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Conference Sparks.

If I went to the States to school I would come back; indeed, I would come back as soon as ever I could.—F. CURRIE.

One of our chief duties is to purify the electorate.—C. T. PHILLIPS.

It is our business to be obedient to every call of our Lord.—D. P. GOSLINE.

Every christian is called to be a missionary.—T. B. BASSETT.

I thank God for the brotherly life with which I have come in contact in this Conference.—F. S. HARTLEY.

The true pastor will teach patriotism, and do all he can to mould public opinion on questions affecting the moral welfare of the country.—C. T. PHILLIPS.

General Religious News.

—It is stated that German statisticians place the Catholic population of the world at 320,000. This is considerably higher than former reports.

—Bright spots are developing themselves in Italy in connection with Protestant missions. One mission at Spezia takes a special interest in soldiers and sailors. King Humbert has expressed his approval of the good work.

—The average pastorate in the Presbyterian Church is reported as eight years and eight months, the average service of ministers as stated supply is two years and five months, and the average of ministerial service, including both pastors and stated supplies, is five years and seven months.

—In Catholic Switzerland, in the commune of Lichtenwal the whole parish with the exception of five families have renounced Romanism. One of the new agencies employed by the McAll missions is a sort of house-boat on the Seine, fitted up as a chapel and run upon all the large rivers and through the great net-work of canals which distinguish certain parts of the land. In this daily services are held and many hamlets visited that could not be reached by the ordinary means of travel. It is said that the waterways of France open up to such a river-chapel 20,000 miles of travel.

—The Canada Baptist tells of the great strength of the Baptists in Louisville, Ky, There are thirty-three churches and 17,860 members. The churches are all large, there being only six, with a membership under 200, while four number over 1,000, and one 1,900 members. The Methodists rank next with thirty churches and 10,340 members, then the Presbyterians with seventeen churches and 4,726 members, followed by the Episcopalians with eleven churches and 3,498 members. One reason for the rapid growth of Baptists in Louisville, is because of the willingness of churches to send out swarms to occupy advantageous points, and of strong men to leave the mother church to assist in the new interests.

—All who are interested in the progress of our Lord's work will be sorry to note the following statistics, given by the Clerk of the General Assembly of the Presbyterian Church in the United States. In that denomination in 1897, 74,000 members were added on examination; in 1898 only 48,000. In 1894, 41,000 were added on certificate in 1898 only 35,000. The net increase from 1894 has been, 1894, 40,000; 1895, 26,000; 1896, 20,000; 1897, 17,000; 1898, 14,000. This body has been torn with controversies over the Higher Criticism, etc., which has doubtless retarded growth. It is significant, says the Canadian Baptist, that the two bodies which have been most distended by these and kindred views—the Presbyterian and the Congregationalist—have been having the most decline in their growth. This is not accidental. Those views may not constitute all the reason for this sad state of things; but, we believe they have much to do with it.

Home Religious News.

—A revival is in progress at Port Maitland, N. S. The meetings are being conducted by Rev. W. S. Martin.

—Rev. Oscar Gronlund, pastor of the Dartmouth, N. S., Methodist church, will shortly leave for the south, owing to the delicate state of health.

—A "missioner," Rev. Mr Murphy, is conducting special services in the St. James Episcopal church, St. John, with success.

—The Presbyterian church in this city has a debt of $6 000. Four weeks ago the pastor, Rev. W. McDonald, made an appeal to his people to make an effort to remove the debt. It is now announced that over $4,000 of this amount has been pledged, and that the balance is likely to be secured.

—The Gibson Baptist church celebrated the tenth anniversary of its organization on Thursday evening. There was interesting programme of music and speeches, a collection, and refreshments. The pastor gave a brief history of the church—which has made quite remarkable progress; Revs. F. C. Hartley, G. M. Campbell, J. D. Freeman and Dr. McLeod made addresses. The other ministers present were Revs. Messrs. Turner, Sloat and Gregg, who had part in the devotional services The attendance was large, and it was a pleasant meeting.

Denominational News.

ARGYLE, N. S.—Two weeks of special meetings at Argyle Sound, held by the pastor. Rev. G. M. Wilson, have been a blessing to some.

MONCTON, N. B.—The first of the series of evangelistic meetings was held in the Free Baptist church last evening, and notwithstanding the attraction to another good work, the interest made manifest indicated the successful results of these services. Rev. Mr. Nobles spoke in his usual sincere and emphatic manner from the text, "We are workers together with God." One thought emphasized was the necessity of Christian unity. The praise service was conducted by Evangelist Hugh C. McLean. His rendering of "The Master is Come" and "Christ has redeemed us," was worthy of a sacrifice to hear.—Tuesday Times.

