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LEAGUE REPORT.

The Tenth Annual Session of the Free Baptist Young People's Provincial League, convened on Aug. 4th, at 7.30 p. m., in the Free Baptist Church at Marysville. A large audience was present, and joined heartily in the praise service, led by Mr. J. Barry Allan, of Fredericton. After a half-hour of song the 121st Psalm was read by Rev. E. S. Parker, B.A., and Rev. C. T. Phillips led the convention in prayer. The annual sermon was delivered by Rev. A. D. Paul, from the text, "In the name of our God we will set up our banner." Ps. 20: 5. Mr. Paul emphasized particularly the Christian Endeavor motto: "For Christ and the Church," dwelling on the Endeavorer's loyalty to both; to the result of concentrated Christian effort and to the distinctly religious nature of the organization. A helpful subject, practically dealt with, it could not fail to awaken the deeper feelings of all who had ever taken upon themselves a pledge to do "Whatever Christ would have them do."

Rev. A. A. Rideout, B.A., pastor of the Marysville church, then extended greetings to all the visiting friends, welcoming them to the hearts and homes represented by that church.

Rev. F. C. Hartley, C. T. Phillips, E. S. Parker, M. L. Gregg, J. B. Daggett, then spoke briefly, and the meeting was adjourned.

WEDNESDAY MORNING.

Wednesday morning found a goodly number assembled for the first quiet hour, at 8.00 a. m., which was led by Rev. C. T. Phillips. This was indeed a season of blessing, as the leader in his own tender way besought all, especially those who felt it to be a cross, to gain through prayer, a blessing in this the first regular service of the session. A large number availed themselves of the opportunity, and the time seemed in very truth a quiet hour with God.

At 9.30 a. m., the President, Rev. A. D. Paul, took the chair, and the regular business meeting was opened with prayer by Rev. S. J. Case. The first business was the appointment of the Press Committee to report the proceedings of the League,—Miss Gertrude Hartley, Miss Gertrude McKinnon and Miss Gussie Lambert; and of the Summarizing Committee,—Rev. E. S. Parker, Miss Jessie Slipp, Rev. J. B. Daggett, Mr. McNichol, Miss Lulu Vince, and Mrs. Dakin. The reports from the Societies were then called for and the corresponding secretaries of the following responded: Fredericton, Gibson, Marysville, St. John, West St. John, Dover, Bear Island, Woodstock, Grand Harbor, Oak Point, Jerusalem, Beaver Harbor, Knoxford, Olinville and Keswick, while Salisbury (Eagle Settlement) sent a written report. These all showed the societies to be in a fairly flourishing condition, Olinville being a new society and Keswick revived after a silence of some four or five years.

Mr. McCutcheon, a new worker in our ranks, was then tntroduced, and spoke briefly of his pleasure at being present, after which our old friends, Mr. Garfield Perry and S. J. Case gave a few words of greeting

At this point the Corresponding Secretary, Rev. F. C. Hartley, presented his report, which, after some discussion, for stress of time was laid on the table. It will be produced later in full.

At 11 o'clock Rev. M. L. Gregg delivered an earnest address on the "Value of the Young People's Movement to the Church." We hope to have this, too produced in full in this column. The Convention then adjourned to meet at 2.00 p. m.

The business of the afternoon was introduced by a short devotional service, led by Geo. Bolster, subject: "Hearing and Doing." This was a helpful little season, and all who were present felt it was "good to be there."

At 3.00 p. m. the chair was taken by the President, and the Convention called to order again. The first business was the introduction of Rev. Dr. Anthony, of Bates College, Lewiston, Me. He spoke a few words of genial greeting, and was voted a seat in the deliberations, as was also Dr. McLeod, who was present at this session.

