

THE WESLEYAN

FRIDAY, JUNE 24, 1881.

THE CONFERENCE.

For statements of the work done at the Conference just closed our readers are referred to the report of the proceedings in other columns; we only note impressions made during a brief visit to the assembled brethren.

The preparations made by the superintendent of the Granite Ferry circuit and his neighbors were of the most careful kind, and the welcome extended by the people of that beautiful locality to the visitors of the Conference was most hearty. In the home to which we were introduced on our arrival there we saw affliction, calling forth womanly devotion of the most untiring kind, yet a request had gone forth from that home to be remembered in affectionate arrangements, and we left it to cherish very pleasant memories of the short time spent there.

On entering the Conference church on Friday afternoon we found Mr. Latham in the President's chair. Few men could preside over a deliberative body with more dignity and urbanity than he: few men possess to so great an extent the unquestioned confidence and respect of those who know them best. In both business sessions and public gatherings Mr. Latham appears to great advantage. Only his changing relations with the neighboring Maritime Conference have prevented him from holding a place ere this among us as an ex-President.

As we entered Dr. Stewart was on his feet addressing the assembled ministers and laymen in behalf of our Educational Institutions. Seldom has the Dr. spoken with greater effect. He uttered the truth and felt it, and therefore made others feel its force. A single regret lessened our satisfaction. This address, as well as that which followed it, ought to have been heard by the largest audience which could be gathered in the Province. After Dr. Stewart's exhaustive address, Prof. Burwash might have claimed to be excused, but he succeeded in giving a telling speech, which only added to the interest already excited. It is evident that any attempt to divide the friends of Mount Allison in the Conference must fail. The remotest symptom of weak kneedness could not be discerned. All hearts beat as the heart of one. Led on by the Rev. W. H. Heartz, who also spoke strong words respecting the action of the Legislature, a subscription of more than \$1400 was at once made up, to which other amounts are still being added.

At the Educational meeting of the evening the subject of religious education was finely treated by the deputation from Mount Allison, and by the Rev. J. A. Rogers, of Amherst. Never, we believe were the ministers of the Conference more firmly united in a determination to maintain Mount Allison in the highest possible efficiency.

No faces in the Conference room secure attention more quickly than those of our fathers, who after having borne the burden and heat of the day are resting from more active toil. Though death has not come to any of them during the year, yet some seats were vacant. John McMurray, upon whom age and care seem hitherto to have had less effect than upon some of his brethren, we saw on our way to the Conference, and left him a sufferer from sciatica, unable to give his brethren in public those counsels they have so much valued. And Elias Brette, another worthy ex-President, was absent through affliction, which, as we learn from a recent note, is but proving the sustaining power of grace. For these senior brethren and a junior minister, absent through illness, fervent prayers were offered up. How many lessons they silently teach, how much encouragement comes to the more active men as they think of the prolonged and faithful toil of these occupants of the front seats, our fathers little know.

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THE NOVA SCOTIA CONFERENCE.

On Thursday morning, the 16th inst., his ministers who had travelled by coach, rail and steamboat, gathered at the church at Granite Ferry for the purpose of organizing and opening the Methodist Conference of 1881. One glance at them was sufficient to convince the most casual observer, that the outlook was promising and that the downward tendency of some things had been met with a pleasant check.

The garb of mourning, however, seen here and there touched a tender chord and revived memories of fair forms and faces now no more, and of the snapper of the most sympathetic to heal. Yet triumph over the severest affliction was manifested in that faith which looked forward to the time when Christ would

Reinspire the breathless cloud in his appointed day.

Some were there who did not present the robust appearance of former years—twelve months seemed to have added ten years to the age of brethren whose appearance suggested overwork and its consequent penalty of partial loss of health. On some of the honored fathers time was leaving its imprint. Familiar faces from the New Brunswick Conference were present, among the number, Dr. Stewart and Prof. Burwash, and later on Rev. G. H. Cornish from the Westward, all of whom are cordially greeted by the brethren.

