

CHANCELLOR JONES NEW BAPTIST PRESIDENT

Maritime Convention Adopts Strong Resolution Against Government Control of Liquor Traffic

Electors Urged to Place Prohibition Before Party--Temperance Situation in Maritime Provinces and All Canada--Great Interest Shown in Furtherance of Mission Work--Facts of Interest from Foreign Mission Report--Sunday With the Visitors.

The Baptist Ministers Institute of the Maritime United Baptist Convention met in the German street church Friday morning at 10 o'clock. Those present at the meeting were besides the local clergy Rev. Dr. Goodspeed, Richmond, Va.; Rev. Professor Kierstead, Professor elect U. N. B.; Rev. Dr. Wallace, Massachusetts; Rev. H. T. DeVolve, Rev. Dr. Crowell, Canning, N. S.; Rev. Dr. Phillips, Woodstock; Rev. Dr. McLeod, Fredericton; Rev. A. A. Rideout, Fredericton; Rev. J. H. McDonald, Fredericton; Rev. N. A. Macdonald, Fredericton; Rev. Dr. Brown, Ontario; Rev. Dr. Hutchinson, principal of Acadia; Rev. I. A. Corbett, Bear River, N. S.; Rev. Mr. Porter, Supt. Home Missions, Nova Scotia; Rev. Dr. Calhoun, Wolfville; Rev. Alfred Chapman, Berwick; Rev. Dr. Austin K. DeBlois, 1st Baptist Church, Chicago; Rev. E. W. Miller, Jamaica; Rev. Osmond, Westville, N. S.; Rev. E. B. McLeod, Fredericton; Rev. Stephen, Langville; Rev. W. C. Goucher, St. Stephen; Rev. Dr. Gordon, 1st Baptist Church, Montreal; Rev. J. B. Gannon, Secy N. B. S. Association; Rev. Milton Addison, Chipman; Rev. Thomas Blackadar, Somerville, N. S.; Rev. A. J. Prosser, Port Maitland, N. S.; Rev. P. J. Stackhouse, Campbellton; Rev. C. W. Staples, Kingston; Rev. F. M. Young, Parrabrook; Rev. Arthur S. Lewis, Bridgeton, N. S. The morning session was taken up by the reading and discussion of an able paper by Dr. Goodspeed entitled "Certainity in Religion." He discussed the seat of religion asking whether it was in man or the Bible.

In conclusion he said that the seat of authority was in God and that conscience and the Bible are authoritative if from God. Dr. Goodspeed's position was objected to by Rev. Professor Kierstead, who said that the former advocated a position that had been exploded.

He asked Dr. Goodspeed a number of questions and spoke at some length. He differed from Dr. Goodspeed in many matters of philosophy. The paper was in the opinion of the ministers, a very able one.

In the afternoon Rev. F. S. Bamford read a paper in which he discussed some aspects of German rationalism with their bearing on revealed religion.

Rev. George Lawson, of West Church, Halifax, presided at the meeting in the evening. A quartette belonging to the German street church sang two selections during the proceedings.

The first address was delivered by Rev. A. K. De Blois, of Chicago, on work among the men. He contended that the only proper solution of the problem of how to get men interested in the church was to set them at work in it.

He said that the church was not to be set at all to patronize them because that aroused a feeling of antagonism. The men ought to be placed on committees as soon as they joined the church, and to do some work which would make them feel that they were some good.

Rev. Dr. Brown, of Toronto, followed with an interesting talk on the laymen's missionary movement. He described how the work had originated in Toronto, and said that this year the Baptists of that city had pledged themselves to raise the sum of \$60,000 this year for missions.

The last speaker of the evening was Rev. W. Stachhouse, superintendent of the Baptist missions in the northwest. He told of the great progress of the laymen's missionary movement in the northwest and of their methods of working in connection with it.

The sixty-third annual conference of the United Baptist church of the Maritime Provinces opened for business in the German street church on Saturday morning. Chancellor Jones, of the University of New Brunswick, was elected president for the coming year. Other features of the meeting Saturday and Sunday were the adoption of a strong resolution against the liquor traffic, and the great enthusiasm among both the clergymen and lay delegates with which missionary topics were discussed.

There will be two sessions Friday and Saturday. At 9 o'clock the following committees will report on correspondence on union with the Disciples, on the constitution of the Canadian Baptist Union.

