THE NOVA SCOTIA CONFERENCE.

(Continued.)

Friday, 2 p. m.—The minutes were read and approved. The Prudential Committee brought in a report covering the pulpit appointments for the Sabbath. It was adopted. The report of the Education Society was read and adopted. The amount of $69.30 was in hand, and no appropriations had been made for the year.

The report of the *Banner* Committee was presented. Rev. A. H. McLeod was put on the committee, *vice* Rev. D. T. Porter.

The Corresponding Secretary's report was read by Rev. E. Crowell, who had prepared it at the request of Rev. D. T. Porter. Only a few churches had failed to report. Assuming them unchanged, the present membership is 3,432, and the amount of salaries paid for the year $5,762, to which must be added $600 for Home Mission work. The form of report used had a column for non-resident members, and it is a fair estimate that 1,000 of the total are of the non-resident class. Foreign Mission and Sunday-school statistics are more fully shown in their Society reports..

The sum of $15 was voted to Rev. D. T. Porter as Corresponding Secretary. The Conference then listened to Rev. Dr. McLeod, the corresponding delegate from New Brunswick, who told of the Free Baptist work in that province.

It was moved and passed, that "we have heard the delegate from the N. B. F. B. Conference with exceeding interest and pleasure, and in reciprocating the good and fraternal wishes he has expressed, beg him to assure our brethren there of our undiminished regard for them as Free Baptists of a sister province, whose fellowship delegations and counsels will ever be dear to us."

Adjournment at 4.30 p. m.

Saturday, 9 a. m.—The minutes were read and approved. A supplementary Home Mission report was read and received.

Moved and passed: (1) That the Conference approves the method of conditional appropriations to pastorates receiving Home Mission help.

(2) That if an evangelist be employed during the coming year the rule made for last year shall hold good (p. 25, 1902).

(3) That Bro. Heine take pledges for evangelist's support. There was pledged $156 forthwith.

Rev. H. M. Ford, D.D., Field Secretary of the F. B. General Conference was introduced and gave an interesting account of the denominational work in the United States, and on the mission fields in India and Africa. A vote of appreciation was passed. Recess was taken to listen to a sermon by Rev. G. E. Manter, of Maine, and for a short devotional service.

1.30 p. m.—The Committee on Public Questions reported. The report was adopted after discussion.

Temperance.

In view of the bold and defiant attitude of the Liquor Sellers League, and the week-kneed resistance on the part of some, calling for unequivocal utterance and determined effort on the part of all the friends of temperance and prohibition,

Resolved, That we, as Free Baptists, re-assert our policy of total abstinence, which is one of the fundamental principles of our denomination, and earnestly urge our people to give their help and influence to every form of temperance work that shall aid and in the end secure the desired ultimatum, the total prohibition of the liquor traffic.

Also resolved, That this Conference express its warm approval of the successful efforts of the temperance men in our own local parliament last session. We particularly commend the act which compels inspectors to prosecute on the request of any respectable citizen.

More Laborers.

In view of the great need of pastors to care for some of our churches and our pressing need for some one to send to the foreign field, and in view of the fact that no young men are offering themselves to Christ for this public service.

Therefore resolved, That this Conference earnestly calls upon our churches to make this matter a subject of special prayer.

Sabbath Observance.

We heartily endorse all efforts to stop Sabbath breaking or desecration of the Lord's day, such as making it a day of pleasure and of visiting, forgetting that God has said, "Remember the Sabbath day to keep it holy."

Publications.

Resolved, That we regard our denominational publications as the equal of any published anywhere; and, for our people, far in advance of any other in their desirability and usefulness. That we appreciate the honest and faithful endeavor of editors and publishers to make them the best possible, and we urge our people to sustain them by patronage and use them in their work.

Moved and passed, that the *Banner* Committee be authorized to obtain 500 copies of the Treatise of Faith, Act of Incorporation, etc., at their discretion.

Moved and passed, that fifteen dollars be paid to Rev. Dr. McLeod, in consideration of the use of the Intelligencer by this Conference.

That the thanks of this Conference are due and hereby tendered to this church and community for their unbounded hospitality, to our good Bro. Wilson for his untiring efforts in locating the members and visitors; to the officers and members of this Conference for their practical help; to the corresponding delegates for their warm greetings and able addresses; to Bro. Merrill for his uplifting annual sermon, and to the organist and choir and those who furnished special selections of music.

Monday, 9 a. m.—Minutes of former session were approved.

Moved and passed: (1) That 1,500 copies of the minutes be published; (2) That the clerk be paid forty dollars for that work; (3) That the Temperance League have a time assigned in the next programme before the Sunday.

The report of the Committee on the State of the Denomination was read, discussed and adopted.

Report.

We find much encouragement in the report of last year's work. They show a net increase of sixty in membership, or about two per cent. We find manifest an appreciation of and devotion to the instruction of the young in our Sabbath schools, with the adoption in many of them of the Home Department and other valuable features of S. S. work. There is also a cheering response to the financial demands of the church and Conference, for pastoral support, Home Missions and Foreign Missions. On the other hand some churches are slow to meet these claims, and a few have not reported.

The Quarterly Meetings have been interesting, but have drawn very few to them from other localities, except the visiting ministers; the church officers of churches connected with the Quarterly Meetings have been conspicuous by their absence. The mid-week Quarterly Meeting session at Yarmouth, as an experiment, showed the usual features of such meetings, and was of average interest without taking the ministers from their Sunday appointments.

The subjects of Ministerial Aid and Education are in a state of stagnation, the tendency in the former case being to care for emergencies when they arise.

Our churches are better supplied with pastors than they were a year ago, either already settled or under engagement, but even were Pubnico and Kemptville thus cared for, there is urgent need for the immediate employment of a Home Mission agent with prospect of constant if less remunerative work than last year, for the most of the time.

As to Temperance, the only active agency evident is that of the White Ribbon department in the Sunday schools. There is much room for improvement. Every Free Baptist church should be a working temperance society.

The reports of teachers' meetings and C. E. work are good, indicating that many are alive to the needs of Christ's cause which demand that the church be a training school for Christian workers. Here also is much room for growth.

As the Yearly Meeting is the opportunity to feel the pulse of the denomination, and especially to note the tone of its spiritual life, we conclude that there is no sign of decline of loyalty to Free Baptist principles. We recommend that the request of Queens County Quarterly Meeting for reconsideration of the Superannuation Fund plan be granted.

Edwin Crowell,
For Committee.

Moved and passed: (1) That Bros. J. B. Merrill, E. Crowell and J. E. Gosline be a committee to aid pastorless churches in securing pastors.

(2) That the Home Mission Board be asked to extend the canvass for pledges for evangelistic work throughout the churches of the Conference.

(3) That we renew the Superannuation Fund plan of 1900, except section 3, which shall be left for future consideration by this Conference.

Adjournment.

1.30 p. m.—Minutes approved. A communication was received from the Elders' Conference stating (1) That Rev. A. M. McNintch had been dismissed by letter to the N. Brunswick F. B. Conference.

(2) That a proposal had been made by Rev. H. H. Cosman, Reformed Baptist pastor at Port Maitland, for uniting the services there and offering the use of their meeting house for our meetings; and (3) recommending that a definite arrangement be made through a committee.

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