At nine o'clock the President called the Conference to order, and soon the soul-stirring hymn in use for a century, commencing,

And as we yet alive, And see each other's face,

was sung with true fervor and devotion, after which prayer was offered by Dr. Stewart and J. S. Addy. The calling of the roll was responded to by the brethren, a large majority of whom were present, a fact which gave cause for deep gratitude.

A review of the year's work by the President, Rev. Richard Smith, was warmly received, especially in view of the fact that the faithful manner in which he had discharged the onerous duties of the year, and his uniform kindness, had more than ever endeared him to his brethren. One point of interest in the address, referred to the unfortunate calamity to Annapolis by fire, and the consequent inadvisability of the Conference meeting there in 1881,—a difficulty happily removed by the resolution of the Church at Granite Ferry, cordially inviting the Conference to transfer the appointment there. The President also referred to the marked development of the missionary spirit during the past year and the pleasing aspect of the outlook for the year to come.

A slight buzz of excitement was noticeable when the Conference proceeded to the election of President. The expectation was that the lot would be cast mainly into the lap of two men—a forecast justified by an election on the first ballot as follows: J. Latham, 37; G. O. Huestis, 20; W. C. Brown, 5, with two or three scattering votes. The Rev. J. Latham was declared elected and called to the chair amid much applause. In a few well-chosen words the retiring President inculcated to the c. air. The new incumbent bore the honors meekly, and while visibly affected by this mark of esteem conferred, addressed the Conference very effectively.

The election of Secretary resulted in favor of Rev. Jabez Rogers by 39 votes. The Revs. Eben England and D. W. Johnson were appointed assistants. For Journal Secretary, Rev. Cranwick Jost, A. M., deservedly received 49 votes, and by re-election remained at his post, receiving as his right-hand man, Rev. J. B. Giles.

Revs. J. Cassidy and W. C. Brown were also appointed Conference Letter Writers: Rev. W. G. Lane, Conference Reporter to the WESLEYAN; and Rev. A. D. Morton, A. M., Reporter to the Christian Guardian.

The elections having passed along smoothly and rapidly the way was clear for Rev. A. W. Nicholson to call the attention of the Conference to the presence of Dr. Stewart and Prof. Burwash who were invited to seats on the platform; and Friday afternoon was set apart to receive them as a deputation from the Mount Allison Institutions.

Rev. Ralph Brecken obtained leave of absence to visit the continent. The question of ministerial character was deferred till Friday morning and made the order of the day.

The Sup'y Fund report, read by the Secretary, revealed a deficiency of \$1000 on current claims—an amount promptly met by the committee, also that \$12,000 or thereabouts might be expected for addition to the capital stock from the Ray estate in New Brunswick.

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enforced retirement through ill health left the Conference no alternative but to permit him to add his name to the already long list of supernumeraries, who compose nearly one-fifth of the entire Conference. Rev. G. H. Cornish of the London Conference, and author of the "Cyclopedia of Methodism," was introduced, and gave a brief address respecting the object and aim of the afore-said publication.

Leave of absence was granted for one year to Revs. J. Astbury and G. O. Robinson, providing that it should not embarrass the Stationing Committee. The Conference adjourned at 4 p. m.

On Thursday evening the Conference Missionary Anniversary meeting was held in the church at Granite Ferry, the President in the chair. The report was read by Rev. W. H. Heartz. Many pleasing features and incidents gave cheering evidence of the success of our missions. Solid work done among the Indians has been rewarded by numerous conversions. Two orphanages have been established in the North West. In Japan, the land of the "rising sun," 16 natives, the fruit of an angelical effort, have offered for the work of the ministry; 23 conversions to Christianity were reported during the year, and eleven persons were baptized according to the formula of the Methodist Church.

The most noticeable feature in French missionary work is the urgent call for the increased circulation of the Scriptures. Figures, not always interesting, gave the following information: Missions, 386; missionaries, 392; native preachers, 17; teachers, 28; interpreters, 11; making a total paid agency of 448, with a membership of 34,496. The total income of the Society was \$131,204. The Nova Scotia Conference contributed \$9,106, an increase of nearly \$300 compared with last year.

