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INTER-CHURCH CONFERENCE.

Six Hundred Delegates Attend the Federation Meeting at New York.

PRESIDENT ROOSEVELT SENDS HIS REGRETS.

New York, Nov. 16.—The inter-church conference on federation representing twenty-eight religious bodies and numbering among its members six hundred delegates, began its sessions last evening at Carnegie Hall.

The chairman, J. Cleveland Cady, made the opening address. After bidding welcome to the delegates and outlining briefly the history of church federation in this country, Mr. Cady said in part:

"What is to be its future? Thoughtful men who have anxiously considered this question saw very clearly when it became a federation—not of volunteer and ephemeral workers, but of the great denominations and churches themselves. These churches, differing as they may in form and procedure, will be united in service and spirit, which is, after all, the only thing that greatly moves and blesses the world. It is the deep and widespread hope of this that has brought together this great conference of the representatives of twenty-eight denominations, having seventeen millions of communicants. 'It is to be said moreover, that this movement has been intensified by the sentiment of the times, organizations to avoid waste and increase efficiency obtain in every direction, and surely these objects are valuable in Christian work as elsewhere. So it has happened that strong expressions have come from all directions, calling for the grasp of fellowship.'"

"Three years ago when the national federation held its annual conference in Washington they were invited by President Roosevelt to call upon him at the White House. The large delegation from different sections of our country met with a most hearty welcome. His first exclamation as the men gathered about him was 'Well, there are plenty of targets for us all to shoot at.' We had hoped to have had him with us this evening to give his God-speed to this body of 'shooters,' but his recent absence from Washington has thrown unusual burdens upon him, and we must be content with a letter he has sent and which the chairman of our executive committee, the Rev. Dr. William H. Roberts, will now read to us."

THE PRESIDENT'S REGRETS.

Dr. Wm. Henry Roberts then read the following letter:

OYSTER BAY, N. Y., Nov. 8, 1905.

My Dear Mr. Roberts—I have your letter of the seventh. Indeed I re-

member very well the call of your delegation upon me and our talk upon the proposed meeting of the inter-church conference on federation. I have the very highest sympathy with the movement, for instance, I feel that indirectly, in addition to the great loss it will do here, it is perfectly possible that the movement may have a very considerable effect in the Christianizing of Japan, which I feel to be retarded by the divisions among themselves and by the failure to recognize the fact that the Christian church in Japan must of course assume essentially a Japanese national form.

So you see I have a very real interest in what you are doing, and only wish it were in my power to attend the meeting as you request, but I regret to say that it is out of the question for me to do so. I am genuinely sorry to have to write you thus.

Sincerely yours,
THEODORE ROOSEVELT.

In the absence of Mayor McClellan, the president of the Borough of Brooklyn, Martin W. Littleton, welcomed the delegates to New York in a brief speech. He was followed by the Rev. Charles L. Thompson. The Rev. Dr. Robert Stuart McArthur, pastor of Calvary Baptist church, who was to have been one of last night's speakers failed to arrive. The meeting closed with the benediction by the Rt. Rev. Frederick Burgess, bishop of Long Island diocese of the Protestant Episcopal church.

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EXCITING EXPERIENCE.

Yale Students Had Narrow Escape From Death.

New Haven, Conn., Nov. 16.—After spending seventeen hours on a small rock, a mile off Branford, in Long Island Sound, Harold F. Denson of Honolulu, Wm. Baxter, jr., of Wilmington, Del., and W. H. Coursen of Scranton, Pa., three Yale students, were rescued after 11 o'clock last night from their perilous position by Captain Edward Baldwin of Branford, who put out from that place in a naphtha launch. The three students seemed little the worse for their day's experience, and when they landed on shore said they had had a fine time.

They started from Branford Beach at 5 o'clock yesterday morning on a duck shooting trip in two small duck boats. The men were about a mile off shore when a fierce wind sprung up, and they were compelled to land somewhere, as their small boats were nearly swamped. Taunton Rock, a long, flat rock, nearby, was the nearest landing place and they made for it. This rock at high tide is exposed for about fifty feet and is almost flat, being about six feet at its highest point.

As the day wore on the wind increased and by noon it was blowing at the rate of forty miles an hour and had kicked up an immense sea. The waves which swept the Sound broke over the little island, and those from shore saw the perilous position of the three men. It was impossible to make a rescue, and the towing companies of this city could not risk sending a tug to the rock. Last night, however, the wind died down, and at ten o'clock Wm. Standen put out in a duck boat for the island, but returned soon, saying that he could get no response to his shouts. He was able to get within thirty feet of the rock.

About an hour later Captain Baldwin went out with his naphtha launch and found the men safe and sound, lying under their upturned duck boats.

HARVEY STATION.

Nov. 15.—Councillor Thos. Robison has a crew of about fifteen men at work in the lumber woods to the west of Maguadavic Lake. They went in last week.

Robert P. Grieve who has been section foreman here for the C. P. R. Co. for over twenty years, has resigned the position and will move with his family to Stockton Springs, Maine, where he has secured a good position on the B. & A. R.R., two of his sons already reside at Stockton Springs, and his son Oscar, is to have a position as section foreman there. Mr. Grieve and his family were good citizens and their departure will be a great loss to this community.

S. A. Robison of East Boston, who has been spending the summer here with his brother, Andrew Robison, returned to Boston on Monday evening.

Mrs. Susan Elkington, widow of the late William Elkington, died at St. Andrews on Thursday last in her 87th year. She was a native of Lincolnshire, England, and came here with her husband about forty years ago. After the death of her husband several years ago, she resided at the home of her son-in-law, Councillor Thomas Robison, until a few months ago when she went to St. Andrews to reside with a daughter there. She was possessed of many good qualities and had many friends. Her remains were interred in the cemetery at Chatham, Charlotte Co. Deceased is survived by one son and four daughters. Her daughters are Mrs. Ralph Coburn, at Winnipeg, Man.; Mrs. R. Linton of St. Stephen; Mrs. T. Stinson of St. Andrews; and Mrs. Thos. Robison of this place. Her son William E. Elkington, resides at Bath, Maine.

DIED IN DOCTOR'S OFFICE.

Riverhead Man, With Dislocated Shoulder, Expired Under Influence of Chloroform.

Riverhead, L. I., Nov. 16.—William H. Terry, of Sound Avenue, aged about 50 years, died in Dr. John H. Benjamin's office Tuesday morning while under the influence of chloroform, which had been administered to him so that a dislocated shoulder might be replaced.

Dr. Benjamin and Dr. H. H. Young had the case in charge. Death was due to the man's system being weakened from acute alcoholism. Terry had been an habitual drunkard for some years.

Monday night, while returning from the Forge, he fell from a bicycle near the electric light plant at Upper Mills, and dislocated his shoulder. He was cared for at the electric light station during the night and next morning walked to Dr. Benjamin's office.

Captain James Elton and William Sydney Jones aided the doctors in replacing the dislocated shoulder after the chloroform had been administered. About two minutes after the arm had been replaced Terry stopped breathing. Both doctors at once began efforts to resuscitate him, and worked for forty minutes, but without success.

The remains were taken in charge by Undertaker Hill, pending the arrival of Coroner Peterson. Both doctors say that death was not due to an overdose, but that the same quantity has been given time and time again. They are both old and competent physicians. Either could not be administered because of the man's condition.

A colored woman went to the pastor of her church the other day to complain of the conduct of her husband, who, she said, was a "down-down, worthless, trifling nigger."

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