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THE METHODIST CONFERENCE.

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RESOLUTION REGARDING MIS-SIONS IS VOTED DOWN.

Report of the Billting Committee and Other Business.

FRIDAY, JUNE 24. The afternoon session opened at 2 o'clock with prayer by Rev. J. E. Irvine.

Rev. Mr. Paisley presented the reports of the Educational Fund Society and the Union Church Relief Fund, both of which were adopted.

Rev. Job Shenton submitted the report of the Supernumerary Fund, which was also adopted.

The following resolution was moved by Rev. Dr. Wilson:

Resolved that this Conference memorialize the General Conference at its next session to divide the missionary work of the church into two separate and distinct departments, to be known as the Home and General, the Home to be managed by the Annual Conference in the interests of the work within its boundaries, and the General as at present by a Board representing the entire communion in the interest of those of other or allied nationalities within or beyond the Dominion.

And when as for a time the income of the Home Missionary Society may not be sufficient to meet the needs of the case the general Conference be requested to order that a sum to be agreed upon shall be paid out of the funds of the General Missionary Society—said amount to be levied year by year after means adopted by the Wesleyan Missionary Society in dealing with the Conference of Eastern British America.

The discussion which followed took up the time of the conference for the remainder of the afternoon. The resolution was defeated by a good majority, the vote showing 18 ayes and 61 nays.

The conference educational meeting was held in the evening at half past seven, Dr. Brecken presiding and Rev. Dr. Chapman leading the devotional exercises.

The report on educational work was read by R. V. Mr. Paisley. The amounts raised during the year were as follows:

St John District, \$326.76; increase, \$54.36.

Fredericton District, \$184.82.

W. ostock District, \$60.15; increase \$6.73.

Miramichi District, \$57.74; increase, \$3.57.

Sackville District, \$205.38; increase, \$5.33.

St Stephen District, \$42.46; increase, \$37.

Charlottetown District, \$362.59; increase, \$15.37.

Summerside District, \$63.73; increase, \$15.92.

The total increase is \$69.33.

A portion of the amount raised is given as grants to probationers for the ministry who require financial aid in the prosecution of their studies, the balance is applied to the maintenance of the universities and colleges in the Dominion.

The motion for adoption of the report was made by Rev. John Clarke, A. M., of New-Woodside, and was seconded by R. V. H. R. Baker, A. B., of Pictou, both of whom made able addresses. R. V. S. H. Edge also spoke well regarding the report.

The speeches were interspersed with choice music by the choir. The meeting closed with the benediction.

THIRD DAY. SATURDAY, JUNE 25.

Conference met at 9 Brother Howie led in prayer. The devotional exercises were led by Rev. Isaac Howe. Minutes read and approved. The Fredericton District presented a memorial from the Gibson Circuit asking permission for the Trustees of the Kingsley Congregation to sell their old church, that proceeds may be put in new one. Referred to church property fund.

The following committees were appointed on the recommendation of the Nominating Committee.

STATE OF WORK. Laymen

Ministers. Rev John Read, J Hunter White, Rev W W Brewer, C H Barker, Rev Jas Parkins, J L Black, Rev Jno A Clarke, F M M-Cready, Rev Isaac Howie, J C Moore, Rev F H W Pickles, Car O Haynes, Rev J J Teasdale, J Trueman, W R Pepper, J W Smith,

PERSONAGE AID FUND. Rev James Crisp, A C Powers, Rev Thos Stebbing, H E A Burpee, Rev John A Clarke, J W A Wallace, Rev Geo F Dawson, W F George, Rev J K King, Robert Henney, Rev Henry Pierce, Henry Smith.

ENROLLMENT FUND. Rev B H Balderstone, A C Powers.

CHILDREN'S FUND. The Rev. James Crisp presented the report of the Children's Fund. On motion it was read section by section.

Section 3—was a request of the Wesley Memorial Church, asking a reduction in the amount of the assessment, namely, from 75 to 50 dollars. The clause evoked considerable discussion, participated in by several of the ministers and laymen. The request was granted.

There was a request also from the Rich-

mond Circuit, asking for a bill in the assessment. After careful consideration of the case, the request was not granted.

The report passed as a whole. On motion of R. V. J. Read, moved that the report of the Billting Committee be taken from the table carried.

It was accordingly taken from the table and read as follows:

1. That the Billet Fee be \$2.00.

2. That the Pastor of the Conference Church be the Treasurer of the Fund.

3. That all members attending the Conference, lay and clerical, pay said fee, except as hereinafter provided and for the Supernumerary Ministers, the latter shall be provided with a billet free of charge, provided they give notice to the treasurer of the Billting Committee of their intention to attend Conference, said notice to be in the hands of the Treasurer not later than six days preceding the meeting of the Stationing Committee.

4. That as far as possible all district meetings be held at such times as will enable the report of the names to be received by the Treasurer, not later than six days prior to meeting of Stationing Committee.

5. That the Financial Secretary notify those who have not paid at the District meeting to send fees without delay to the Treasurer of the Fund.

6. That the Billting Committee be not under the obligation to provide billets for those whose names have been received after the list has gone to press, but such shall be provided with billets if found convenient.

7. That any member of the conference arranging for his own billet notify the Treasurer informing him of the home where he intends to stay.

8. That for those delegates who request a billet at an hotel, the fee be \$3.00. The report suggests the following cities, and in the order named as the places of holding conference sessions: Charlottetown, St. John, Moncton, Fredericton, Charlottetown.

It was moved by Rev. George Steele that the reports be considered as a whole.

It was moved by Dr. Sprague that it be considered section by section but the first motion prevailed.

The report evoked a lively discussion in which a large number of the Conference took part. Many reasons were adduced for and against its adoption.

