

F. B. CONFERENCE.

Important Committees Appointed For The Year.

REV. MR. LONG CHOSEN MODERATOR.

Strong Commendation For The University of N. B.

At the Free Baptist conference Saturday evening, Rev F G Francis, from the nominating committee, presented the following report:

Committee on absent brethren—Revs C B Lewis, H Hart and H A Bonnell and Messrs John Smith, G W Perry, S Crandemere and Chas Savage.

On collections—Revs John Henderson J J Barnes and S J Perry.

Deceased brethren—Revs C T Phillips, H Noble, G Swim, J Noble and J Perry.

On appeals—Revs J B Daggett, A Perry, J N Barnes and Messrs E Good and J McDatcheon.

On correspondence—Revs M L Gregg, A D Paul, A H McLeod and Messrs A E Slipp and E. White.

On district meetings—Revs A W Currie, L A Fenwick, F S Hartley, A J Prosser, A D Paul and H A Bonnell.

Sunday School Report—The correspondent secretary for Sabbath schools being unavoidably absent, his report was submitted by Rev F S Hartley.

It stated that 89 schools reported this year with 5,473 scholars and 452 teachers; raising \$1,917, a slight advance in mostly all ways over last year. There were converted from the schools, during the year, 151 scholars. The report urged renewed energy in view of the encouragement afforded by the statistics.

The report was adopted on motion of Rev. M. L. Gregg, seconded by Rev. H. H. Ferguson, and supported by Revs. G. O. Dewitt and G. A. Hartley, D. D.

Conference adjourned until Monday at 9 o'clock.

Marysville, Oct. 7.—The Free Baptist conference reassembled this morning, Assistant Moderator Rev. F. G. Francis in the chair. The election of officers was proceeded with, resulting in Rev. D. Long, pastor of St. John, North End, church, being chosen as moderator, and Rev. F. G. Francis as assistant moderator.

Rev F G Francis then took the chair, Bro. Long being absent.

D McLeod Vince, from the executive of conference, reported that they had changed the place of meeting of conference from Waterville, Carleton county, to this place because of the prevalence of small-pox in Carleton county, and they had also granted dismission to Rev D Patterson, at his own request, to join the Nova Scotia Free Baptist conference.

Rev Dr McLeod reported that, according to act of assembly, he had registered the ministers of the conference in the office of the provincial secretary, thereby qualifying them to legally solemnize matrimony.

Unity with General Conference.

Prof. Anthony was then heard in explanation of the invitation of the General Free Baptist Conference of the United States, that this conference should unite with them, urging that because of history, doctrines, aims and spirit the union should take place. The tendency of the times was towards co-operation as a means to more successful work.

It would not mean any change in method or doctrine, but would be an inspiration because the aims of all were one.

Already in foreign missions they were united. Why not in all other ways? The larger the body the more economically could all work be carried on.

It was resolved that this conference has heard with pleasure Prof Anthony, and that a committee be appointed to consider the question of union, to report today.

The following committee was appointed: Revs. F. C. Hartley, F. G. Francis, G. A. Hartley, D. D.; Jos. McLeod, D. D. and Abram Perry and Gideon McLeod.

Rev F G Francis, from the nominating committee, submitted the following further report:

Committee on home missions—Rev G W Foster, secretary; Wm Peters, treasurer; Rev D Long, A D Paul, G A Hartley, H A Bonnell and G W Perry.

On literature—Rev G W Foster, G Swim, J B Daggett and C B Lewis.

Foreign missions—Revs B H Nobles, secretary; E W Slipp, treasurer; Revs. Dr McLeod C T Phillips, A W Currie, F S Hartley and G. Swim.

Sunday schools—Rev M L Gregg, secretary; Rev E S Parker and Messrs J E McCready, C W Weyman and N W Eveleigh.

Board of management—Rev. Dr. Hartley and Messrs, B S Palmer, Gideon McLeod, A C Smith, J E Good and E J Clarke.

