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General Conference.

Sixty-Sixth Annual Session

Reports of Officers, Committees, etc.

(Continued.)

TUESDAY.—Prayer meeting at 8.30 a.m.

At 9 a.m. Conference met. Scripture lesson, by the Moderator. Prayer by Rev. C. B. Lewis. Roll call. Reading minutes.

The Secretary presented the following report:

The General Conference Executive Committee begs leave to report:—

1. That the Committee has held three meetings during the year.

2. That it located the present session of Conference at Sussex.

3. That bro. Frank S. Hartley, a Conference Licentiate, was granted admission, in good and regular standing, for the purpose of joining the Nova Scotia Conference.

4. Rev. G. A. Hartley, D.D. and Rev. Jos. McLeod D.D. were appointed a delegation to the N.S. Conference.

Bro. W. H. Heine, for the committee on nominations presented another report, as follows:

Executive committee on home missions.—Rev. D. Long, cor. sec.; Rev. J. W. Clark, treas.; J. T. Parsons, Gideon Swin, C. F. Phillips, Wm. Peters.

Executive committee on foreign missions.—Rev. G. F. Currie, cor. sec.; E. W. Slipp, treas.; Revs. Dr. McLeod, S. J. Perry, G. W. Foster, H. Perry, G. A. Hartley, H. A. Bonnell.

Executive committee on Sunday schools.—Jas. E. McCready, cor. sec.; S. G. Perry, Col. Alexander, Fred Bloodworth, C. W. Weyman.

Sick and Disabled Ministers.—Gideon McLeod, treas.; Revs. G. A. Hartley, Jos. Nobles, T. S. VanWart, F. G. Francis, C. T. Phillips.

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

Committee on Education.—Rev. J. B. Daggett, E. S. Parker, G. F. Currie, L. Cosman, D. Patterson.

Committee on Sabbath.—Rev. D. Long, J. E. Good, J. N. Barnes, T. O. DeWitt, G. J. Worden.

Committee on Temperance.—Rev. G. W. Foster, E. B. Gray, A. G. Downey, Wm. DeWare, G. W. Sharp.

Corresponding Delegate to the Nova Scotia Conference.—Rev. G. F. Currie, substitute—J. J. Barnes.

Report adopted.

Rev. J. T. Parsons, for the committee on District Meetings presented the following report:

1st district meeting convenes with the church at Bath Carleton Co., the 2nd Saturday in June, 1899. To attend, Revs. J. Noble, E. B. Gray, J. B. Daggett, C. T. Phillips, John Henderson.

2nd district meeting convenes with the church at Hartland on the 3rd Saturday in June, 1899.

3rd district meeting to meet with the church at Kingsclear, York Co., on the 3rd Friday in September. To attend, Revs. E. B. Gray and Gideon Swin.

4th district meeting will convene with the church at Waasiss, Sunbury Co., on the 2nd Friday in Sept., 1899. To attend, Revs. G. W. Foster and S. J. Perry.

5th district meeting will meet with the church at Carleton Place the 1st Friday in July. To attend, Revs. G. W. Foster, John A. Robertson, O. N. Mott, B. H. Nobles and J. W. Clark.

6th district meeting to convene at Moncton on the 2nd Friday in July. To attend, Revs. J. T. Parsons, C. B. Lewis, J. W. Clark and Rev. Dr. Hartley.

7th district meeting convenes with the church at Chocoma Cove the 3rd Friday in August. To attend, Revs. J. T. Parsons, T. O. DeWitt, J. J. Barnes.

The committee also recommended that Rev. Dr. McLeod and Rev. J. Noble be appointed to attend all the district meetings if practicable.

Report adopted.

Rev. A. G. Downey, for the committee on Temperance, reported:

This denomination has always taken a position of determined opposition to the liquor traffic, and both by resolutions adopted at its General Conference sessions and by the efforts of its ministers and laymen, has labored for the total abstinence of the individual and the prohibition of the traffic.

Your committee believe that the resolutions passed at the 1897 session of this body in the matter of the plebiscite were and are a fair expression of the sentiment of our people as large, as has been demonstrated by the intense interest taken by our ministers and members, and the efforts put forth by them to secure the polling of as large a vote as possible in favor of prohibition.

