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THE NOVA SCOTIA FREE BAPTIST CONFERENCE.

The 36th Annual Session was opened by the Moderator, Rev. W. C. Weston, after singing and prayer. The following members were present during the session.

ELDERS.

Rev. W. C. Weston, W. M. Knollin, W. Freeman, Geo. E. Sturgis, Ed. Crowell, D. T. Porter, C. F. Cooper, M. Wilson, T. H. Siddall, Jas. W. G. McGray, Joseph K. West, A. M. McMillan, J. E. Gosline, J. B. Merrill, Licentiate Joseph Wilson.

Deacons.—A. R. Durkee, Foster, Doane Crowell, Jacob Ellis, Wm. Randall, R. A. Sims, Ricker, B. F. Kenney and Earle.

S. SUPERINTENDENTS.—Rev. J. B. Merrill, James Earle, Mrs. George Phillips, Mrs. J. B. Merrill, Wm. Randall, George Ring, Jackson Ricker, James Durkee.

DELEGATES.—Wm. Powell, Mrs. Earle, Caleb Cook, Mrs. P. Malone, Mrs. Purdy, Mrs. Jane Hines, Mrs. Blauvelt, Warley Porter, Mrs. Crowell, Mrs. Joseph Stodard, Peter Robichau, Mrs. G. M. Knollin, Arzema Annis, Theora Spinney, Ezekiel Ring, Isaac Poter, Mrs. Kendrick, Mrs. A. McGray, C. McGray, Mrs. J. C. McGray, G. Goodwin, Mrs. Rebecca Ross, Annie Dixon.

Rev. D. Patterson's name was added to the list of Elders. Rev. J. W. Clarke was introduced as corresponding delegate from the N. Conference, and was cordially welcomed.

The report of the Executive of Conference was read and adopted.

REPORT OF EXECUTIVE.
Your Executive have by committee, carried on since the beginning of the year a periodical named "The Banner," which will be reported later by that committee.

The following committees have been appointed:
NOMINATING.—D. T. Porter, W. M. Knollin, J. W. Freeman, A. R. Durkee, C. F. Cooper.
RELIGIOUS QUESTIONS.—T. H. Siddall, J. E. Gosline, Jos. E. Wilson, J. B. Merrill, and David Patterson.

STATE OF THE DENOMINATION.—D. T. Porter, A. M. McMillan, J. W. Freeman, G. M. Wilson and T. H. Siddall.

PRUDENTIAL.—J. K. West, G. M. Knollin, E. Crowell and W. C. Weston. Funds to the amount of \$70 have been raised for the monument for the Elder Miller, and sixty-five dollars have been paid to Mrs. McGill and her family.

Your Executive have borrowed from the F. M. Society, and paid the Beaver River church note of \$50 as will be seen in the Treasurer's report.

E. CROWELL, Secretary.

The above report was adopted as a resolution.

Selection of officers, Rev. J. K. West was chosen Moderator, Rev. A. M. McMillan, as before. The rest of the day was occupied with reports of district meetings and of delegates.

Rev. J. W. Clarke, in an interesting description of the work of the Conference, paid a glowing tribute of affection to the memory of the late Rev. G. F. Currie. He did not forget the INTELLIGENCER and its place in the Conference work.

Messrs. C. T. Phillips, of St. John, Rev. J. S. Durkee, of Boston, Mr. Lockhart (Prim. Bapt), and Mr. McPhee (Bapt), were present at the meetings and invited to sit at the Conference.

It was determined that a letter be sent to the Triennial Conference defining the terms upon which we should have membership in that body; and a committee frame the letter.

Thursday evening the Young People's League held its annual meeting. Rev. J. E. Gosline, Pres., showed that Christianity united and Christian action were grand ideas of C. E. The music was rendered by the choir. Mrs. Gosline sang a solo. The prayer was by Miss Marion Hopkins, by Miss Theora Spinney, was a stirring argument for membership and service in C. E. work.

C. T. Phillips, of St. John, gave an address on "the safety of youth."

The following officers of societies were appointed:

(1) FOREIGN MISSION SOCIETY.

Mrs. Laura J. Potter, President; Mrs. Jas. E. Cushing, R. A. Sims; Rev. W. C. Weston, Vice-Presidents; Mrs. G. M. Wilson, Corresponding Secretary; Rev. G. E. Gosline, Treasurer; Rev. W. C. Weston, Auditor.

DISTRICT SECRETARIES.