The Nominating Committee was here appointed and retired to transact the business pretaining to that committee. Rev. S. J. Case, T. A. Lindsay, L. A. Fenwick, were appointed a committee to confer with Miss Hartley, our missionary elect. The Summarizing Committee then submitted its report, which read as follows:

(1) We have not data on hand to compare reports of this year with those of other years. There are several societies that have not reported, but the reports that have come show that the societies are all doing excellent work, perhaps never better in our history. We would advise that this Convention give consideration to the care of the weak societies. Perhaps some may be helped into new and stronger life. We are satisfied that the organization of our League was no mistake, and we believe it still has a large place in our denominational life. Sixteen societies have reported, with 565 Active, and 198 Associate members. Societies reporting show an increase of 105 members; 71 have united with the church during the year.

(2) The average attendance at the weekly prayer meeting is 540; at church prayer meeting, 504; at Sunday school, 533.

(3) There has been raised for Educational purposes, $147.00; local church, $102.05; for missions, $211.50; for miscellaneous purposes, $221.88, making a total of $682.43.

Submitted,
J. B. DAGGETT,
Chairman of Com.

Rev. J. B. Daggett, was next on the programme, and delivered an address on the "Money Problem," which we hope to be able to give to our readers in the near future. This was followed by a discussion, in which a good number took part, noticeably Prof. Anthony, who spoke on the necessity of keeping all our expenses down at the foot of the Cross,—of not only laying aside the tenth, but of consecrating the other 90 per cent.

T. A. Lindsay, the League's faithful Treasurer, then presented his financial report, showing that at the present time we have on hand for missions, $717.37; for educational work, $658.66; general purposes, $5.77; a total of $1,381.80. Meeting adjourned.

At 7.30 p. m., a full house assembled to listen to the good programme promised. The praise service was led by Mr. J. Barry Allan, of Fredericton, and was enjoyed by all. At 8.00 p. m., after the opening exercises, Rev. R. W. Ferguson, of West St. John, spoke earnestly and pertinently on the subject of Missions. The old theme was treated in a practical manner, and was listened to with the deepest interest and attention. Rev. Dr. Anthony followed on the same line. We are glad we are able to present to our readers the address then delivered very nearly verbatim, through the kindness of one of our workers. It will appear in this column in the course of a few weeks.

After Dr. Anthony's address the congregation had had enough to carry away with them, and waiting only to take up the annual missionary offering, and for the tender benediction by Rev. F. C. Hartley, the Convention adjourned.

(To be Continued.)

CHRIST'S TEMPTATION AND OURS.

It is no sin to be tempted. It is an experience of human nature which every man shares with the Son of man. He was in all points tempted like as we are, yet without sin. All round the horizon of His childhood, His youth, and His manhood the false fires of temptation burned; but through these years of growth and service the true light shone within to guide His feet aright. For Him, too, overcoming was the law of progress, and, as He was our representative and Lord, it was for us as well as for Himself He overcame.

We may distinguish between His experience and ours in one important particular, however, and that is in the difference between initial and accelerated temptations. By the perfection of His humanity, its sensitive breadth of powers, temptation had for Him an unusual range of approach. Yet, since He never yielded, it never came back to Him with added force through His own yielding. All His habits were upon the side of righteousness. He never knew the terrible remorse and struggle of the habitual sinner, whom He called the slave of sin. Such craving of the appetites and passions is itself a part of the sure punishment of sin. So far as we experience temptations which are accelerated by our previous yieldings, we need His sympathy, not as a fellow-sufferer, but as a divine Saviour who took upon Himself and made atonement for our sins, who knows their bitterness and in human sympathy and purity brings help. If Christ had yielded, He never could have saved.

Temptation is a constant factor of our life on earth. The moment we seek to attain, our strife begins. The lower and the higher, the evil and the good, the better and the best present themselves for choosing. We are drawn downward, we have to struggle upward by the

THE FIRST STEP

Of the child is an event in the mother's life. How proud she feels when the attempt to walk is begun so early as to evidence childish courage and sturdy strength. Such pride should be enjoyed by every mother. But it often happens that the child is timid, weak and deficient in vitality, and clings to the mother's arms with no desire to walk or play.

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