Temperance—Revs. C T Phillips, L A Cosman, J Perry, T O Vanwart and G W Carpenter.

Sabbath—Revs A H McLeod, T O Dewitt, I D Hamer and Wm Deware.

Education—Rev F C Hartley, L A Fenwick, J J Barnes, S J Perry and A A Rideout.

Delegate to Nova Scotia F B Conference—W H Perry; substitute, Rev H A Bonnell.

Sabbath Observance.

Rev. Mr. Prosser, from the committee on Sabbath observance, submitted the following report: "1. That there is a growing tendency to disregard God's law in reference to the observance of His holy day in making it a day of festivity and pleasure; 2. And as organized efforts are being made in St. John through the operation of the Lord's Day Alliance to more vigorously enforce the Sabbath laws there; 3. Resolved that this conference heartily indorses the action of the alliance in its noble efforts to prosecute the violators of Sabbath laws and hereby express sympathy with their work and efforts, and also recommend that so important a matter should receive more general attention from us, and merits the co-operation of our people throughout the province; and further (4) resolved that this conference views with regret and apprehension the persistent encroachments upon the Sabbath laws by the running of Sunday trains and boats as well as the holding of picnics, excursions, etc., as not only being evils in themselves, but ominous of a tendency to destroy the sanctity of this holy day; and hereby give our disapproval of such actions."

The report was adopted on motion of Rev A J Prosser, seconded by Rev A W Currie, supported by Revs Dr McLeod, Hartley and Phillips.

Conference then adjourned to meet at 1.30 p. m.

Conference reassembled at 1.30 p. m., Assistant Moderator Rev G F Francis in the chair.

Rev F C Hartley, from the committee on education, reported that "they noted with pleasure so many of our own men pursuing their studies with a view to the ministry, there being 10 now, some at the University of New Brunswick; others at Cobb Divinity School, Lewiston, Me., and they recommended the young ministerial students to acquire an art course at the U N B, and a divinity course at Cobb Divinity School, they being esteemed suitable places for such purposes."

The report was adopted on motion of Rev F C Hartley, seconded by Rev W H Perry, and supported by Revs Dr McLeod, Dr Hartley, Daggett, Rideout and Dewitt, and Messrs D McLeod Vince and G McLeod.

Conference then adjourned to meet at 7.30 p. m.

Monday Evening

Conference met at 7.30 p. m., the moderator in the chair. After the opening exercises leave of absence was granted to Rev. W C McNichol.

Rev C T Phillips, from the committee on foreign missions, submitted a report, which was adopted.

The treasurer reported a balance of \$638.50 on hand from last year, and receipts for the year of \$226.89, making a total of \$865.39 now on hand.

The treasurer of foreign missions reported receipts of \$657.06 and expenditure of \$7.75, leaving a balance of \$649.33. D McLeod Vince read a letter from the Dominion Alliance wishing the conference a pleasant meeting.

The committee on absent brethren reported nine ministers absent—four on account of sickness, three on account of age, and two others pursuing their studies.

Rev F C Hartley reported that arrangements had been made for a memorial page in the denominational paper.

Tuesday Morning.

At this morning's session Rev F C Hartley was appointed auditor pro tem, the regular auditor, Hon G E Foster, being absent.

Dr. McLeod then explained that the conference meeting had been changed from Waterville to Marysville on account of the smallpox outbreak.

It was resolved that the location of the next conference be left to the executive.

On motion it was resolved that the next meeting be held on the Friday preceding the first full moon in October.

A program for next year's district meetings was submitted and approved of.

Rev. B. H. Nobles, treasurer of the students' fund reported a balance on hand of \$46.50.

A resolution upon the death of the late Rev. G. E. Currie was adopted.

A report from the home mission executive was submitted by Rev. L. A. Fenwick, and at twelve o'clock conference adjourned until 2.30 p. m.

The Women's Missionary Aid Society held a meeting Monday afternoon, and transacted considerable business.

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