CARPENTER Q Co.—The families of this place and a few friends from neighbouring places met on the evening of the 10th inst., at the home of Mr. J. W. Carpenter M. P. P. After all had partaken of the splendid supper provided by the ladies, and the evening had been enjoyed in music and conversation, Mr. Albert Belyea was appointed Chairman, Mr. Daniel Carpenter, Treas., and Mr. James T. Carpenter Secretary. Under the genial management of these gentlemen the business part of the evening was very successfully conducted, resulting in a donation of $31.04, $14.55 being cash and $16.49 in goods. After the presentation and reply, there were short addresses by Rev. J. W. Carpenter and others, and recitations by the young folks. All this added very much to the evening's enjoyment. Especially did the kind words said by those among whom I have laboured during the last year add to my comfort in being thus remembered for the work's sake. The company was dismissed with prayer, all speaking highly of the evening's enjoyment.

For the above expression of kindness Mrs. Patterson joins with me in publicly tendering our appreciation and heart-felt thanks.

DAVID PATTERSON.

Nov. 15th, 1899

FROM REV. JOS. NOBLE.—As it has been sometime since anything has appeared in the paper over my signature although my name has been seen a good many times, mentioned by the editor and others, I take up my pen to write once more. Since Conference I have busy doing nothing. I went to Lower Perth, Upper Kent and Bath, but the Sunday was stormy and the people did not get out generally, so I could not do anything in the way of arrangement. I had a Conference meeting at Lower Perth; it rained, and only a very few were there. Then I went to Campbell Settlement and Southampton and succeeded in about the same way. The weather was unfavorable, and some of the people were away and others indifferent. So you see my point about being "busy doing nothing." Now I am at home, and I don't know but I had better stay here. As I have gone around among the people and heard the talk about not having any minister, and about getting or not getting, and will we have one or not, and if we could get such a man he could help us, I have thought much of Paul's view of carnality. I think if a good many churches would read the third chapter of first Corinthians, read it carefully and prayerfully, it would help them very much in their choices. I many times think of a prayer I heard a good old sister offer many years ago; very earnestly she said, "Lord send by whom thou wilt send, Lord send brother Hartt." I remember another instance where bro. Hartt had an appointment in a certain place, and circumstances prevented him going, and a good brother went to supply, but the deacon, as it was not brother Hartt took the lead of the Conference meeting and thought the children could not be baptized by any other, so they were not. A few days after bro. Hartt went to do the work, but it was a failure, and the same little brother went back and saw a blessed revival and baptized about twenty. Sometimes our opinions of things are not the mind of God.

One more thing I have to say: I would like to call the attention of the ministers to the article by Dr. Cuyler in last weeks INTELLIGENCER on "Revivals, and working in them and for them," wishing it might impress them as it impresses me.

J. NOBLE.

Woodstock,
Nov 16.

—There are 4,212 members in Spurgeon's church.

—The number of Welsh Baptists has reached 90 445 of whom 4 486 were baptized last year.

AN ENGLISH ADMIRAL'S HINT.—Captain Coghlan tells the following story: Dewey sailed into Manila Harbor, fought his battle, and then cut the cable. The English Admiral wanted to help him but didn't dare. But he thought that Dewey might take a hint. So the English Admiral sailed over to Dewey and said: "Ah, I see you have cut a cable." "Yes," answered Dewey. "Which one?" asked the innocent English Admiral. And then Dewey, knowing for the first time there were two cables, hustled back, grappled for the second cable, and cut it.—Lawrence Journal.

POLITICAL NEWS.—An election is to be held in Gloucester Co. to fill the seat in the Local Legislature vacated by P. J. Veniot, appointed Collector of Customs at Bathurst. Nomination Nov. 27th, polling Dec 4th.

The by election in South Renfrew, rendered necessary by the appointment of Hon. F. R. Latchford to the portfolio of public works in the Ontario government, resulted in his election

The Manitoba Legislature has been dissolved, and a general election is to take place Dec. 7th; nomination 30th inst.

George Muller's Secret on God's Guidance.

No man was better qualified to instruct God's people in the matter of ascertaining His will concerning the problems of the daily life and Christian guidance than the late George Muller. The man whom God used to establish without a penny of capital the great Bristol orphanages with accommodations for over 2,000 homeless boys and girls and to whom He entrusted the handling of $7 000,000 must know the secret. The following plan Dr. Muller pursued to find out God's will.

1. I seek at the beginning to get any heart into such a state that it has no will of its own in regard to a given matter. Nine-tenths of the difficulties are overcome when our hearts are ready to do the Lord's will, whatever it may be. When one is truly in this state, it is usually but a little way to the knowledge of what His will is.