We mention with special satisfaction the foremost position taken by our denominational organ in the campaign and feel proud of the unswerving stand taken by its editor.

We contemplate with pleasure the prominent position taken by the maritime provinces, and also the fact that every province but one has declared in favor of prohibition. And whilst we regret that any province of our dominion should see fit to oppose the prohibition of the liquor traffic, we believe this body rejoices in the fact that it has been demonstrated that our young nation has the character to demand by so large a majority the destruction of the greatest foe of human happiness.

But the end of the fight is not yet, and we urge that our pulpits keep the matter of prohibition in full view of the pews, and that our voting membership be a unit in demanding of our representatives the enactment of a Dominion Prohibitory law.

Report adopted.

Rev. W. H. Perry, for the committee on the Sabbath, presented the following:

1.—Endorsing and emphasizing all former resolutions of this Conference regarding the proper and strict observance of the Sabbath day, we would recommend that the Conference urge upon all our people to be loyal to the Christian Sabbath and faithful to Biblical instruction regarding the spending of the Lord's day.

2.—That our people give no countenance or patronage to any Sunday picnic or excursion, which, under the guise of attending religious gatherings, or even for needed rest and change, tend only to desecration of the Sabbath and irreverence to God.

Report adopted.

Rev. Dr. Hartley, secretary of the Board of Managers, presented his report, as follows:

The usual care has been exercised during the year over the property and business matters entrusted to the Board. Nothing beyond the ordinary has needed our attention. The balance of the interest due a year ago has all been paid, and a part of the interest on investments has been collected, and the usual payments made, as the Treasurer's account shows.

The Board has carried out the intention of Res. 45 of the session of 1896. In February last, the donation of the late George R. Boyer, of Victoria, C. Co., of \$200, to the B. and F. Bible Society was paid over to said Society. The request of our late bro. Boyer was that this Conference hold in trust the amount, paying the interest annually to the Bible Society, until such time as the Conference should be satisfied that the publication of the revised version of the Scriptures would not (as he feared it might) effect the stability of the B. and F. Bible Society; then the principal to be paid to that Society. The Board, being satisfied with the stability of the Society, and believing that intention of the donor would be quite as well carried out, and the Conference be relieved of care and responsibility, laid the amount over, for which we have the receipt of the Treasurer of the Auxiliary Bible Society of New Brunswick.

So far as the Board knows, all the Boards of Trustees appointed by this Conference have been true to their trusts, and have exercised proper oversight over their several church properties. The Board recommends for appointment by this Conference the following named local boards of trustees for the ensuing year, or until others are appointed in their stead, this Board to exercise the usual jurisdiction over these trustees.

[Then follows the list of trustees which is substantially the same as last year. It will be printed in the Year Book.]

The Treasurer of Conference, bro. Jas. Patterson, presented his report. (See Auditor's Report.)

The Treasurer of the Board of Managers, bro. B. S. Palmer, presented his report. (See Auditor's Report.)

Dr. Chase, who was intending to leave on the afternoon train, again addressed the Conference, and spoke of the earnest desire of the United States Conference for closer relations.

The proposition he brought from his Conference was that the N. B. Conference become a member of the Free Baptist General Conference of the United States. He explained the constitution, and said that, according to membership, the N. B. Conference would be entitled to twelve representatives. He also presented a proposal as to the Divinity School. He said they would be glad if the Free Baptists of New Brunswick and Nova Scotia would select one of their own men for the Chair of Church History in the School, and pay his salary, and in that way make it their School. He expressed the pleasure he had had in being present at the Conference, and reiterated

his belief that the two peoples would be benefitted by the closer union of which he had spoken.

Rev. O. N. Mott, for the committee on absent brethren presented the following:

1. Thirteen ministers are absent—10 ordained, and 3 licentiates.

2. Revs. T. Connor, T. W. Carpenter and J. S. Jones should be excused on account of age and infirmities, and that Rev. J. Perry be also excused.

3. Revs. C. F. Kideout and W. R. Roud be excused on account of being out of the Province.

4. Letters were received from Revs. T. S. VanWar, J. H. Erb, A. H. McLeod and W. C. Keirstead and Licentiates S. J. Case and C. Stirling, (whose child is sick), and bro. Wm. Peters (whose wife is seriously ill) expressing their great regret at being unable to be present.

