

of their ministers to this Province, and the result. Connected with his Conference, 145 churches, 8000 members, 30,000 adherents, 42 ordained Ministers, 13 licentiates. Spoke of S. School work, Foreign Missions, Education and Temperance, in a very interesting manner. Requested the correspondence continued. Bro. McDonald made forcible remarks in reference to the practice of Free Baptists in contrast with other denominations. They are fast accepting the same.

Rev. J. McLeod said,—

He felt at home, for he belonged to both Provinces. His heart went with the idea of union. Referred to the beginning of his Conference; one of the Fathers still living and able to work. Also to denominational progress, hindrances are swept away. The Free Baptists of N. B. and N. S. have a glorious future. Older bodies are coming to us in doctrines and mode of work; is using Moody to this end.

Bro. McLeod said he was sent on a special mission. Read from the Minutes the action of his Conference appointing a committee in reference to educational matters. Explained why Prof. Foster—one of the committee—did not come. Referred to his character and success. Young men must be educated. Remarked upon the endowment fund, state of measures in their Conference, but have not given up agitation of the subject. Spoke of his love to his brethren in this Province—desired a closer union between the Conferences. Requested the appointment of a committee to confer with their committee.

Rev. R. L. Howard, Corresponding Delegate from the Maine C. Y. Meeting, passed to the table the following paper, which was read :—

LEWISTON, MAINE, Sept. 10, 1877.

*The Maine Central Yearly Meeting of Free Baptists send Christian greeting to the Free Baptist Conference of Nova Scotia.*

DEAR BRETHREN—We have been much pleased to learn of your prosperity, through your delegate, Rev. John M. Loudon, present at our last meeting, and we send to you the bearer of this letter, Rev. R. L. Howard, as our delegate.

It sometimes happened in our civil war that soldiers wearing the blue by mistake fired upon other soldiers wearing the same uniform. Would that the history of the Christian Church were free from the dark pages which record the attacks of regiments of the same great army, by design, upon each other.

Whatever be the differences in modes and customs, and in what must be called the less important items of belief, there must be some real, significant answering of Christ's prayer: "That they all may become one," if the church of God, in all the earth, would fulfil the spirit and letter of Christ's command to "Go into all the world and preach the Gospel to every creature." It will not answer in these days of activity on the part of Christ's foes for the Church to present itself with divided arms or internal weakness. The great aim and object of the Church of God must be to carry the Gospel to the world, and whatever diverts its aim or takes away this object is a direful calamity.

It gives us great pleasure to note the living interest among you in regard to the work of education, of temperance and of missions. There is much ground to be occupied, doubtless, in your Province, as there is in our own State and Country. We find that our doctrines are acceptable, and we believe them to be freer from objection than those of any other people, to the masses of our population. It only remains that we intelligently and zealously promulgate them in order for their vital, personal acceptance by many.

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