2. Having done this, I do not leave the result to feeling or simple impression. If so, I lay myself liable to great delusions.

3. I seek the will of the Spirit of God through, or in connection with, the word of God. The Spirit and the word must be combined. If I look to the Spirit alone without the word, I lay myself open to great delusions, also. If the Holy Ghost guides us at all, he will do it according to the Scriptures, and never contrary to them.

4. Next, I take into account providential circumstances. These often plainly indicate His will in connection with His word and Spirit.

5. I ask God in prayer to reveal His will to me aright.

6. Thus, through prayer to God, the study of the work, and reflection, I come to a delicate judgment according to the best of my ability and knowledge, and then if my mind is at peace, and continues so after two or three more petitions. I go ahead accordingly. In trivial matters, and in transactions involving most important issues, I have found this method always effective.—Sel.

Death of Sir Wm. Dawson.

The death of Sir Wm. Dawson one of Canada's most philanthropic and eminent sons occurred at Montreal on Sunday last. His great work in connection with the presidency of McGill University and the splendid endowments to that institution which he was able to secure will hand his name down to posterity as one of the greatest benefactors of the century. The following short sketch of his life will be interesting.

Sir William Dawson, educationist, geologist and naturalist, was the son of the late James Dawson, of Pictou, N. S., and was born at that place Oct. 13th, 1820. At the age of twelve years, the instinct for science, inherited from his father, had begun to assert itself, and he began making a collection of the fossil plants of the Nova Scotia coal formation. His education was begun at Pictou Academy and completed at the University of Edinburgh. After a winter spent at the latter institution, he accompanied Sir Charles Lyell on his tour through Nova Scotia, finished his collegiate course in 1846, and returned home, having already contributed something of importance to the geological knowledge of his province. In 1850 he was appointed superintendent of education for Nova Scotia, an office which he held for three years. He had already made himself prominent by the publication of many papers, reports and lectures, on a variety of subjects, characterized by original and valuable research. From this time he became chiefly distinguished in his own province as an indefatigable promotor of educational progress, and a founder of educational instiutions. He took an active part in the establishment of a normal school in Nova Scotia, and in the regulation of the affairs of the University of New Brunswick.

A few years after this, McGill University was looking for a head, and Dr. Dawson was secured as the principal and professor of natural history. He took up his task in 1855, and saw the institution grow slowly but surely, from small beginnings to its present important position as a university among the great seats of learning in America and Europe.

He is the author of a number of standard works, covering a large field of scientific investigation and elucidation. The most important of his other memoirs are: On the Triassic Red Sandstone of Nova Scotia and P. E. Island; On the Coloring Matters of Red Sandstone; and on The Metamorphic Rock of Nova Scotia.

In special acknowledgement of his eminent services to science and education he was created a C. M. G. in 1881, and was made a Knight Bach. in 1884 Sir William is a Fellow of the Royal Society, a Fellow of the London Geological Society, a Fellow of the Royal Society of Edinburg, an LL. D. of Edinburgh University, an LL. D. of McGill, a D. C. L. of Lennoxville; and a D. L. of Columbia College, New York. He retired from the office of principal of McGill July, 1893, and was thereupon appointed Emeritus principal and professor and governors Fellow as well as honorary curator of the Peter Redpath Museum, and given a handsome allowance for his lifetime. Sir William married in March, 1847, Margaret A. Y., daughter of G Mercer of Edinburg. In March, 1897, the golden wedding of Sir William and Lady Dawson, was celebrated in Montreal, on which occasion they were made the recipients of several addresses of congratulations, accompanied by souvenirs of the interesting event.

Notes on the Front.

The troops in South Africa, when the whole of General Buller's corps arrive out, will contain the pick of the British army. It will be the most perfect fighting machine ever equipped. Hitherto, in England, appointments often went by favor, and petitcoats played a part in obtaining places for sons brothers and nephews. The present appointments have been wisely and judiciously made, and it is said that no lady was suffered to enter the War Office, while to ask for a place for a friend was to invite a refusal. In every case appointments have been made by the authorities 'propro motu' on their own initiative, based always on the slowest and most cautious weighing of relative values.

Some people in their innocence think that the Queen has absolute power in her own dominions, whereas Her Majesty is circumscribed by constitutional law on every side. She could not even get a position in the army corps for her own son. The Duke of Connaught was most anxious to be given employment in the war, and no one doubts the pluck, efficiency or ability of His Royal Highness But it is a severe additional responsibility on the British general to have a son of the sovereign under him on active service. Sir Redvers Buller bluntly told Lord Lansdowne that he could not be bothered with a royal duke. But the Duke of Connaught was not satisfied with this, and induced the Queen to plead for him to Sir Redvers Buller. The general was equal to the occasion: Madame, you have many valiant officers but only three sons. Keep them at home; The Queen gladly acquiesced, and there the matter ended.