Report adopted.

TUESDAY AFTERNOON.—Conference re-assembled at 1.30 p.m. Prayer by Rev. H. Hartt. Minutes read.

Ordered that 3000 copies of the Minutes of Conference be printed for distribution among the churches.

The Treasurer of the Ministers' Relief Fund, bro. Gideon McLeod, presented his report. (See Auditor's report.)

Rev. G. Swin, for the committee on correspondence, reported a communication from the Synod of the Church of England, asking for the appointment of a committee to meet representative of the other religious bodies in the Province to consider the question of seeking such amendments to the New Brunswick Schools law as "shall secure systematic religious instruction in the Public Schools."

The matter was referred to the Conference Executive for action.

The report on Education was taken from the table, and after some discussion and changes was adopted as printed above.

Rev. B. H. Nobles, for the committee on the Cobb Divinity School professorship, presented the following report:

Your committee appointed under resolution 34 of last session present the following report:—

Your committee have received from the President and Faculty of Cobb Divinity School communications inviting the Conference to unite with the Conference of Nova Scotia in the appointment and support of a Professor in the Divinity School; also a letter from the same association of the School on same subject. Your committee has had considerable correspondence with the Secretary of the Faculty of the Divinity School and the Chairman of the Nova Scotia committee and others during the year. The N. S. committee report a sentiment among their people favourable to the appointment of a professor by the two conferences. Your committee is of the opinion that as far as this conference is concerned it would not be well to advise the appointment and support of a professor. We suggest that Conference continue a committee to further confer on the matter with the N. S. Conference, if desired.

Report adopted, and the committee continued.

Bro. A. C. Smith, on behalf of the church in Carleton, St. John, invited the Conference to hold the session of 1899 there. On motion the invitation was accepted, with thanks.

Bro. D. McLeod Vince, for the Auditor, presented the following report:

1. That he has examined the books, vouchers and accounts of the Treasurer of the Home Mission Executive, and finds the same correct:—

Bal. Oct. 12, '97 \$265.74

Rec'd from W. M. Soc. \$153.01

" " interest 27.00

" " contributions 393.03

Ex. ended \$841.82

Bal. on hand 603.66

Bal. on hand \$232.16

2. That he has examined the books, vouchers and accounts of the Treasurer of the Foreign Mission Executive, and finds the same correct:—

Bal. on hand Oct. 12, '97 \$31.24

Rec'd during the year 878.55

Amount on hand \$690.09

3. That he has examined the books, vouchers and accounts of the Treasurer of the Board of Managers, and finds the same correct:—

Invested in Mortgages \$4000.00

Vote of hand 50.00

Interest overdue 20.00

D. S. K. and Int. June 30, '93 39.5

Cash on hand 115.60

\$4709.75

4. That he has examined the books, vouchers and accounts of the Treasurer of Conference, and finds the same correct:—

Bal. Oct. 12, '97 \$707.01

Contributions, 1897 \$ 7.95

Contributions, 1898 506.08

514.03

Paid \$127.07

Bal. on hand 767.20

5. That he has examined the books, vouchers and accounts of the Treasurer of Sick and Disabled Ministers' Executive, and finds the same correct:—

Bal. Oct. 12, '97 \$286.07

Contributions 134.58

Paid Board Managers \$ 42.48

Disbursed 130.50

172.98

Bal. on hand \$247.67

Oct. 4, '98.

Report adopted.

Rev. John Henderson, for the committee on collection, reported that the collections during the session were \$39.87.

A vote of thanks to the pastor and his congregation and other kind people of Sussex for their thoughtful and generous hospitality in the entertainment of Conference was heartily adopted.

The pastor and people of the Methodist church, also, were thanked for having so kindly given their church building for the use of Conference committees and the meetings of the W. M. Society.

The Conference went into committee for the examination of licentiates.