The first topic, "The modern missionary movement," was assigned to the Rev. J. S. Coffin, who covered the ground effectively, commencing with Dr. Carey—one of the highest ornaments of modern missions,—linking with his such names as John Elliott, John and Charles Wesley, and the worthies who followed in their footsteps to the present day, and proving conclusively that Christianity is not losing its hold on the masses. After quoting various facts and figures, he stated that if Methodism should succeed in the future as it has done in the past, a comparatively short period would see the world converted. The whole address was well-timed, encouraging and bristling with facts in support of missionary effort.

The Rev. S. F. Huestis followed with a practical address on the "Grandeur of the Missionary Cause." By comparative statements he showed that missions were not so well supported as in former years. In 1874 the three Eastern Conferences raised 21,730 dollars for missions; last year they raised 17,827 a falling off of more than 3000 dollars. What we have done before could be done again. The whole movement was grand in its object and in the character of its missionaries. Men like Coke, Black, Asbury, Steinhauser and the sainted McDougall were among the noblest God ever called into the missionary enterprise. He finished a most excellent speech by pleading on behalf of juvenile effort in the direction. The last speaker was the Rev. J. J. Teasdale, who by a splendid effort set himself, but space will not permit a further enlargement of this subject. The meeting was enthusiastic and successful.

FRIDAY.

On Friday morning the devotional exercises were conducted by Revs. T. Angwin and S. B. Dunn. The order of the day was the question of ministerial character. It was a cause for congratulation that none of the brethren were challenged.

A letter was read by Rev. S. B. Dunn from Dr. Lewis, of Halifax, respecting the late Mrs. Binney's will, stating that in accordance with its provisions he would be prepared to pay over within one year the sum of one thousand dollars for the Missionary Society, and one thousand dollars for the Mount Allison Endowment Fund. The letter-writers were directed to frame a suitable reply.

The Secretary of the Temperance Committee then presented the report, part of which was unfinished business from the past year. The whole of the report, making provision for the formation of Temperance and Juvenile Temperance Societies in connection with our congregations, was adopted. It will appear at an early date.

At two p. m., the ministers reassembled, hardly anticipating the great treat in store for them. After the usual routine business, Dr. Stewart and Prof. Burwash, by appointment of the Board of Governors, appeared to present the claims of the Institutions at Mount Allison. First of all they submitted the resolutions adopted by the Board of Governors, which will appear in your columns this week.

Your reporter confesses his inability to grasp, much less convey the scope and effect of the afternoon's proceedings. The learned Dr. reviewed the rise of the Institutions from the opening hour, when seven students entered the academy, and the adjacent ministry assembled to invoke the Divine blessing upon the project, down to the hour when the Alumni were occupied with the proposition emanating from Dalhousie for the discussion of the policy of consolidation. In unmeasured terms he denounced every scheme or effort put forth with the object of destroying our denominational educational institutions, especially since the work done will bear comparison with that of any college in the Maritime Provinces. In proof of this he reminded his hearers that three-fourths of the prizes offered by the Halifax University were carried off by the Sackville students in competition with Dalhousie, Kings and others. While disclaiming boasting he believed that justice should be done. We were not afraid of competition. He argued for

an examining and not a teaching University, when the competition would be subjected to the severest test. He also dealt squarely with the fact that the Presbyterian Synod, as the friends of Dalhousie College, could well afford to say that they were glad the government grants were withdrawn—since they had retained so large an amount of Provincial funds, for say what they would, Dalhousie was essentially a denominational institution.

In a most earnest and affecting manner he refuted the idea that the Government grant supported denominational education,—it fostered education and it alone,—and stated that we do not want, in fact, never did want, aid for religious purposes; but that we do expect some remuneration for educational work successfully done in the higher branches. The whole of the Conference was absorbed in this speech—extending over an hour and a half, for the Dr. on this occasion excelled himself, as step by step he led them on till he touched the financial question. And here the liberality of the Methodist Church was not found wanting. The announcement of gifts already referred to in your columns brought forth much well-merited applause, and led the ministers to resolve to do all that is possible on their part. Before closing Dr. Stewart called attention to the Resolutions adopted by the Conference of 1863, in reference to the partiality shown to one branch of the Church by the Government of that day in virtually placing Dalhousie in the hands of the Presbyterians, and pointed out how fully our expectations respecting coming dissatisfaction and strife, as the result of that act, had been fulfilled.

