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THE REFORMED BAPTISTS.

The name, Reformed Baptists, was chosen by the people composing the organizers of the Reformed Baptist Alliance in November, 1888, thirty-two years ago. The name has been misunderstood by many, it has been a thorn in the flesh of the Baptist brethren, and a stumbling-block to people who agreed in doctrine with us from other denominations because it seemed to imply that the Baptists needed moral reformation, and that others in order to be Reformed Baptists would of necessity first have been Baptists in order to be reformed. The same idea might be applied to the Reformed Episcopal people, or the Reformed Presbyterians.

While there is in the prefix to our name a suggestion that the Baptists had abandoned their original standards of faith, and practice and teaching, as to the old time revival, or "protracted meetings." And pressing the necessity of a definite personal experience of conversion and the necessity of the family altar, and demonstrative public worship, when the old saints shouted and walked up and down the church aisles praising God, the prefix reformed was not intended to infer that the Baptists needed moral reformation, because being converted included not only moral reformation, but the new birth or regeneration, so no reflection of this kind was ever intended by us in the choice of our name, but we have paid well for the use of that variously applied name as all kinds of things have been thrown at the branches of our fruitful little denominational tree. But the old founders still love the banner under which we live denominationally with all that goes with it, and the standard of life and practice it represents, as we believe the original standard of the Baptists and Methodists and others was of "holiness unto the Lord."

So we don't hold up the name as a red rag to stir up a fight, but it represents to us, the grand lowly life of devotion to God

in our homes, as homes of prayer, and our personal lives of entire consecration, attested to by the blessed indwelling Holy Spirit, and witnessed to by public prayer and testimony in our churches and whenever opportunity serves, and a constant effort to get others to devote their lives in entire consecration to God. Our name is not inoffensive but not necessarily offensive. It is an excellent name for it causes people to ask questions as to its meaning, and to others it reveals something within that they need to part with before they die.

Some people get the unwise idea that everything of holiness is inoffensive. Jesus was the most holy being ever on this earth and was the storm centre while he tarried. The Prophets and Apostles and men of worth to the uplifting of the world have been storm centres ever since. So this little body of people called Reformed Baptists will be, and when they cease, their work will be done.

WHAT ARE WE GOING TO DO FOR MINISTERS?

This question has been asked of us many times. We are now coming to a time when we can answer this question. Six or more of our young men have recently laid themselves on God's altar for the ministry, and six have taken up studies to fit themselves for the gospel ministry, and others are ready to go. Our Lord said: "Pray ye therefore the Lord of the harvest, that he will send forth labourers into his harvest." God will send them. It is our business to help fit them for their work if these young men give their lives, we should give our means.

Send your contributions to the Student Fund to Rev. W. B. Wiggins, Woodstock, N. B., who was appointed treasurer by the Alliance Executive.

OUR MISSIONARIES' TOUR OF THE CHURCHES.

We are delighted that our missionaries have left beautiful impressions on the hearts of the people as they have gone through the churches, but the time spent with each church seemed too short especially on circuits where there are four and five churches. The stormy weather hindered many from attending in some places.

There were two objects in view in this visit to the churches.

1st—To get the people and our missionaries acquainted, and attached to each other, so when they are in the far off land of Africa, that the people's interest would be stronger having seen and heard them.

2nd—That the people would supply the money to provide their outfit, to furnish their house in Africa, clothing for themselves and bedding and table linen, and all the hundred articles, large and small, to meet their needs, and their medical outfit, of instruments and common medicines, that their daily work will require, with all else used by medical missionaries, then their passage money. So we would suggest that every member of our churches and Sunday Schools, and congregations and friends, take some part in furnishing these outfits. We will

give a list of articles needed soon. If we all give, it will increase our interest in the missionary work, and be a blessing to ourselves. The Ministers and their people so far have met our sisters with the true spirit of love and helpfulness, but the contributions, which have been good, all things considered, have not been as large as we hoped to see. Yet we know that before the sisters sail for Africa every need will be amply met.

DEDICATION OF VICTORIA CHURCH.

The new Reformed Baptist Church at Victoria, Carleton County, N. B., is to be dedicated Oct. 17th. A general invitation is extended to our pastors and people, as well as to the public round about. Rev. P. J. Trafton, a former pastor who was instrumental in building up the church at Victoria, spiritually, and adding a considerable number to its membership, has been invited to preach the dedicatory sermon and Rev. H. S. Mullen to preach in the afternoon service. The preacher for the evening service will be selected. Prayer is asked that Oct. 17th may be a wonderful day at Victoria, and that many may receive a great spiritual uplift.

A special and pressing invitation is extended to all the ministers on the first district to attend the dedicatory services, and also to the people. This little company of people composing Victoria Church has shown great faith and courage, and a real consecration of their time, and means, in purchasing a lot, and materials and all other expenses in erecting a fine little church building, and God's blessing has been upon their efforts.

Sister W. J. Haywood, clerk of the church says: "We want every one to come who can. We would like, for every one of our ministers to be there and every one of the laymen that can.

We want this to be a wonderful time of salvation and we expect it to be a grand day. Pray for us, brethren, that we may have a great spiritual feast, and that "holiness unto the Lord" may be our theme forever."

"IF LIGHTNING SHOULD STRIKE"

"If lightning should strike this tent to-night, how many would be ready for it?"

The Rev. John Timbers, evangelist, put the question to a congregation of Free Methodists at Springville, Indiana, near Laporte, the other night.

A few minutes later a bolt of lightning killed two ministers on the platform—Rev. Henry Lenz and Rev. L. W. Huston.—Extract from *The Free Methodist*.

The above co-incident must have been a fearful shock to that congregation. We have heard some tests put to congregations that seemed to us very irreverent, and without scriptural precedent, or foundation, the purpose of which seemed to be, to force people to the altar.

Perhaps under some circumstances it may be wise, at other times it is an open question.

But this was a very serious co-incident. These two ministers were in the prime of life. Rev. Mr. Timbers himself had a very narrow escape, being unconscious for some time. "Be ye also ready."