The report of the governors of Acadia University will also be presented at the morning session. In the afternoon the officers of the Maritime Union will be elected. The report of the committee on the constitution of Acadia and of the committee on the constitution of Canadian union will be resumed in the evening at 8 o'clock.

There will be a platform meeting. President W. B. Hutchinson, D.D., of Acadia University; Principal H. T. DeWolfe of Acadia Seminary and Rev. C. W. Rose, B.D., will deliver addresses on Christian Education. On the conclusion of this meeting business will be resumed and the report of the Sunday school board will be further considered and unfinished business taken up.

At the opening session after devotional exercises, the rules of order were read and the report of the committee of arrangements was received. By a unanimous vote the president, Rev. W. Hutchinson, of Truro, was empowered to select the nominating committee and then retired to carry out their work.

Visitors to the convention were then called upon to speak. Among those who delivered addresses were Dr. A. K. De Blois, Dr. Wallace, Dr. J. G. Brown, Rev. Mr. Sweeney, Rev. Dr. J. A. Gordon, Rev. W. H. McLeod, Rev. Mr. Dewitt and Rev. Mr. Boetwick.

Correspondence having been disposed of the report of the foreign mission board was taken up. Referring to the Laymen's Missionary Movement, the board reported marked success all over the continent. Laymen in Ontario and Quebec had fully organized, and the movement had already been carried into 150 churches. A start had been made in the Maritime provinces, especially in Halifax. St. John's, where the committee of the convention was recommended to outline a plan of organization for the laymen of the churches. The opinion was strongly expressed that, in view

A. W. Sterns, Col. D. McL. Vince, Rev. G. A. Lawson, Rev. E. J. Grant.

Prayer of convention session--Rev. J. H. McDonald; alternate--Rev. J. W. Bamford.

Obituary committee--Rev. R. O. Morse, A. W. Currie, N. A. McNeil, O. N. Chipman, Rev. H. G. Dockrell, W. C. Cross, F. E. Cox, Rev. R. W. Ferguson.

Committee on state of denomination--Dr. H. C. Creed, Dr. C. T. Phillips, Revs. A. F. Newcomb, G. R. White, H. G. Addison.

Temperance and moral reform--Dr. W. C. Kierstead, Rev. F. H. Beale, E. D. King, Rev. G. W. Schurman, G. W. Weyman, Rev. H. G. Kennedy, Rev. Milton Addison.

Sunday school committee--Rev. S. W. Cummings, Rev. D. H. Simpson, N. B. Smith, Rev. H. G. Dockrell, W. C. Cross, F. E. Cox, Rev. R. W. Ferguson.

Travelling arrangements--The secretaries of the convention.

Representative of Grande Ligne--Rev. A. B. Cohoe.

Representative of the Northwest--Rev. Z. L. East.

Finance committee for Nova Scotia--Rev. J. W. Porter, Dr. J. W. Manning, J. B. Oakes.

Finance committee for New Brunswick--The executive of the New Brunswick Association.

Finance committee for P. E. Island--A. A. McPherson.

To fill vacancies on the H. M. board--Rev. K. Rose, Rev. H. Martell, R. B. Hillier, Rev. C. H. Currie.

To fill vacancies on the F. M. board--Rev. J. W. Porter, Dr. J. W. Manning, J. B. Oakes.

After the retiring president had welcomed Chancellor Jones to his new office, he delivered his retiring address, taking for his subject "The Lordship of Christ."

The report of the foreign mission board was adopted after some discussion by Dr. Crowell and Rev. F. H. Beale.

Rev. H. C. Newcomb presented the report on temperance. It was discussed by Hon. George E. Foster, E. D. King, K. C. H. Barry, Dr. J. W. Porter, Dr. J. W. Manning, W. C. Kierstead, and others.

In presenting a review of the record during the past year along the lines of temperance reform, the report stated that the storm centre of the world's great temperance movement had been in Great Britain where the new licensing bill, "one of the most revolutionary measures adopted by the government in power. It provided for the ultimate suppression of more than 30,000 licenses or more than one third of those at present in force."

Dealing with the need of re-inforcements in India, the board issued an urgent call for young men. At present there were only one ordained minister to 200,000 of the heathen population in the field of the board's operations. It was recommended that three or more should be sent out every year until the need was met.