Prof. Burwash, who thought Dr. Stewart had left him little to say, in a characteristic manner followed, showed clearly the teaching ability of Mount Allison, and by citing examples proved conclusively that the work done was effective, since youthful students in the science classes had taken the honors away from men of other institutions who were at the time teachers of science; and a young girl, the daughter of the Theological Professor, had carried off first-class honors. By a splendid effort he pleaded for renewed devotion to the interests of Mount Allison,—a pleading responded to in a right royal way—and we have no hesitation in saying that not one among all present could be found who was not ready to endorse most emphatically any scheme for the support of our own institutions and the prevention of so-called consolidation (which really means absorption) even to the extent of augmenting the Endowment fund out of his own slender means.

Rev. W. H. Heartz, well known in Eastern Methodism, followed in the debate urging practical sympathy, which he manifested by a generous donation of \$500, and dealt plainly with the question of Denominational versus State education. He censured strongly the withdrawal of the Government grant from the Institutions, on the ground that the Province owed a debt to Methodism and that but for denominational colleges higher education would have no existence. We must therefore do our work in such a way as to show we mean business; we cannot express ourselves too strongly, we must not be ashamed to talk Sackville. Dalhousie, Acadia and Kings are brought to the notice of the public, and we should make Sackville better known by earnestly presenting her claims and making known her successes. Mr. Heartz finished by a powerful appeal to stand by the Institutions of the Church, moving that a committee be appointed to deal with the question.

Others followed, promising various sums and upholding the principles so firmly advocated. This debate was the most interesting of any during the sessions already held; not only from the manner in which the subject was handled, but from its paramount importance and the evident determination to have nothing whatever to do with the scheme of consolidation as presented to the Alumni of Mount Allison. The only regret is that the whole debate, meriting as it did a larger audience, was after all limited to the few. The whole Methodist laity would have received incalculable benefit from listening to it. At the close of the debate the President appointed the following ministers a committee to report and draft a resolution on the subject viz. S. F. Huestis, W. C. Brown, W. H. Heartz, Thos. Rogers, A. D. Morton, A. W. Nicholson, and R. A. Temple.

Among the other speakers were Messrs. A. W. Nicholson, Thos. Rogers, A. M., S. F. Huestis, J. Gaetz, J. S. Addy, and J. S. Coffin. The amount raised during a few minutes reached \$1400.

The Annual Conference Temperance meeting was held at Annapolis on Friday evening—the ex-President in the chair. The church was filled to its utmost capacity with an intelligent and appreciative audience. After the opening hymn was sung the Rev. J. Shepherson by request engaged in prayer and the Rev. G. O. Huestis followed with a characteristic speech filled with humor, facts in science, and general temperance principles. He made the startling statement that he got drunk once and was therefore a reformed drunkard—basing the statement on the following amusing piece of logic: If a man tells a lie once, he is a liar; if a man murders another—he is a murderer; if he gets drunk once—he is a drunkard. He had been a total abstainer 51 years. He further dealt with the drunk traffic in its relation to morals and pleaded earnestly for renewed devotion to the temperance cause.

Rev. B. C. Borden of Yarmouth, followed with one of the most effective speeches ever delivered in Annapolis. The telling cuts at the rumrunner, and those stirring appeals to the sympathies of the present, called for a well received and merited applause, more particular-

ly when he referred to the false position assumed by Senator Almon in reference to light wines and beer. He introduced some thrilling incidents in connection with his labors in Bermuda, when on one occasion a sailor was taken to his grave after being drowned through intoxicating drink, and another who took his own life while in a state of delirium tremens, and finished with utterances which raised the enthusiasm of the meeting to the highest pitch. The meeting was brought to a close by an address from Rev. W. G. Lane, and the benediction by Rev. D. B. Scott, when the audience dispersed having enjoyed one of the most successful temperance meetings ever held under the auspices of the Conference.

SATURDAY.

