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THE ST. JOHN FIRE.

We have within a few days past walked over a thousand acres of burnt city, and looked upon the ruins of dwellings which gave shelter and comfort to twenty thousand inhabitants.

One or two typical objects presented themselves to those who took with us the rounds of the ruins. In front of where the Centenary church stood, the large bell, having been precipitated outward from the steeple, lies by the side of the street, cracked and blackened.

It gives one an elevated view of human nature to watch the spontaneity of the benevolence with which this distress has been met everywhere.

OUR CAUSE IN ST. JOHN. There are denominational aspects of the St. John calamity which this paper may fittingly represent.

What shall we write of our ministers? Young men, with their families safe, their strength unimpaired, life all bright before them, may do with words of cheer and comfort.

Rev. A. M. Philips, National Secretary of the United Temperance Association of Canada will be at the session of the Provincial Lodge of N. S., in Halifax on Tuesday, July 10th.

Arrangements have been made with the authorities of the Intercolonial Railway, to carry visitors to the Methodist Bazaar to take place in Charlottetown on the 10th inst., and return, for one fare.

Rev. John Ellis, a beloved young minister of the New Brunswick Conference, is very ill, at his father's residence, near St. John.

Rev. T. W. Smith returned a few days since from a visit to Newfoundland. He visited the Conference, then in session at Carbonear.

Our articles on Newfoundland Methodism will be renewed shortly when material necessary to make them up comes to hand.

PERSONAL.—Our readers every where will regret to hear that our venerable father Pope had a severe stroke of paralysis, on Wednesday of this week.

Rev. Dr. Stewart was a passenger by the Circassian from Newfoundland this week.

The Editor of the WESLEYAN is attending the camp-meeting which commenced at Berwick on Wednesday.

ST. JOHN SABBATH SCHOOLS.

A friend has intimated his intention to give fifty dollars towards the Sabbath schools of St. John, and expresses the hope that this will be a nucleus of a good fund for supplying our neighbors' children with books in their present destitution.

We cannot too much admire the energy of the St. John daily press. This is a good time to express to the News and Telegraph the indebtedness of our weekly papers to their generosity and zeal.

SALISBURY.—An excursion trip on the Albert Railroad line, from Salisbury to Hillsborough and the Albert Mines, on Monday, 2nd inst., was a decided success.

NOVA SCOTIA CONFERENCE PROCEEDINGS.

(CONTINUED.)

MONDAY, JUNE 25. Close of afternoon session. After considerable discussion, it was moved by Rev. A. W. Nicolson, seconded by Rev. J. A. Rogers, —

That this Conference has listened with deep interest to the explanations given by Dr. Pickard, concerning the proposed scheme for the amalgamation of the Supernumerary Funds of the Conferences, and as far as it can now judge, deems it advisable to amalgamate our Supernumerary Fund with that of the Western Conferences.

Therefore Resolved, That a committee be appointed to obtain, during the year, and furnish at the next Conference, all possible and necessary information bearing upon the results which would be likely to follow an amalgamation with the General Conference Fund; and that said committee shall furnish such information to the several brethren by printed circulars.

Conference then adjourned.

TUESDAY, JUNE 26. Conference opened by devotional exercises. The Journal Secretary read the records of yesterday's proceedings.

Report of the Contingent Fund Committee adopted. Examination Committee of the Theological Students at Sackville reported.

The Rev. E. A. Temple and Rev. J. A. Rogers were appointed Examining Board to the Theological Institution at Sackville for next year. The Supernumerary Fund Committee reported.

Four have died, viz.: Thomas H. Davis, Michael Pickles, Albert S. Des-

Brinay, William Sargent. Many of the ministers paid tributes of respect to the memory of the deceased brethren.

Committee for furthering the interests of the Camp Meeting appointed.

AFTERNOON SESSION. Conference opened as usual. Sabbath School Report by Rev. W. H. Evans. Report adopted.

Pastoral Address, prepared by Revs. E. B. Moore and T. W. Smith, read by Rev. S. F. Huestis.

Moved by the Rev. J. McMurray, seconded by Rev. Thos. Rogers, and Resolved, That the desolating calamity in St. John, by which so large a portion of the city has been laid in ashes, has deeply moved this Conference; and that the destruction of so great an amount of our Congregational Property which the Methodists of that city, owing to the terrible losses they have sustained by the fire, will not be able to rebuild, without very considerable assistance from abroad, calls for the practical sympathy of Methodists everywhere.

Therefore Resolved, That we will kindly welcome any duly authorized deputation from the United Board of Trustees that may visit our circuits, and will co-operate with our people in rendering help in this great exigency.

The ballot for a representative to the Transfer Committee, was then taken. Rev. R. A. Temple was elected.

Rev. C. Jost elected as a representative to the Educational Board.

Rev. S. F. Huestis was elected as a representative to the Central Missionary Board.

The subscriptions in behalf of the St. John sufferers was then taken up; \$252 was realized.

The Chairmen of Districts were then elected. The list of their names will appear in the Station Sheet this week.

EVENING SESSION. Bermuda affairs under review. Much correspondence between ex-President Temple and the Missionary Secretaries was read, provoking much discussion.

As a result, it was Resolved, That, in the opinion of this Conference, no change, affecting territorial relations in Bermuda affairs, can take place until action is taken thereupon by the General Conference.