Conference having resumed, the Secretary reported from the committee as follows:

1. That Rev. F. G. Francis and Licentiate A. J. Prosser have been received from the Nova Scotia Conference.

2. That brethren L. A. Fenwick, A. D. Paul and A. J. Prosser be ordained, and that the ordination be this evening.

3. That brethren S. J. Case, M. L. Gregg, J. H. Puddington and A. H. Williams be licensed by Conference; and that bro. W. Kirkpatrick continue on his District Meeting license.

The report was adopted.

TUESDAY EVENING. Conference re-assembled at 7.45 p.m. After routine the ordination service was proceeded with as follows:

Invocation by Rev. E. S. Parker.

Hymn by Rev. B. H. Nobles.

Scriptures by Rev. G. F. Currie.

Prayer by Rev. Dr. Hartley.

Hymn by Rev. D. Long.

Sermon by Rev. C. T. Phillips.

Hymn by Rev. J. J. Barnes.

Candidates presented, by Rev. Jos. Noble.

Questions, by the Moderator.

Ordination Prayer, by Rev. J. W. Clark.

Hand of Fellowship, by Rev. J. T. Parsons.

Charge, by Rev. Dr. McLeod.

Benediction, by Rev. L. A. Fenwick.

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Business being resumed, the election of the General Conference Executive was proceeded with, the brethren chosen being Revs. Dr. Hartley, Dr. McLeod, D. Long, J. W. Clarke and C. T. Phillips.

Rev. Dr. McLeod was appointed General Secretary.

The business of the sixty-sixth annual session being completed, the Conference adjourned at 11.20 p.m. Closing prayer by the Moderator.

India will have about 33,000,000 bushels of wheat for export this year.

One of the oldest bequest on record is that of the late George Russell, the well-known sculptor of Ayrshire. He left his fortune of \$75,000 for the benefit of scavengers and policemen.

When you lie down, close your eyes with a short prayer, commit yourself into the hands of your faithful Creator, and when you have done, trust Him in a you self, as you must do, when you are dying.—J. Henry Taylor.

Among Exchanges.

Of No Use.

It is of no use to pray for God to send forth more laborers into his harvest while we refuse to pay for these already here.—The Free Baptist.

Two Poor Kinds.

Some people's religion consists in admiration of favorite preachers. And some preachers ideas of success consist in the securing of popular applause. The truth of these statements appears from the facts that such people will not go to church unless they can hear their dear favorites, and such preachers are "in the camps" unless they are praised.—Morning Star.

Woman's Foreign Missionary Society.

"Rise ye up ye women that are at ease." Isaiah 32: 9.

[All contributions for this column should be addressed to Mrs. Jos. McLeod, Fredericton.]

Woman's Mission Society.

ANNUAL MEETING.

The Twenty-Second Annual Meeting of the Women's Mission Society was held with the church at Sussex, on Monday, October 3rd, at 10 o'clock a.m. President in the chair. Opened with usual devotional exercises, conducted by Mrs. C. T. Phillips. The roll call found the following officers present:—

Mrs. A. C. Smith, President; Mrs. McKinnon, Mrs. Smith, Mrs. Weyman Vice Presidents; Mrs. Joseph McLeod, Rec. Secretary; Mrs. C. W. Weyman, Corresponding Sec.; Mrs. Henry Hartt, Home Sec.; Mrs. Vince, Treasurer; Mrs. M. Fenwick, Auditor.

Board of Managers—Mrs. David Long, Mrs. G. A. Hartley, Mrs. J. W. Clarke, Miss Jane Weyman, Mrs. C. T. Phillips, Mrs. J. J. Barnes, Mrs. J. N. Barnes, Mrs. F. C. Hartley.

The President in her opening speech made reference very feelingly, to the absence on account of illness, of Mrs. Peters, from whom a letter had been received.

Miss Wile was introduced, and received by the audience rising to its feet. She came forward and spoke briefly, giving some hints as to what may be accomplished in mission interests as well as in other directions, by combined and persistent effort.

On motion Mrs. Lucas and Mrs. Hamilton were invited to seats with us during the session.

The Home Mission Secretary, Mrs. Hartt, read her report giving besides other interesting facts, the amount of money raised in each District during the year, which is as follows:—

1st District.....\$ 21 68

2nd ".....220 69

3rd ".....93 27

4th ".....58 98

5th ".....45 30

6th