Assistant Commissioner of Police McIlree, who is taking police supplies and a Maxim gun through the White Pass, to the effect that the pass is feet deep in mud and filth, that 6,000 men and 3,000 horses are struggling now on the Skagaway and Dyea trails over White and Chilcoot passes and that it is raining every day. Major Walsh intends to let it freeze up and go to Dawson by dog train. He has 100 dogs.

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The British Columbia crops are reported unusually good this year, although heavy rains recently have caused considerable damage.

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The outlook for the winter in many districts in Ireland is quite gloomy, owing to the failure of the potato and hay crops. There will, of course, as on former occasions of short crops be everything possible done to provide for those who must suffer unless helped.

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The German statistical department has recently published some curiously interesting figures with reference to the number of blind, deaf-mute and mentally diseased persons in Prussia. It would seem that blindness shows a tendency to decrease as the number of blind sank from 22,677 in 1880 to 21,442 in 1896. On the other hand the number of those afflicted with loss of speech and hearing shows a slight increase, from 27,794 to 28,721. But the most remarkable change is in the number of mentally afflicted, which has risen in the most startling manner from 55,063 in 1871 to 66,345 in 1880, and to 82,850 in 1896. The statistics show that the proportion of men who become insane is much larger than that of women. Among 100,000 Prussian men there are 278 insane persons; in an equal number of women there are only 243.

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The Plebiscite campaign literature committee of the Dominion Alliance has in course of preparation a variety of literature suitable to all parts of the country, and which they expect to supply to Provincial and local committees at merely nominal prices.

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The appointment, by the Governors of McGill College, of a young man from Glasgow as dean of the law faculty has caused so much dissatisfaction among the lawyers of Montreal that steps have been taken to form a new Law School.

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The London Times, in its issue of Tuesday last, had a column concerning the drink rate and the death rate in Sweden, Norway and Canada. The much lauded company system of Sweden and Norway does not appear to advantage. It is shown in the Times article that the consumption of liquors in Canada is, in proportion to population, the smallest of any nation in Christendom. The death rate is also shown to be lighter than that of any other nation.

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Stories of most cruel treatment of prisoners by the Spanish authorities continue to come from Cuba.

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A Tennessee tobacco manufacturer, doing a very profitable business, financially, went out of the business recently because of religious convictions. Cases of this kind are so rare that this is worth mentioning. It may do some other christians good to think about it.

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The suggestion that Lord Strathcona and Mount Royal, better known as Sir Donald Smith, be the next Governor General of Canada, meets with a good deal of favour. The 'Montreal Star says: "There is something, too, of value in the idea of appointing Colonials occasionally to Imperial offices. Worse things might be done than to open more strictly Imperial posts to colonials. This policy would give our public men a keener sense of partnership in the affairs of the Empire, and would undoubtedly tend to the popularizing of the pro-Imperial programme with all colonials. The Governor-Generalship of the Dominion is the Imperial office most immediately under the eye of our people; and to seat a Canadian there would be as conspicuous a recognition of this colonial right to share in Imperial honors as could be given to the five millions dwelling in this part of the Empire.

Then the fitness of Lord Mount Royal himself for the position is great. He is popular, diplomatic, of tried patriotism, a man in whose honors Canadians take pride. His claims are of an exceptional character, and he would take rank with the distinguished subjects of Her Majesty who have filled the position."

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The term of Sir Julian Pauncefote as British Ambassador at Washington has been extended a year. This is a marked compliment to Sir Julian who has discharged the duties of a difficult position, at a peculiarly difficult time, with great skill.

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Referring to the rumour that Sir Oliver Mowat is likely to become Lieutenant Governor of Ontario, the Montreal 'Witness' earnestly urges that he should not withdraw from the Dominion Government "unless absolutely compelled to do so by the condition of his health." It adds: "The character of the present administration is by no means established in some directions, and the influence of Sir Oliver Mowat in addition to that of Sir Wilfrid Laurier, Sir Richard Cartwright, Sir Henri Joly de Lotbiniere and the others in whom the people have confidence, should be impressed upon it while it is in its present formative condition.

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It is intimated that Acadia College is likely to receive a gift of several thousand dollars from Mr. J. D. Rockerfeller, the head of the Standard Oil concern. He is a Baptist. He could not donate some of the money he controls to a more worthy institution than Acadia.

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The burning of the Deaf and Dumb School in this city is a serious loss. The institution had in the face of many difficulties and discouragements, succeeded in getting well established in a comfortable home. And now, for the second time, it is out of-doors by fire. It is strongly suspected that the fire was incendiary, the act of some one with a feeling against the institution.

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A revolt in a prison is an unusual thing—at least in Canada. Last week the inmates of the St. Vincent de Paul Penitentiary, near Montreal, made things very uncomfortable for the officers of the prison and for everybody in the vicinity of it. The trouble is supposed to be due to the discontinuance of the tobacco supply. The protest of the convicts was expressed in howling and noises of all kinds, which they kept up for several days.