A bombarded city is not, after all, such a dangerous place. During the siege of Paris it took an average of a hundred shells to kill a single man; the German poured nearly two hundred thousand projectiles into Strasburg at a loss of only three hundred lives, or at the rate of one death for every 666 shells; while during the bombardment of Belfort a hundred thousand shells killed and wounded only sixty men.

Kidney Disease.

The Result is often a Life of Pain and Misery.

MR. DAVID CROWELL OF HORTON, N S., WAS AN INTENSE SUFFERER AND ALMOST DISPAIRED OF FINDING A CURE—TELLS THE STORY OF HIS RELEASE.

The Acadien, Wolfeville, N. S.

Recently a reporter of the Acadien was told another of those triumphs of Dr. Williams' Pink Pills, which are becoming very common in this vicinity. The fortunate individual is Mr. David Crowell, a highly respected resident of Hortonville.

Below is his experience, in substance, as he gave it to us:—"About two years ago, for the first time in my life, I began to realize fully what ill health meant. The first symptoms was a feeling of overpowering drowsiness which crept over me at times. Often I would be at work in the field when the drowsiness would seize me and I would find that it required the exercise of all my will-power to keep awake. In a short time I was attacked by sharp piercing pains which shot through the lower part of my back. At first this did not trouble me very much during the day, but at night the pain became almost unendurable and often I would not close my eyes throughout the whole night. Gradually a nausea and loathing for food developed. Sometimes I would sit down to a meal with a keen appetite, but after a mouthful or so had passed my lips, sickness and vomiting would follow. I became greatly reduced in flesh and in a short time was but a wreck of my former self. The doctor said the trouble was disease of the kidneys, but his treatment did not help me. My mother, who was something of a nurse, urged me to try Dr. Williams' Pink Pills, and at last to satisfy her more than from hopes of being cured, I took up their use. After taking one box I seemed better and I resolved to try another. Before the second box was used my condition was improved beyond gainsay and I felt sure the pills were responsible for it. I took two more boxes and before they were all used the pain in my back had wholly disappeared, my appetite had returned and I felt like a new man. For the sum of two dollars I cured myself of a painful disease. There cannot be the least doubt but that Dr. Williams' Pink Pills was the sole cause of my recovery and I consider them the best medicine in existence.

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MARRIED SEVENTY YEARS.—On the 28th of October, 1899, Mr. John H. Swaine, the oldest man of Cape Negro, N. S., passed away at the ripe age of 94 years. He leaves a widow who is 97 years of age, two sons and a daughter. For over 70 years Mr. and Mrs. Swaine have enjoyed the voyage of life together. Mrs. Swaine has a twin sister living (Mrs. Horton), and another sister, Mrs. Snow, who is 95 years of age. These three sisters all live in Cape Negro, and their combined ages amount to 280 years. They also have a brother who is about 84 years old. The aged widow attended the burial service and is still vigorous.

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Marriages.

WARNOCK-MCPHERSON.—On the 11th inst, at the ministers residence, St. John, West, by Rev. Dr. Hartley, William Warnock, of Hillsborough, Albert Co., and Miss Eliza McPherson of St. John city.

Deaths.

BROWN.—At Arthurette, V. Co., on the 8th inst, the infant son of George E. and Coramanta D. Brown.

MERSEREAU.—At Juvenile, Sun. Co., Nov. 4th. Arthur Linus, child of Thomas A. and Phebe M. Mersereau aged five months and nineteen days. "Of such is the kingdom of heaven."

WORTHEN.—At East Pubnico, N. S., Nov. 29th, Mrs. Joel Worthen. Sister Worthen was converted when young, united with the Free Baptist church of Port La Tour. She bore her last sickness with christian patience, and died happy in the Lord. The funeral and interment took place at Port LaTour. The sermon was preached by the writer.

G. M. W.

ATHERTON.—At Woodstock on the morning of the 9th of Nov., Catherine, widow of the late Isaac Atherton passed peacefully away from the associations and scenes of earth, to the brightness and glory of her ever. Among those of her relatives and friends who survive her are three sons and three daughters who deeply mourn their loss. Our late sister, who was in the 73rd year of her age, was for many years a devoted christian, and member of the Woodstock Free Baptist church. Her patience and happiness during her several week's illness, were very marked, and her resignation to the Divine Will, enabled her to rejoice in hope of a glorious immortality. The subject of the above sketch was a sister of the late Rev. Yerxa White. The funeral services were conducted by the undersigned assisted by the Rev. Wm. Wiggins,

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