The board recorded with pleasure an offer of \$1,000 from T. S. Simms, for the purpose of building a church at Vizianagaram. This was one of the first fruits of the laymen's movement and of Mr. Simms' visit to India. The board had decided to build a new church in the Simms Memorial.

The report added, "Our brother, with characteristic modesty, shrank from the publication of his gift, but we are proud to announce that he has upon his practical interest in the work."

The board had now invested in mission plant on the field about \$60,000. An urgent appeal was made for assistance to equip new stations.

In connection with the foreign department, the board reported that 1878 had been a year of severe testing, which was in part due to the unrest, famine and cholera which had been abroad in India.

A detailed report of work in the various fields was given. The number of churches on the field is 8. The membership on April 1 was 550. There were two hundred day schools in the mission, with an enrollment of 1,000 pupils. Sunday schools numbered seventy-seven, with an attendance of about 1,500.

On the missionary staff nine ordained men and fifteen single women; and 100 Indian workers are on the mission. The mission is eight married women, who, though not officially connected with the mission, are in fact doing much of the work.

The following missionaries are now in India under the control of the board: Rev. and Mrs. E. G. Gillison, Miss Ida Newcombe, Miss Flora Clarke, Mrs. G. Churchill, Miss Deane, Mrs. I. C. Archibald, Miss M. E. Archibald, Miss Dr. Zella Clark, Rev. and Mrs. John Hardy, Miss Barbara Mott, Rev. and Mrs. C. C. Freeman, Rev. and Mrs. J. A. Glendinning, Miss Maud Harrison, Miss Elizabeth Gaudin, Miss M. E. Clark, Miss Alice Patton, Rev. and Mrs. J. C. Cory, Rev. R. Sanford, D.D., Miss Laura Peck, Miss Cora Elliott, Miss Lotie Sanford.

Rev. and Mrs. W. V. Higgins, of Wolfville (N. S.), and Miss H. Blackadar, of Summerville (N. S.), are on furlough. The report was read section by section and the discussion opened. Further discussion was deferred until the afternoon session.

At the afternoon session after the opening religious exercises, the following visitors were invited to seats on the platform: Dr. G. U. Hay, St. John; Dr. E. M. Kierstead, Rev. H. R. Laflamme, Toronto; Rev. W. F. Parker, Ottawa; Rev. S. Howard, Rev. James Crisp, St. John; Rev. H. C. Henderson, Milwaukee.

The report of the nominating committee was then submitted by Rev. W. C. Goucher and adopted as follows: President--Chancellor C. C. Jones, L.L.D.

Vice-presidents--Revs. H. H. Saunders and J. K. Ross.

Secretaries (for three years)--Rev. J. H. McDonald, Assistant secretaries--Revs. H. G. Kennedy and A. A. Rideout.

Treasurer--Donaldson Hunt. Editor of Year Book and statistical secretary--Dr. H. C. Creed.

Treasurers of denominational fundations--Rev. J. W. Porter, Nova Scotia; Dr. W. E. McIntyre, New Brunswick; A. W. Sterns, P. E. Island.

Committee on the question of Scott Act vs. License brought the temperance people and the liquor interests to the place where they must again measure strength, with the result that in the capital city where for 30 years the Scott Act has been in force, it was again sustained by a magnificent majority, and license sentiment received a blow which sent it down and out, we trust for all time to come.

In Nova Scotia there is also a growing demand for provincial prohibition. The movement towards this end is under the leadership of the N. S. Temperance Alliance. The whole province is being strongly organized for definite, concerted and united action by the general field secretary of the alliance, the Rev. H. R. Grant. The Sons of Temperance, and other organizations of like nature, are also largely augmenting their work throughout the province.

In February last a deputation of a hundred men, representing every part of the province, waited upon the government with the renewed demand for a prohibitory law. Though they received but little encouragement, they did not fail to impress upon the government that "the people will not rest until they get what they want."

As a result of the resolution embodying provincial prohibition, brought into the N. S. Legislature in 1907 by a member of the government, Mr. E. H. Armstrong, M.P., the temperance movement was introduced to kill it, and at the same time effect a compromise with the temperance people. This was to be the introduction of a bill, which was amended to prohibit the sending of liquors into counties in which the Scott Act is in force. This was carried, and the parliament of Canada was asked to make it law.