From Nova Scotia.

A word of greeting from a visitor to the annual session of the Free Baptist Conference of Nova Scotia may be of interest to some of the readers of the INTELLIGENCER.

The session was largely attended. This fact first impressed the visitor. Every Free Baptist minister in the province was present. Deacons, Sunday School superintendents and delegates, with the ministers, made up the personnel of the Conference.

Any Free Baptist would have occasion to be proud of the program of the meetings, of the speakers, the subjects, and the discussions. The two papers, "The Godhead of our Lord," by Rev. C. F. Cooper, and "Baptism," by Rev. E. Crowell, were noteworthy contributions to the higher thought of a church convocation. The services conducted by the women on Foreign Missions, that of the Young People's Union, and the one devoted to temperance were conspicuous for the ability presented on the platform, an ability that entertained, instructed and inspired.

In the business deliberations and transactions the utmost freedom was given to debate and the most careful attention to every detail. While action might have been somewhat accelerated yet it is doubtful if results would have been as satisfactory and conclusive, as by the slower process of unlimited discussion. In religious matters time is not lost in free debate, provided good feeling and brotherly love prevail. Such debate sheds light,—instructs.

The meetings throughout were characterized by candid utterance and cordial good will. Brethren differed, and without fear of sensitiveness expressed their differences; and then soon came to see eye to eye, or, if not exactly agreeing, yet differed in love. Nothing so far as a visitor could observe, occurred to disturb the sweet harmony of Christian brethren in close sympathy.

Despite a long session through nearly six entire days interest was unflagging. Crowded congregations, necessarily physically weary, sat with patience and even enthusiasm through hours of speaking and discussion. Surely Nova Scotians are better listeners than the visitor has usually met

Reports from the churches showed a favorable state of religion. In pastoral care, in money raised, in the number of accessions by baptism the churches of the province make an excellent showing compared with other parts of the Free Baptist denomination. One cannot help admiring the heroism of the pastors who, on small salaries, care for three or four, or even five churches, preaching three and four times on Sunday, attending Sunday Schools and prayer meetings in addition, and drive twenty-five and even forty miles a week to get from charge to charge. Here is a spirit of courage and sacrifice truly apostolic.

The devotional spirit manifested in this annual Conference was warm and quickening. Each day had its share, but on Saturday afternoon, occupying three hours of time, occurred a remarkable service of prayer and testimony. Free Baptists from miles around had come especially for this service, many of them aged; and the intensity of feeling. the fervor of utterance, the communion of spirit cannot soon be forgotten.

Yarmouth is a delightful place for a church gathering. Free Baptists, under the efficient leadership of their faithful pastor, appear compactly organized, influential and full of spiritual vigor. Their hospitality and courteous kindness seemed never to fail. From such a place and from such a people Free Baptists must have returned to the rownhomesandchurches better equipped and inspired for holier endeavours in extending the kingdom of God.

ALFRED WILLIAMS ANTHONY.
Cobb Divinity School,
Lewiston, Maine.

Home Religious News.

—Rev. B. N. Nobles, of Bear River N. S., has been called to the pastorate of the Kentville, N. S., Baptist church.

—The N. S. Provincial Sunday School Association is to meet in Halifax Oct. 11-13. A large attendance is expected.

—It is announced that Rev. W. C. Vincent, pastor of the Baptist church in Sackville, has accepted a call to one of the Baptist churches in Winnipeg.

—Elder Jas. McIntyre (colored) of Onaboig, Q. Co., has been holding meetings amongst the coloured people in St. Marys. He reports a marked religious interest and some conversions. On Sunday, 12th inst., he baptized nine persons.

—Among the resolutions adopted by the N. B. Baptist Convention, in session last week, was the following: "That this Convention make a strenuous effort to raise $4500 to pay its fair indebtedness to Mr. McDonald on St. Martin's Seminary account, and not to give up the effort until the amount is raised."

Denominational News.

FROM LIC. PUDDINGTON.—I have been labouring for the past year at Foreston and Bigger Ridge and Beaufort, and some of my time was spent at Knowlesville and Mainstream. It has been a year of hard toil, and though there have been stumbling blocks in the way, God has blessed us. I have accepted a call to the Tobique River churches. and have moved to my new home, Arthurette. I will have five churches. Brethren, pray for us in his part of the field.

J. H. PUDDINGTON.

Sept 10th, '97.

MINISTERS.—Rev. John Henderson has, we are sorry to learn, been quite ill for several weeks, suffering from an abcess in his throat. When we heard last he was some better, and we hope he may quite recover soon.

We hear that Rev. O. N. Mott will at the beginning of the next Conference year take charge of the Blizsville pastorate. He has been pastor at Fredericton Junction and Tracey for two or three years, and is highly thought of by the people of that pastorate.

SUSSEX.- The question of erecting a parsonage this fall is occupying the minds of the members of the Free Baptist church here. The nucleus of the amount necessary was raised recently. Now, those persons who have promised to aid in the erection of the building will be asked for subscriptions, and if the work of building is not completed this year the foundation will probably be laid. The site chosen for the parsonage is on the lot of land beside the church.—The Globe.