Mrs. Naomi Cushing, Caledonia, Queens Co.; Mrs. Charles Miller, Canning, Kings Co.; Miss Marion Hopkins, Yarmouth; Miss Belle Hopkins, Barrington; Shelburne Co.; Miss Rosie Cohoon, Port Medway, Queens Co.; Mrs. N. D. McGray, Cape Island, N. S.

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

(2) HOME MISSION SOCIETY.

Rev. Edwin Crowell, President; Amiel Spinney, Joseph A. Smith, Rev. George E. Sturgis, Vice-Presidents; Rev. J. W. Freeman, Sec. Treas.; Rev. W. C. Weston, Auditor; Executive: The officers and A. R. Durkee, A. Corning, Rev. D. Patterson and Rev. J. B. Merrill.

(3) EXECUTIVE OF CONFERENCE.

Rev. J. K. West, Moderator; Rev. A. M. McMillan, Asst. Moderator; Rev. Edwin Crowell, Clerk and Treasurer; Rev. D. T. Porter, Corresponding Secy; Rev. W. C. Weston, Auditor; and Messrs. G. M. Wilson, W. M. Knollin, C. F. Cooper, J. E. Gosline, J. W. Freeman, Messrs. Jos. A. Smith and R. A. Sims.

(4) TEMPERANCE LEAGUE.

Rev. A. M. McMillan, President; Rev. T. H. Siddall, Sec. Treasurer; W. S. Porter, David Lockhart, Rev. J. B. Merrill, Vice-Presidents.

(5) MINISTERIAL AID SOCIETY.

Norman Jeffery, President; Rev. G. M. Wilson, Secretary; Rev. W. C. Weston, Treasurer; Rev. J. W. Smith, Vice-President.

EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE: The officers and Jacob Ellis, Maurice Forbes, A. R. Durkee.

(6) SUNDAY SCHOOL CONVENTION.

Joseph A. Smith, President; Mrs. J. E. Gosline, Sec. Treasurer; R. A. Sims, Rev. D. T. Porter, Mrs. W. Blauvelt, Vice-Presidents.

(7) ELDERS' CONFERENCE.

Rev. W. M. Knollin, Moderator; Rev. G. E. Sturgis, Asst. Moderator; Rev. T. H. Siddall, Secretary.

(8) PROGRAMME COMMITTEE.

The Clerk of Conference and the Pastor of the church where the next yearly meeting shall be held.

(9) EDUCATION SOCIETY.

Rev. J. W. Smith, President; Rev. J. E. Gosline, Vice-President; Rev. G. M. Wilson, Sec. Treas.; Executive—the officers and Rev. E. Crowell, Leander Cox, James Cushing, Foster Crosby and Joseph A. Smith.

DELEGATES.

To N B F B Conference: Rev. C. F. Cooper; Substitute, Rev. J. B. Merrill. To Maine F B Association: Rev. J. E. Gosline; Substitute, Rev. D. T. Porter.

To K and C Co meetings: Revs J. E. Gosline D Patterson. To Queens Co meetings: Revs J. K. West and J. B. Merrill.

The report of the Elders' Conference showed that (1) the church license of Bro. Jacob Ellis of Cedar Lake had been endorsed; (2) the name of Rev. E. C. Wall had been removed from the list of Elders; (3) that Licentiate Joseph E. Wilson had been accepted for ordination.

The Prudential Committee were instructed to make arrangements for Bro. Wilson's ordination.

A letter was read from Rev. C. S. Frost, delegate of the Mass. F. B. Association, explaining his absence.

.....Rev. J. H. Saunders, D. D. was introduced as delegate from the Baptist Maritime Convention, with proposals that the Free Baptists co-operate with them in Foreign Missions and higher Education.

The report of the committee on the state of the denomination was as follows:

Having taken into consideration the state of our denomination we desire to submit the following report. There is reason for encouragement in the fact that there has been, in many places more than the usual activity in Christian work. It has been quite a number of years since there has been revival effort on so many parts of our field.

The blessing of God has rested upon these labors which have resulted in the revival and encouragement of our people. Our net gain is greater than it has often been in recent years. The usual interest is manifested in our Sabbath Schools, Young People's Societies, Home and Foreign mission interests. We notice that many of those converted and added to church membership are from the ranks of the Sabbath Schools. Our people more fully

realize their duty in regard to the great question of temperance, and we believe are in full sympathy with the attitude of Conference on this important matter. Some of our pastors have been for a long time without a pastor, and we believe that special effort should be made to encourage and help these vacant fields to engage ministers that the harvest may be gathered, and that our cause may not suffer from neglect.

