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**EDITORIAL.**

THE OLD F. C. B. CHURCH AT  
MEDUCTIC.

We clipped the following from the St. John Evening Times and Star and St. John Globe of the 26th inst., being part of the report of the business done by the Association of the United Baptists of N. B. at the morning session:

"It was resolved to assure the Reformed Baptist Alliance that at the 1917 associational gathering the church at Meductic would be given to them by the United Baptists.

"There was a great deal of discussion in regard to the last resolution. It was argued that the church should, in view of the wish of the United Baptists there, let the church fall into decay. Rev. R. P. Hayward spoke feelingly on the subject and suggested that it was only common courtesy to the other denomination. The building was an old one and would soon fall into decay. He thought that the gift of the building would not help to build up another denomination in Meductic, because if the building was refused the Reformed Baptists, they would put up a building of their own. To refuse it would, in his opinion, erect a monument to the "dog in the manger" spirit among Meductic people, which would do more harm to the United Baptist cause than the establishment of a rival denomination there would.

"The first resolution of the executive was defeated, and the church at Meductic will be kept by the United Baptists as it is."—Times and Star.

"Considerable discussion took place concerning the resolution in relation to the church at Meductic, during which those in favor of the recommendation advocated an exercise of Christian charity so that a building, practically useless to the Association and falling into decay, would be given to the Reformed Baptist Church. Those against the resolution asserted that frictions would develop in the district if the building were given to the Reformed Baptists. Rev. Mr. Ganong was confident that it would be much better to close the

building up. Rev. Mr. Ganong said he was going to refer to the Reformed Baptists as a "nuisance," but would call them trouble-makers.

"Rev. P. R. Hayward said: "We should not throw stones at others. If others win over members of our church we call them 'a nuisance if we win members of another church to us, we are doing the Lord's work.'"

"By practically unanimous vote the meeting finally supported a motion that the recommendation of the executive be not accepted and that the building be retained."—St. John Globe.

The Reformed Baptist people will appreciate Rev. Mr. Hayward's effort to secure the old Meductic church for their use, notwithstanding the refusal of the Association to grant it. One of our ministers, Rev. A. H. Trafton is the only member of the trustees to whom this church was originally deeded who is now living, and contributed to its building fund many years ago, and the Reformed Baptists and Methodists have used it ever since the Reformed Baptist Alliance was organized, more or less regularly and kept it in a fair state of repair, and it has answered the purpose very well, and as the United Baptists have a nice church near by, and have no use for the old one, and as there are some members of the Reformed Baptist denomination living in and about Meductic and many more who are in sympathy with them and wish their services to be re-established, and as there is a good feeling of Christian fellowship among the people of the different denominations in this community, and taking all things into consideration we feel it would have been not only an act of courtesy but the act to preserve the feeling of good fellowship among the people generally. But now it brings the Reformed Baptist people and their sympathizers to the point where they will erect a church of their own, and the writer would suggest that immediate steps be taken to erect a nice church of suitable size, not too large nor too small; do it in the true Christian spirit, and God will bless the people in the work, and after the church is finished. Too many churches are built in the wrong spirit, then people wonder why God does not bless the work in them. Go to work manfully and prayerfully, and in such a way that every fair minded man will contribute to it without being solicited—forget the action of any and all. Smallness does not commend itself to the fair minded; to return in kind in any way would be injurious, and a contradiction to the standard of perfect love.

We have enjoyed some very blessed revival seasons in the old Meductic Church. Many have found their way to heaven through the services held there. Some of us who were in the early work of the holiness movement in New Brunswick have very vivid recollections of the two churches, the old Meductic church just refused to our people and the one in St. John west, where the refusal was made. The latter building was the church where the fight against the teaching of entire and instantaneous sanctification began. From it emanated a very remarkable deliverance against this teaching, copies of which still exist, and it seems to the writer that the discussion of the U. B. Association in

some respects was in perfect harmony in spirit and action with the history of this church of 30 odd years ago. A conference was held there 34 or 35 years ago that directly resulted in the organization of the Reformed Baptist Alliance, which under the blessing of God still lives. While the denomination which closed its doors in the faces of the brethren for preaching "entire and instantaneous sanctification" no longer exists as a denomination, and comparatively few of the men who then filled its pulpits are to be found among those who preach in the churches of the denomination with which it was merged. And surely the recent action has paid tribute to the memory of the honored dead.

REV. MR. GANONG HAS CHANGED HIS  
OPINION REGARDING THE RE-  
FORMED BAPTISTS.

It is difficult to locate some people as friends, or foes. A few years ago the writer was coming toward St. John on a train from McAdam Junction. As the train stopped at Fredericton Junction Rev. Mr. Ganong, who was at that time the Secretary of the Provincial Sunday School Association, entered the car and took a seat beside us, and after a cordial greeting he remarked, "I just told a congregation that I was speaking to here that we were much indebted to the Reformed Baptists for raising and holding up the standard of Christian living throughout this country." Such a statement coming from a man who was well acquainted with religious conditions throughout the country, we naturally felt was at least complimentary to us as a people, and we remarked on several occasions that some of those who did not fully agree with us, gave us at least the credit of raising the standard of Christian living. Another man in high standing in the same denomination of which Mr. Ganong is an honored member made a similar remark to the writer he said: "You do not realize what you (the Reformed Baptists) have done in raising the standard of Christian life throughout this country during the last 25 years."

Now according to the report of the "St. John Globe" of the 26th inst., Mr. Ganong in a debate at the convention of the United Baptist Association of New Brunswick, referring to the Reformed Baptists, said he was going to refer to the Reformed Baptists as a "nuisance," but would call them trouble-makers. The question in our mind to be answered is, Was Mr. Ganong sincere in his voluntary statement to us on the train? Why this wholesale unprovoked attack from so widely known and generally recognized Christian minister as Mr. Ganong?

We have a right to expect Christian courtesy and sincerity, and truthful statements from Christian ministers. We challenge this statement of Mr. Ganong's, if he has been correctly reported. Although it seems to echo from afar back. "These men do exceedingly trouble our city."

"All the difficulty in the way of a believer's entire sanctification is with himself. The provision is infinite and the proffer is full and free."