PERSONAL.—Rev. C. T. Phillips has purchased from the Ebbett Estate, the house in which he has been residing for some time, on Broadway, Woodstock. The purchase price is said to be $2,000.

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ly meeting. Yarmouth Co. sent no report.

Letters were read from Tusket, Clark's Harbor, Port Medway, Chebogue, Port La Tour and Beaver River Churches, and received. It was ordered that the clerk acknowledge the obligation of this Conference to sister Caroline Knowles for her splendid gift of a F. B. parsonage at Tusket.

The following report was read:

The Committee appointed to consider the advisability of making a change in the time of holding our Annual Conference, beg leave to submit the following report. This committee for various reasons think it advisable to have yearly meeting commencing the last Thursday in Aug. of each year at 10 o'clock A. M.

A motion was made to adopt, moved and seconded that it lie on the table. Passed. Conference adjourned at 5.30 to Friday, 10. a. m.

FRIDAY, 10 A. M.—The sitting opened with singing and prayer. The minutes of the last sitting were read and approved.

A report of the nominating committee giving the names of the officers and executives of the Foreign Mission Society, the Home Mission Society, the Education Society, the Ministerial Aid Society, the S. School Convention and the Temperance League, was read adopted.

FOREIGN MISSION SOCIETY.

Mrs. James E. Cushing, Caledonia, Q. Co., President.
Rev. A. M. McNinch, Rev. W. C. Weston, Rev. W. M. Knollin, Vice-Presidents.
Miss Eudora Hilton, Corresponding Secretary.
Miss Seddie M. Hopkins, Recording Secretary.
Mrs. J. W. Freeman, Treasurer.

DISTRICT SECRETARIES.

Mrs. Naomi Cushing, Caledonia.
Mrs. Henry Coffin, Canning.
Miss Etta Vanhorne, Yarmouth.
Miss Belle Hopkins, Barrington.
Miss Rosie Cohoon, Port Medway.
Mrs. N. D. McGray, Centreville, S. Co.

The officers of the Conference, together with above officers, constitute the board of managers of the F. M. Society.

HOME MISSION SOCIETY.

Rev. E. Crowell, President; Norman Jeffrey, Jos. A. Smith, Albert Cook, Vice-Presidents; Byron Sims, Sec-Treasurer; Rev. W. C. Weston, Auditor.

EXECUTIVE.

Adolphus Corning, Rev. J. K. West, Rev. A. M. McNintch, Jas. E. Cushing, Edwin Morine.

TEMPERANCE LEAGUE.

Rev. Wm. Millar, President.
Rev. T. H. Siddall, Sec-Treasurer.
Rev. W. M. Knollin. W. S. Porter, Esq., Paul E. Crowell, Esq., Vice-Presidents.

EDUCATION SOCIETY.

Rev. D. T. Porter, President.
Rev. A. W. Currie, Vice-President.
Rev. G. M. Wilson, Sec Treasurer.

EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE.

Arthur Vanhorne, Byron Sims, E. E. Letson, Jon. Randall, A. W. McKinnon.

MINISTERIAL AID SOCIETY.

Rev. C. F. Cooper, President.
Rev. G. M. Wilson, Secretary.
Albert Gayton, Treasurer.
Rev. Jas. W. Smith, Vice-President.

EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE.

Adolphus Corning, Albert Cook, Rev. Wm. Millar.

SUNDAY SCHOOL CONVENTION.

Rev. Jas. Billington, President.
Rev. F. G. Francis, Sec Treasurer.
Mrs. Geo. Phillips, Rev. G. E. Sturgis, Henry Coffin, Vice-Presidents.

ELDERS' CONFERENCE.

Rev. Wm. Millar, Moderator.
Rev. E. Crowell, Asst-Moderator.
Rev. T. Siddall, Secretary.

PROGRAMME COMMITTEE.

Rev. E. Crowell, Rev. J. K. West.

Visitor, Cobb Divinity School—Rev. Joseph K. West.

The Prudential Committee announced the appointments at the Free Baptist church in Yarmouth for Sunday, but declined to publish the appointments elsewhere, as inimical to the interests of the Conference. They were sustained, itbeing understood that announcements should be made at Sunday morning service.

A message was read from the F. B. Y. P. Union containing this Resolution, viz.:

"That the F. B. Y. P. U. ask the consideration of Conference in regard to the advisability of holding a convention subject to Conference but at a different time."

It was received and laid on the table

The clerk read a statement of the Starr St. Church Account to date. It was received and ordered to be printed.

RECEIVED.

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July 5.	Proceeds notes in Bank of N. S. for $600		$586 65
	"	Loan from For. Mission Society	400 00
	"	Loan from Jas. E. Cushing	300 00
	"	Loan from Mrs. Whitney	100 00
July 10	"	note Canning, Bank $200	195 90