Extensive repairs have been made on the Centreville meeting house, and several churches have substantially reduced their debt, particularly Yarmouth and Advocate churches. The debt on the Public meeting house has been paid.

It is thought that a re-arrangement of pastures would be in some parts of our field beneficial to the cause.

We recommend that the suggestion of Rockville church be referred to the executive.

We consider that the conditions at the present time are such as to make us hopeful in regard to the future and encourage us to greater faithfulness.

The foreign mission meeting was on Friday evening, R. A. Sims, Esq., presiding. Rev. C. F. Cooper set forth most eloquently the motive for foreign mission work as seen at Calvary. Rev. Jos. Wilson and J. S. Durkee gave illustrations from the work of the African prince and missionary in his Free Baptist mission field in the hinterlands of Liberia. About \$1000 was reported in the treasury, of which almost one half had been raised during the year.

The executive have given \$300 to Dr. Burkholder's work; \$50 to the Widows' Home and \$50 for Miss Combs for Zenana work. The cradle roll was recommended to the F B churches.

The Cor. Sec. of the Society Mrs. G. M. Wilson, presented the following report:

The Foreign Mission Society of the F. B. Nova Scotia Conference reports progress. Some devoted women are determined to do their part in carrying out the gospel injunction, "Go ye into all the world and preach the gospel to every creature."

The following report is as nearly correct as can be ascertained, owing to the fact that some of the Secretaries have failed to forward information regarding the work in their charge.

Yarmouth auxiliary is still carrying forward the good work. The children take an active part in the public meetings when there is a prepared programme. The ladies purpose holding monthly meetings and nearly always succeed.

MRS. NORMAN JEFFERY, President.

Kemptville has an auxiliary of thirty three members with a good degree of interest. Public meetings are held regularly. A service for the children was held when their mite-boxes were opened. Money is also raised by membership dues. A good degree of prosperity has attended the untiring efforts of these sisters.

MRS. JONATHAN RANDALL, President.

Tusket Sunday School collected two dollars. There is very little interest. Some of the ladies are anxious to see the work revived in their midst.

Riverdale reports no special interest. Carleton has no Society, but collected money to the amount of six dollars. Little River sustains a Union Society of Baptist and Free Baptist members holding meetings once in three months, collections taken amounted to \$6 25. The young people are interested and a good spirit is displayed.

Shag Harbour auxiliary of 40 adult members, raised \$18.02 for dues and \$4.02 for mite-box offering. The monthly meetings have been well supported with interesting programs attended with spiritual interest.

MRS. JAMES SMITH, President.

Barrington auxiliary consists of 48 members, two meetings were especially helpful. The C. E. Society has occasional meetings of their own and support a native teacher in India. The Junior C. E. Society raise their money by mite boxes and take two shares in Miss Barnes salary. The pastor preaches a sermon once in three months.

MISS BELLE HOPKINS, President.

Pubnico Head auxiliary sends a favorable account of the effort put forth during the past year. Membership 33. New members added 12. Money raised \$23.11. Childrens Day Concert realized \$5.45. Missionary concert \$2.50. The balance of the money raised by membership fees and collections in the monthly meetings. The young people prepare good programs and the several committees are working nobly.

MRS. G. M. WILSON, President.

Cape Island reports no Society at Clark's Harbour. We recommend the organization of a Society in this strong church. A large amount of money was brought to the Conference from this pastorate.

Centreville auxiliary of 18 members, has been weakened through sickness among its members. Money raised by

taking the fifth Sunday collections and membership dues.

B. F. KENNEY, President.

Argyle pastorate sustains no missionary meetings.

Since coming to the Conference I have gained the following report. Caledonia and Westfield churches are still putting forth a noble effort to promote the department of Foreign Mission work so long engaged in. A concert is reported with much success. The children are being trained to give to this cause.

Plymouth auxiliary reports eight meetings with good results, but hope to see more fruit from their labours.

MISS MACD PURDY, President.

Canning auxiliary hopes to see better days before long, one public meeting was held during the year which brought a blessing to many hearts.

MRS. JAMES HENNINGER, President.

Since last Yearly Meeting the estate of the late Mrs. Joseph Durkee forwarded the sum of \$25.00 to this Society, for which we are grateful. We realize that a good sister has been called to her reward, and her works follow her.

Advocate Pastorate reports no special effort. Port Mouton and Port Medway are unheard from.