Conference adjourned.

WEDNESDAY, JUNE 27.

Conference opened as usual. Journal read and approved. Bermuda affairs again under discussion. Rev. R. A. Temple moved a reconsideration of the resolution passed last evening, which was carried. After much discussion, the resolution was again confirmed.

The spiritual report was then read. A Committee was appointed on Bermuda affairs. The question—What candidates are allowed to attend the Institutions at Sackville? was considered, and the names of the young men were read.

AFTERNOON SESSION. Some discussion ensued in relation to the Blackburn estate. Statistical returns from Circuits reported. Temperance Committee reported.

Names of deputation to attend Educational Meetings in the several districts read and confirmed. The cases of several candidates and probationers were reconsidered.

EVENING SESSION. The entire evening was taken up with discussions of a miscellaneous and financial nature.

THURSDAY, JUNE 28.

Conference opened with devotional exercises. Journal of yesterday's proceedings read and approved.

The Committee on Miscellaneous Resolutions reported. There was some discussion concerning the Westfield Church. Votes of thanks were given to the officials of the Conference.

The following resolution was moved by Rev. C. Jost, seconded by Rev. J. Shenton: Whereas, we have been favoured during the present session of our Conference with the presence and counsel of our esteemed brother, Rev. H. Pickard, D. D., of the N. B. and P. E. I. Conference; and

Whereas, we have heard his statement of his intention to request a Supernumerary relation to his Conference at its present session in Fredericton; Therefore Resolved, That we express our high appreciation of the very efficient services in different departments of our congregational work of a brother whose relations to us, especially before the recent division of the E. B. A. Conference, has been so long continued, and earnestly pray that God may direct his future course and crown him with abundant blessing.

B. A. BOOK AND TRACT DEPOSITORY. After very considerable discussion upon the decision given last year in respect to the Book and Tract Society, it was

Resolved, 1. That the Conference is fully impressed with the gravity of its position in relation to this subject.

2. That the Conference is always willing to justify its decision when requested to do so, by any authorized person or persons through its official representative head.

3. That though circulars have reached certain members of the Conference during the year, calling for evidence in the premises, up to this date no request for communication on the subject has reached the Conference itself. Consequently, the position of the Conference remains unchanged.

METHODIST BOOK ROOM.

Resolved, That the Annual Report of the Book Room and WESLEYAN Office having been laid before the Conference, we have great gratification in reaffirming our confidence in the working and usefulness of this important institution of our church. The Conference would renew very earnestly its recommendation to our people, to the Superintendents of Circuits and to the officers of Sabbath Schools the exceeding desirableness of our own literature being circulated widely; that the precious doctrines of Gospel truth, so greatly valued by our church from the beginning, may as much as possible be written on the minds and hearts of our youth and of our whole people.

Resolved, That the brethren of this Conference feel very grateful to Rev. A. W. Nicolson, for the great diligence and success with which he has administered the affairs of the Book Room and WESLEYAN Office, and beg to assure him that they have unlimited confidence in his integrity and impartiality.

AFTERNOON SESSION.

Resolved, That the thanks of the Conference be given, and is hereby tendered, to the friends at Yarmouth, for their kindness and liberality in entertaining the members of the Conference.

The thanks of the Conference was also given to A. F. Stoneman, Esq., for the use of his hall for Committee purposes.

Moved by Rev. J. M. Pike, seconded by Rev. W. H. Hertz, and

Resolved, That the Report of the Special Committee on the Children's Fund be laid on the table until next year, and that the Circuits be taxed this year for the Children's Fund the same as last year, and in the event of a deficiency, that the claim of each child bear an equal deficiency.

Bro. Cassidy then read the letters prepared by the letter-writers, which were approved.

The next Conference will meet at Amherst, N. S. After some miscellaneous matters were discussed, the journal was read and approved. The Minutes were then read and signed by the President and Secretary, and after devotional exercises, the fourth Nova Scotia Conference came to a close.

SABBATH SCHOOL ANNIVERSARY.

A very interesting Sunday-school service was held in the Methodist Church, Milton, on Tuesday evening. As the Conference was in session, in the absence of the President, the chair was taken by Rev. Mr. Alcorn. After singing, prayer was offered by Rev. Mr. Ainley. The Report was presented by the Secretary, Rev. W. H. Evans. The following is an abstract of the Report:—The Committee, in submitting their Annual Report, do so with feelings of devout gratitude to God for the success vouchsafed in every department of the work. During the year there has been an increase in the attendance at the Class meeting, and in the number learning our catechism. They view with pleasure the growing interest which is being taken in the religious training of the young of our Church. The seed sown has fallen in ground prepared for its reception by the good Spirit of God. Convinced of the vast importance of the work, they would commend it to the constant sympathy, prayers and support of our people. They are persuaded that much more remains to be done to make our schools as efficient as they might be made.

The following topics were spoken to; "The Sabbath-school work in its relation to the future prosperity of our Church," Rev. J. R. Borden. "The necessity of careful preparation on the part of the officers and teachers for Sabbath-school work," Rev. A. S. Tuttle. "The conversion of the young to Christ, the supreme object of Sabbath-school work," Rev. W. Ryan. "The relation of the family to the Sabbath-school," Rev. W. Purvis. Meeting closed with doxology and benediction.