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## EDITORIALS

### MAJORS AND MINORS

Some people are of the opinion that our church is too rigid and exacting in respect to certain "non-essentials". They contend that our fathers were extreme and that we have inherited certain rules and regulations governing church membership and conduct that should be revised or discarded.

We are criticized for our rejection of certain customs, especially as they pertain to the popular fashions of the day. Our Covenant vow to "abstain from sinful amusements" including theatres and dancing, is considered narrow. The call for total abstinence from the use of intoxicating beverages and tobacco is regarded as extreme. All such things are classified as "minors" by those who think that our standards are too high, our requirements too severe.

We freely admit that, by comparison, some things are of minor importance, others of major consequence. And we further agree that majors should be given more prominence than minors, that essentials should stand higher than non-essentials. It is unfortunate, sometimes calamitous, for a church or denomination to operate under a misplaced emphasis. We should keep in a major key in our presentation of the message of the Gospel. There is a place for minors, but it is a secondary position. If minors are sparingly used and properly placed, they contribute to the harmony of the Gospel, but if they displace the majors, they spoil the theme and score of the Great Composer.

Our first concern should be with our position on the things of prime importance to salvation and spiritual development. Our strong emphasis should be here. And we invite those who criticize us on our position on "non-essentials" to take stock of our stand on the things that are vitally important. And we would also suggest that thoughtful appraisal might be given the individuals and movements that have shifted position and altered standards on things considered to be of minor importance.

It is not our intention to discuss the merits or demerits of the criticism levelled against our church in respect to its stand on some things mentioned or suggested.

We will not in this writing defend or denounce our fathers who framed our Covenant and sought to live by it. We would like to ask a few questions.

How do the "moderates" who vote for change compare with the "radicals" who adhered to the standard now thought to be too high? How do they compare in heart experience? How do they compare in love for the Bible? How do they compare in their interest in the spiritual programme of the church, the prayer meetings, testimony services, revival campaigns? How do they compare in their influence upon the community in respect to turning men from sin and to God? How do they compare when they face life crises, and meet the acid test of changing worlds? Think on these things and we will write more later.

## THE MINISTERS' CONFERENCE

A highlight of the church year is the annual Ministers' Conference. It is a time of enriching fellowship with fellow-ministers, a time of edification under the ministry of outstanding speakers, a time of enlightenment as topics of special interest to the workmen of God are presented and discussed. This year's Conference promises to be one of special interest. To begin with, we shall be meeting in the beautiful new church at Barker's Point, N. B. Bright, commodious, designed in keeping with high standards of church architecture, this fine building with its lovely sanctuary will be an ideal setting for such an assembly.

Topics of special interest will be discussed. The proposed affiliation or union of our Reformed Baptist missionary work and the Free Baptist and Evangelistic Africa Evangelistic Mission will be explained and discussed; the Church and Divorce, the Sabbath or Sunday, Day of Worship; are vitally important questions that will be before the Conference.

High on the list of features for this year's Conference is the name of the guest speaker, Dr. Oliver G. Wilson. An able minister of the Word, a man of wide experience in Christian service, a consecrated and humble man of God, Dr. Wilson will certainly render a helpful and enriching ministry during the days of the Conference.

This is an event that every minister should attend and enjoy. The churches make a good investment when they give their pastors financial assistance to make possible their attendance at these important conferences.

All ministers planning to attend the Conference are requested to notify Rev. N. E. Trafton, Barker's Point, N. B., giving information as to how and when they expect to arrive. Co-operation in this matter will be most helpful to the pastor of the entertaining church, those assisting him in making arrangements, and the kind people of the Barker's Point-Fredericton-Marysville churches who will provide entertainment.

May 19-21 is the time of the Conference—NOW is the time to make plans for attending and notify Brother Trafton.

## FINISHED?

A certain man was engaged by contract to do the plaster work in a new house. His work was finished. Another workman left one of the faucets upstairs turned on. The water overflowed the basin, swamped the floor, and spoiled much of the new plaster. No one would acknowledge the fault, so the plasterer had to do his work over again. When he had completed his work, some one remarked, "Well, it was too bad, but it is finished with now." To this the Christian workman replied, "No, it is only postponed until the judgment." — J. B. Rowell.

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