MRS. G. M. WILSON, Cor. Sec. F. M. S. of N. S.

Glenwood, Aug 30th, 1901.

The S S convention programme on Saturday evening brought the superintendent to the front, A R Durkee, C Cook, Jackson Ricker, Mrs. Gosline and others. Mrs. Geo Phillips sang a solo at this service.

The obituary report referred to the deaths of Samuel Duncan, Jonathan Goodwin, Hugh Slater, Mrs. A. R Durkee and others of precious memory in the churches.

The weather during the meetings has been perfect, neither swelter nor fog hindering the meetings.

Sunday Rev J E Gosline preached the annual sermon. Text, "The entrance of Thy word giveth light." In the afternoon licentiate Joseph E Wilson was ordained; sermon by Rev E Crowell; text, "Thou hast magnified Thy word above all Thy name."

In the evening Rev J Clarke, of St Jo'n, was the preacher. Monday evening Rev G M Wilson preached and conducted a revival service. The large crowds in attendance were well entertained and to many the natural beauty and scenery about Glenwood was a revelation. 27 years ago a yearly meeting was held here and the veteran past moderator, Rev W C Weston remarked that none of the active workers of that conference except himself were present. So the mortality of man instanced on Sunday evening by the death of one who was present in the morning and seen more generally in the facts above noted urges this and all Christian bodies to fidelity in their Holy office of setting forth the truths of the gospel.

CLOSING RESOLUTIONS.

That with much satisfaction we desire to express our regard for the kind and gracious hospitality enjoyed during this session and to sincerely thank our friends for their generous and deeply esteemed efforts to add joy and pleasure to this helpful and pleasing Conference.

That we thank the pastor and the committee for their good efforts; also the most excellent choir and skilful organist who have done so much to add interest and joy to our gathering and afforded so many pleasing memories.

PROHIBITION.

That we reaffirm our former resolutions: That believing the scientific truths as to alcohol, that it is a poison, its use in the form of beverages is a misuse, hurtful and injurious, both physiologically and morally, also that experience has fully demonstrated that total abstinence is the only wise, safe, sound attitude and position to be taken and maintained.

That any form of license is to acknowledge and propagate a prolific source of physical and moral evil, and as the end and purpose of the kingdom of Christ is to secure that which is socially and morally good, we believe that there is but one attitude and position for us to take, and it is to aim at and persistently pursue the securing of the entire prohibition of a base, destructive and bad traffic, and to us any other attitude is inimical to the true interests of Christ's kingdom.

That we most deeply regret the apparent indifference of those to whom are entrusted great momentous public interests and questions so intimately related to the moral weal of the people, none being greater than the question of prohibition, and we regretfully realize that for some reason our hopes have been sadly disappointed.

We ask most earnestly for our membership to uphold and strenuously

maintain our so oft declared convictions and declarations, and in every possible way seek destruction of a traffic of sin, shame and death.

POLITICAL CORRUPTION.

We most deeply regret the spirit and fact of the growing political corruption in this province and Dominion in connection with the sacred right and priceless trust of citizenship, defeating the real purpose, aim and intention of the ball t, and which is mutually degrading and a vast hindrance to the realization of many social and moral reforms so pressing for the general weal of the nation. We do protest against this terrible b'ight and appeal to all who cherish good citizenship and who desire to uphold and maintain the law and spirit of that righteousness which exalteth a nation, to disown, discard, resist and frown upon this hateful evil of buying and selling votes in all forms and the use of money and means to degrade and corrupt the electorate.

Resolved that this resolution be published in the public press, read in our churches and be sent to the Premier of this province, also of the Dominion and to the leaders of the opposition in the provincial and Dominion parliaments.

Resolved, that the committee of management for the Banner be Revs E Crowell, J E Gosline, T H Siddall and D T Porter.

A strong resolution was passed condemning the running of the steamer Prince Edward on the Sabbath along the shore as a needless desecration of the Lord's Day, and i structions given to a committee to make a protest to Hon G H Murray, M P P, and the provincial government, as the steamer is subsidized by the government, protesting against the unwise and hurtful action of the Dominion Atlantic Company.

The corresponding secretary presented a most admirable report of the year's work, which was greatly commended.

Meetings are to be held for a few days by the pastor and others to deepen the good influence of the meetings which have been so helpful and profitable. The signs of a larger blessing are most encouraging.

E. C.

Woman's Foreign Missionary Society

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

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

NOTICE.