The Conference sessions of Saturday were occupied with the examination of the candidates for ordination. Dr. Stewart was asked to act as examiner. After having passed through the trying ordeal, the following were recommended to be received into full connection and ordained: H. P. Duane, I. M. Mellish, and J. L. Dawson. David Hickey, having received ordination in the Congregational Church was recommended to be received into full connection by taking upon himself our ordination vows. Messrs. W. H. Langille, L. M. Stevens, W. A. Outerbridge, Starr Black, John Wier, and F. A. Buckley, A. B., were continued on trial. L. M. Stevens was permitted to attend the theological institution the ensuing year.

The following were received as candidates for the ministry: John Prestwood, W. Whitman, Leander Daniels, and Alton Daniel. The Rev. Godfrey Shore by resignation ceases to be recognized as a minister among us.

STATION SHEET.

- I—HALIFAX DISTRICT,
 - 1—Halifax North—Brunswick St.—Ralph Brecken. Kaye St.—William G. Lane. Charles St.—William H. Evans. Supernumeraries. Edmund Botterell, who has permission to reside in Montreal; R. A. Temple.
 - 2—Halifax South—Grafton St.—John J. Teasdale. Cobourg Rd.—John L. Spongale. Sup. John S. Addy, who has permission to reside in Carleton, St. John, N.B.
- BOOK ROOM AND WESLEYAN OFFICE.—Stephens F. Huestis, Book Steward; T. Watson Smith, Editor.
- 3 Dartmouth—H. P. Duane; Sup'y, Thomas Angwin.
- 4 Lawrencestown—John Wier.
- 5 Windsor—J. M. Pike; Sup'y's M. Hickey, D. D., John McMurray, Roland Morton.
- 6 Chester Road—To be supplied.
- 7 Hantsport—William Ryan.
- 8 Horton—Thos. Rogers, A. M., C. M. Tyler; Sup'y, George Johnson.
- 9 Kentville—Robert Wasson.
- 10 Newport—F. H. W. Pickles.
- 11 Avondale—R. McArthur; Sup'y, Elias Brette.
- 12 Burlington and Walton—George O. Huestis.
- 13 Sambro and St. Margaret's Bay—Geo. Johnson. (8)
- 14 Bermuda (Hamilton and Somerset A. W. Nicholson, Chaplain to Wesleyans in Army and Navy; F. A. Buckley, A. B.
- 15 Bermuda (St. George's and Bailey's Bay)—Joseph G. Angwin, Chaplain to Wesleyans in Army. J. W. Prestwood, A. B.

II—TRURO DISTRICT.

- 16 Truro—Simeon B. Dunn.
- 17 Onslow—Patrick H. Robinson;
- 18 Acadia Mines—Benj. Hills, A. B.
- 19 Picotia—William C. Brown.
- 20 Stellarton—Isaac E. Thurlow.
- 21 River John—James Tweedy.
- 22 Maitland—Thomas D. Hart.
- 23 Hubenacadie—J. W. Shepherson
- 24 Middle Musquodoboit—J. Hiram Davis.
- 25 Musquodoboit Harbor—George F. Day.
- 26 Sheet Harbor—J. L. Dawson, A. B.

III—CUMBERLAND DISTRICT.

- 27 Anherst—Jabez A. Rogers, Secretary of Conference; Sup'y, Robt. Tweedy, who has permission to reside in Moncton.
- 28 Warren—William Purvis.
- 29 Nappan and J. R. Borden.
- 30 Minnie—John A. Mosher.
- 31 Pugwash—Eben E. England.
- 32 River Philip—Arthur D. Morton, A. M.
- 33 Oxford—E. R. Brunyat.
- 34 Wentworth—A. F. Weldon. Sup. B. Bird.
- 35 Parsboro—William Alcorn; Sup. J. B. Hemmeson, who has permission to reside in Moncton.
- 36 Southampton—F. H. Wright, A. B.
- 37 Athol—John Craig.
- 38 Advocate Harbor—C. W. Swallow, A. B.

IV—GUYSBORO & C. B. DISTRICT.