It is a fact worthy of mention that the laymen who spoke were strongly opposed to the whole report. They contended for the old condition of things, and maintained that the Methodist people in the Conference, owns and cities were pleased to maintain the delegates without any such conditions as contained in the report. The motion was lost by a large majority.

VISITORS.

Rev Stephen H. Huestis was present this morning and was called to the platform. He congratulated the President on his elevation and made a few happy remarks.

Rev J. A. Rogers, of Trent, was also in the Conference, and was introduced to the President. He congratulated Dr. Brecken on his elevation. He referred to his first visit to Charlottetown, in 1868. He came as the successor of Dr. Sprague and was the assistant of Dr. Richey. He remembered his feelings when he had to preach before Dr. Richey and the congregation in this church. Yet he was sensible of the sympathy he received from the pastor and people in those days. He remembered his first Conference in those days, and how he regarded the fathers with awe and veneration. He wondered how the work would go on when they were gone—but it had. He attended the Conference in 1874, in this city, when the old Conference of Eastern British America was divided. His lot was cast in Nova Scotia, and he sometimes thought there were no brethren like those in this Conference but he esteemed most highly his brethren in New Brunswick and Prince Edward Island. He wished them the highest success in the work. Mr. Rogers' address was much appreciated.

Rev G. J. Bond of Halifax, another visitor, also spoke, congratulating the President on his occupancy of the chair. He was well known to no man would do it but he heartily thanked his old "college chum" for the opportunity of a dressing-trim later on.

A new resolution was moved by Dr. Inch: That this conference memorialize the general Conference to so amend section 171, page 94, of the discipline as to provide the calling of a quarterly meeting and the appointment of a Chairman of the Quarterly Board in case of the unavoidable absence of the Superintendent of the Circuit, and the Chairman of the District—Carried.

A resolution was moved asking the Conference to arrange matters so that Rev George Steele might have an opportunity to deliver his Theological lecture on "Man predestined in Christ Jesus," which he had kindly consented to do.

Conference closed at 12 o'clock.

FOR SALE.—Sloop yacht "Abegweit," fast sailer, newly painted, and overhauled this spring.—A W Weeks, Charlottetown. 145 61 e o d w k 41.

Local and Other Items.

SONS OF TEMPERANCE attending conference will find a cordial welcome at Victoria Division, in Wright's Hall, Monday evening.

A. O. F.—Adjourned meeting tomorrow at 2.30 p. m. Every member is requested to attend in order to complete arrangements for picnic on Dominion Day.

C. M. B. A.—The members of branch 216, C. M. B. A. will please meet the excursionists at Railway wharf on Monday next at about 11 o'clock.

The funeral of the late Henry Burke, of Southport, will take place on Sunday, at 2, p. m., from the residence of Mrs. Mary Burke, Glen Stewart, to Pownal, Lot 49.

BAPTIST CHURCH—Rev Job Shenton, of St. John, will preach at the Baptist Church tomorrow morning and the Rev. Wm. Penna of Carleton, N. B., in the evening.

THE RIFLE—The annual business meeting of the Queen's County Rifle Association will be held in the City Court Room Monday evening June the 27th at 8 p. m.

FIRST METHODIST CHURCH—Owing to the ordination to be held, service will begin in the First Methodist Church tomorrow forenoon at a quarter to eleven. Be in good time.

SONG SERVICES at the Gospel Meeting in Wright's Hall, tomorrow afternoon at 3.45. Mr. J. C. Moore, of Moncton and Driver Devereau, of Campbellton, N. B., will speak. Strangers always welcome.

GOSPEL MEETING.—Railway men's meeting in Wright's Hall, Sunday afternoon at 4 o'clock, conducted by Mr. J. C. Moore, of Moncton. Strangers always welcome, Lesson, Luke 14-17. "Come, for all things are now ready."

THE PARK ROADWAY.—A by-law to regulate the driving of horses, etc., on the park roadway is to be submitted at the next meeting of the City Council. In the meantime the owners of fast horses are making the most of their opportunities.

LOCAL COUNCIL.—A special meeting of the Local Council of Women will be held in the Y. M. C. A. parlors on Wednesday afternoon, 28th inst., at 4 o'clock at which the President will give a short account of the annual conference of the National Council of Women of Canada, held in Ottawa last month. The members of all affiliated societies are requested to be present. The public are also cordially invited.

MOUNT ST. VINCENT.—A large and brilliant assemblage attended the closing exercises at Mount St Vincent, Halifax, on Thursday. In the middle division, class A, Miss Maisey Coody, of Charlottetown, was awarded prizes in English composition, literature, Grecian history and Christian doctrine. Miss Coody also obtained a certificate of promotion in instrumental music, and won the gold medal offered by Professor Siebels for viola music. Miss Coody has our congratulations.

LAWN PARTY.—The Lawn Party on the grounds of St. Dunstan's College on Monday will be under the auspices of the ladies of St. Joseph's Society, who have made the most complete preparations for the occasion. All who patronize the gathering are assured a most enjoyable outing. The grounds are within easy distance of the city, and may be reached either by post road or railway. Trains will leave the city for the grounds at 11 a. m., and 2 p. m. The first train will leave upon arrival of the excursionists from Pictou.

THE COLLEGE.—The Halifax papers contain lengthy reports of the closing exercises at King's College. The exercises were of an especially high character. Rev. C. W. Vernon B. A., was awarded the Bishop's prize and the Akins historical prize. Among the matriculants were T. A. Davies and N. Tooker, who matriculated in science and engineering, respectively. Master Davies is a son of Sir Louis Davies and Master Tooker is a son of Commander Tooker. Rev. C. W. Vernon is well known in Charlottetown. All have our congratulations.

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