This has been done, and in some sense has been unhesitatingly hailed as an advance temperance legislation. In this your committee trust the temperance people of these provinces may not in any sense be disappointed.

The report was also called to the following facts: That the C.P.R. has abolished the bars in its hotels at the stations; that the Dominion government had passed a bill prohibiting the importation of liquor for sale or use except for medicinal purposes; and that the consumption of hard liquor in Canada and the revenue therefrom had been declining for some time.

The report recommended a systematic study of the problem of temperance and moral reform, and an agitation for the signing of the temperance pledge. It suggested that the convention seriously consider the expediency of establishing a department of temperance and moral reform and of appointing a strong committee to have charge of the department.

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the root of all this upheaval which, although there was danger in it, was the most promising thing in the history of the Far East was the Gospel. The Gospel influenced the mind of man by first imparting to him a sense of his own individual worth. Along with this feeling came one of responsibility to God which begot a desire for freedom of the body so that man might work out this responsibility in his own way.

Rev. Mr. Laflamme concluded an admirable address by speaking in commendation of the movements in the home lands and of foreign missions.

Rev. Dr. DeBlois referred to his visit to Japan, Korea, China, Ceylon, and India. He predicted that the progress during the next twenty-five years in foreign missions would be far greater than that of any previous century. The modern missionary, as he had found him in the compasses of the conference, was a man of the natives, was not a drowsy work-woman but bright, intellectually keen and far above the average of the missionaries of the past.

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D. R. CHANDLER BEARS OFF P. R. A. HONORS

Brilliant Scene at Presentation of Prizes on Sussex Range --Grand Falls Man in Hard Luck--E. F. Gladwin's Work --Results in Extra Series, Revolver Competition, Fowler Match and Pugsley Shoot--Money Prizes \$1,360.

Sussex, Aug. 21.--The Provincial Rifle Association met closed today in a blaze of glory. The attendance at the presentation of prizes was unusually large, ladies being present in large numbers. Colonel H. H. McLean officiated at the presentation and was assisted by a number of military personages and ladies in conveying the trophies to the respective winners.

The weather bureau was in its best humor and it was a gay scene in front of the bungalow from the time when D. R. Chandler, winner of the governor general's silver medal and the Robertson prize of \$50, emblematic of the championship of the meeting was raised on a chair by his fellow shots and carried to the place of presentation.

Sharing the honors with him came Private E. F. Gladwin, of St. John, who won second money in the Robertson match, \$25. Estey, of Grand Falls, had one of the hardest pieces of luck during the meet in this competition. Chandler had ninety-two to his credit in the first stage of the match and the association forty-five at the last stage made his total 137; Estey had eighty-nine in the association and made 47 at 800 but fired a bull on the wrong target and lost five points.

Had the mistake not occurred he would have had 136 to his credit and taken the \$25, but Gladwin with ninety-three in the association and thirty-nine at 800 succeeded in with 132 and carried off second honors.

Winners in extra series A, with five shots at 600 yards:--

J. L. White, 67th, 88, 89, 90, 91, 92, 93, 94, 95, 96, 97, 98, 99, 100, 101, 102, 103, 104, 105, 106, 107, 108, 109, 110, 111, 112, 113, 114, 115, 116, 117, 118, 119, 120, 121, 122, 123, 124, 125, 126, 127, 128, 129, 130, 131, 132, 133, 134, 135, 136, 137, 138, 139, 140, 141, 142, 143, 144, 145, 146, 147, 148, 149, 150, 151, 152, 153, 154, 155, 156, 157, 158, 159, 160, 161, 162, 163, 164, 165, 166, 167, 168, 169, 170, 171, 172, 173, 174, 175, 176, 177, 178, 179, 180, 181, 182, 183, 184, 185, 186, 187, 188, 189, 190, 191, 192, 193, 194, 195, 196, 197, 198, 199, 200, 201, 202, 203, 204, 205, 206, 207, 208, 209, 210, 211, 212, 213, 214, 215, 216, 217, 218, 219, 220, 221, 222, 223, 224, 225, 226, 227, 228, 229, 230, 231, 232, 233, 234, 235, 236, 237, 238, 239, 240, 241, 242, 243, 244, 245, 246, 247, 248, 249, 250, 251, 252, 253, 254, 2