- 39 Guysboro—Paul Prestwood; Sup'y James Buckley.
- 40 Canso—John W. Howie.
- 41 Manchester—Joseph Hale.
- 42 Country Harbor—Sydney—Joseph S. Coffin.
- 43 North Sydney—Jesse B. Giles.
- 44 Gabarus—James Scott.
- 45 Port Hawkesbury—Geo. W. Tuttle.
- 46 Fort Hood—W. A. Outerbridge.
- 47 Ingornish—G. W. Whitman.

V—ANNAPOLIS DISTRICT.

- 49 Annapolis—Ears B. Moore.
- 50 Granite Ferry—James Strothard.
- 51 Bridgetown—David W. Johnson; Sup'y, J. F. Bent.
- 52 Mountain Mission—Middleton—Richard Smith, Starr Black.
- 54 Aylesford—Joseph Gaetz, W. H. Langille; Sup'y, James Taylor.

- 55 Berwick—John Cassidy.
- 56 Carling—Robt. A. Daniel; Sup'y, J. G. Hennigar.
- 57 Scott's Bay—Alton Daniels.
- 58 Hillsburg— Caleb Parker.
- 59 Digby—William Ainley.
- 60 Weymouth—Geo. F. Johnson, A. B.
- 61 Digby Neck—James Sharpe.
- 62 Westport—

VI—LIVERPOOL DISTRICT.

- 63 Liverpool—Cranwick Jost, A. M.
- 64 Milton—Sup'y, C. Lockhart.
- 65 Caledonia—Robert Williams.
- 66 Port Moulton—John G. Bigger.
- 67 Mill Village—J. Maybew Fisher.
- 68 Petite Riviere—John Johnson.
- 69 Lunenburg—Alexander S. Tuttle.
- 70 Chester—Leander Daniel.
- 71 Ritey's Cove—David B. Scott.
- 72 New Germany—John Gee.
- 73 Bridgewater—David Hickey.

VII—YARMOUTH DISTRICT.

- 74 Yarmouth South—Wm. H. Huestis.
- 75 Yarmouth North—John Latham, President of the Conference. Sup'y, Ingham Sutcliffe.
- 76 Acadia—Byron C. Borden, A. B.
- 77 Herrington—I. M. Mellish.
- 78 Barrington—James R. Hart.
- 79 Pictou—Arthur Hocking.
- 80 N. E. Harbor—Jonathan C. Ogden.
- 81 Shelburne—R. B. Mack.
- 82 Lockport—William Brown.

REV. J. LATHERN.

We copy from the Morning Chronicle of Saturday last a brief sketch of the recently-elected President of the Nova Scotia Conference:

Rev. John Lathern was educated at one of those endowed English schools which for many generations have continued to offer opportunity for liberal culture in that land. At the London examination of 1835 he took rank with the first class of candidates. He was accepted by the British Conference of that year for the mission service, in which preference had been expressed. It was not thought at the time a medical examination, that his health would suffice for a tropical appointment. At the instance of Rev. Dr. Beecher, then just returned from Eastern British America, he was therefore appointed to New Brunswick. He was ordained in Charlottetown in 1859. Twice, since that time, he has been stationed in St. John, twice in Halifax, and is now a second time in Yarmouth North. He has also been stationed at Fredericton and at Charlottetown, and was at the same time chairman of the District. It was upon motion of Mr. Lathern, at the Toronto General Conference, in 1874, that the Hymn Book question was brought under review. More than one of his magazine articles on the general subject of 'ymnology has been reproduced on the other side of the Atlantic. He was lecturer this year for the 'Theological Union' of Sackville. His subject was "Inspiration." One of the papers reports that "The lecture was excellent and the audience was very large. Mr. Lathern's paper abounded in evidences of culture and learning; those qualities of head and heart which have secured for the rev. gentleman so many admirers and friends throughout all the cities of the Maritime Provinces were eminently displayed throughout the lecture." The lectures delivered by Mr. Lathern before the Mechanics' Institute during the successive years of 1868-71, were published in a volume which won immediate recognition. Another book, "Baptisms," evangelized and critical, has been equally received. Two editions, comprising together 1,750 copies, have been circulated, and a third edition is now offered for sale. A biographical sketch of Hon. L. A. Wilmot, doubtless prepared *con amore*, was published a year ago. A revised edition is just now announced.

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