The regular annual meeting of the Women's Mission Society of the Third District will be held with the Prince William church during the session of the District Meeting, Sept. 20-21.

MRS. F. C. HARTLEY, Sec'y-Treas.

Fredericton, Sept. 12th, 1901.

Had She a Soul Worth Saving?

Miss Nellie M. Phillips, a Free Baptist missionary in India, contributes the following sketch to the Free Baptist:

I was leaving the door for Sunday school when I saw at the gate a crowd gathered around something or someone, (I could distinguish little more than a pile of rags) on a small cot swung from a bamboo pole borne on the shoulders of two jungle Santals.

They put down the cot in the shade of the mango tree, and I found upon it a well built healthy Santal woman of middle age terribly lacerated by a bear. She was the mother of six children. She had left her family at home and gone to the jungle to gather sticks to cook their food. In the midst of her task she saw near her another mother's child and almost at the same instant caught sight of a bear from which both she and the child were in danger.

She rushed to the child's rescue and was herself attacked: the bear catching her as a cat would a mouse, wounding with teeth and claws, letting go his grip till she had run a short distance, again catching and again loosening his hold till finally she escaped him. The child's life cost her many deep and cruel wounds; and though no bones were broken—from her blood matted hair to her knees were ugly cuts and gashes from which the blood was oozing.

Such accidents are painfully frequent where the homes of the people border the jungle. The mothers often must take their babes on their hips or slung in a loop of cloth from their shoulders when they go to gather their supply of fuel.

His wardrobe consisted of a strip of homespun cloth about his loins and a thorn from the jungle which in a measure restrained the picturesque tangle of black curls on his crown. I did what I could for her, cleansing and caring for her wounds and relieving her pain by an anodyne, then sent her where she would have the regular hospital treatment. I was not able to give, sending occasional assistance to the family deprived of the mother's earnings. Her perfect health was the doctor's best ally. Within a month she was out of the hospital and the mother of another child.

Every time I have met her since—her face—an unusually handsome and intelligent one, has been all aglow with gratitude.

I love that woman. I never have seen even at home, more perfect self-forgetfulness than she showed not alone when she imperiled her life to save another's child, but all through her illness. Her husband and children always first in her thoughts; her own relief from pain an after consideration. Always quiet, patient, uncomplaining, and grateful for the least kindness.

As she was still lying that first day under the mango tree her husband's face was a study. He gazed on her with his soul in his eyes as though all the world had nothing for him but the quivering, suffering heap curled upon the little cot. When I brought the anodyne draught she said in an anxious undertone to him something which he repeated as anxiously to me. But I put it to her lips, with an assuring "No, no, 'twill bring no harm to your child," and I thought "Poor, dear mother, is it so light a task to feed the six God has already given, that in the midst of your sufferings you fear the draught that relieves your pains, lest in some way you injure the little one whose face you have not yet seen?"

And I thought, too, who after all is the pagan? This brown-faced sister from the jungles, who gladly suffers pain and risks life itself for a child—her own or another's—or is it the pale-faced Christian (?) in whom love of society, fashion and ease have crushed out the last vestige of love for her own offspring and of a mother has made a murderer?

Presbyterian Women.

The twenty-fifth annual meeting of the Women's Foreign Missionary Society of the Presbyterian church was held in Halifax last week.

Miss McCulloch's mission band report gave the dates of the formation of the first mission bands. They form a considerable factor in the W. F. M. S. work. They have contributed over \$20,000. Money is not the only gain, but the training of the young to take an interest in the less fortunate youth in heathen lands. Prince Edward Island has the largest number of mission bands. The society now reports 119 bands, with a membership of 2,983.

The Treasurer made an interesting report on the finances of the society. The following is an abstract from the report:

Presbyterials.

Pictou.....\$3,077 97
Halifax.....1,892 56
Truro.....1,790 76
St. John.....1,562 41
P. E. Island.....1,101 02
Inverness.....1,015 41
Wallace.....964 42
Miramichi.....856 35
Sydney.....613 79
Lunenburg.....258 64
From all other sources.....596 86

Total.....\$13,730 19

This is \$1,859 in advance of last year's total.

Rev. A. F. Robb and Miss MacMillan, M. D., both of New Brunswick, who will shortly go out as new missionaries to Corea, addressed the delegates.

A MOTHER WRITES: "I feel that I need the weekly visits of the INTELLIGENCER more than ever before. It is the paper I read in childhood days and the one I love best of all. Other papers are good, but this is my lifelong friend, tried and true."