

Methodist Conference

The morning was mostly spent in committee work, but at 12 o'clock Rev. Dr. Liddy, Professor of Philosophy at Mount Allison, Sackville, New Brunswick, gave a very fine devotional address based upon the fact that for Christ the Father was a continuous living presence. The reporter through no fault of his own was absent. It will have to be sufficient to say that those who did have the privilege speak with unmeasurable delight of its spaciousness and grace.

The afternoon saw the commencement of reports. Rev. R. E. Fairbairn gave the report of the Continuing Fund Committee. A balance of \$118 to the good was most cheerfully recorded.

Mention was made that Mrs. Robert Joyce, Springdale Street, was Strangers' Secretary for the city and would be glad to have the names of Methodists moving to the city or coming to the hospitals.

Dr. Darby was appointed Conference Archivist.

The Conference reaffirmed the wisdom of using women as lay-readers, and welcomed the report of good work already done during the past year. A daily roll call was agreed upon. Democratic administrative assemblies are always in danger of passing such a check, and yet the Conference was not hinting at a belief in a more automatic method.

The question of war or pacifism came up. The first two speakers, Messrs. Young and Wilkinson, one on either side. Mr. Young for Quaker principles were very good indeed. Both were quiet men deeply moved.

Dr. Curtis gave his report, showing increases all along the line. 4 school buildings, 8 rooms, 15 teachers and 45 children. Methodism was more than ten per cent. of scholastic honours, including two of the three out-of-school scholarships. The third scholarship was also won by us, but lost on account of the age limit upon the pupils.

The doctor showed that Nova Scotia granted \$31 per pupil, New Brunswick, \$30, Quebec, \$40 per pupil and Newfoundland spends \$14 per pupil. Such a comparison indicates a great deal of leeway to be made up. The school was a mighty power. The world war was a result of German schooling. American Prohibition was largely due to teaching in the public schools.

The Normal School is a monument unique in Newfoundland, to the co-operation of Roman Catholic, Anglican and Methodist Superintendents of Education. It is a beautiful building and not a bit too good for the saving of professional training to the teachers of a new Newfoundland. This splendid co-operation is a pro-

phesy of even greater advantages to be obtained in the future. The writer has heard Dr. Curtis time and again, but never to greater advantage. His plea that Newfoundlanders should be given a great chance to be more than havers of wood and drawers of water was voiced with great passion. The Conference was greatly encouraged by other hopes foreshadowed in that direction.

Conference was unanimous on three points, in disapproving any cut in teachers salaries, in approving of the Normal School training and compulsory education. The following resolution was also passed:—

WHEREAS the dissemination of learning is essential for Social Progress, and

WHEREAS the school system of Newfoundland dividing as it does small communities is a hindrance to that progress, and

WHEREAS such improvements as compulsory education would be further, and

WHEREAS the re-union of churches would be helped by the union of schools.

THEREFORE RESOLVED that the Conference reaffirm its belief in a united school system and readiness to co-operate with any other body. An important question was asked touching on imputation against one of our school boards. It will be recalled that the Walker inquiry showed that the sum of \$300 had been paid by the Pitt Prop Account to the West End Methodist Board of Education, St. John's.

The story as told at the inquiry was the first that the board as a whole knew of the unauthorized action of some of its members.

Conference greeted with hearty clapping the answer of Dr. Curtis that the board concerned had ordered the unconditional return of the whole amount. Conference hoped that this action would get as wide publicity as the event so heartily disavowed.

EVENING SESSION.

The Conference instructed Dr. Curtis to draw up a fraternal greeting to be sent to the Synod of the Anglican Church now in session in the city.

Rev. W. H. Wilkinson presented the report on "The State of the Work." In spite of the efforts of schism and removals due to business depression, carefully considered membership lists gave an increase of over one hundred.

Rev. Sidney Bennett opened the discussion by stating that the membership was being built up at the expense of the work of regeneration. There was no shade of pessimism in his remark. It was rather the skilled stroke of the surgeon shedding blood but saving life. The church must live on her knees above the world plane. "While Jesus bled his disciples slept."

His challenge was "Is this to be said of the church to-day?"

J. W. Windsor whose dress and face alike seem to have a military class made the pithy and brief comment of a soldier. Prayer and Faithful sowing by other pastors had resulted in some 300 decisions. Rev. Edwin Moore is a fine illustration of a practical mystic. There is no doubt of the mystic strain in him. He is also a scholarly member of the board of examiners and a strong administrator of discipline. His shout was:—

May God sanctify us till we are not too reasonable to have a revival.

Mr. Andrew Vatcher spoke quietly of the great movement seen in Blackhead reaching men from childhood to extreme old age. The movement was evidently as quiet as the speaker, but it was because men so strong and as quiet had "stood by the stuff." Rev. C. R. Blount told how Mrs. Blount had had to go into the pulpit with him every Lord's Day to read for him. In Passion Week they had followed Jesus from the Upper Room to the Cross and over a hundred had united with the church. Rev. W. J. Morris rejoiced over a steady work for three years. Rev. Geo. L. Mercer, a native of Bay Roberts, reported 65 young people received at Greenspond. These narratives provided a full cup of refreshing.

The report on Social Service and Evangelism went through so far as completed with unexpected unanimity as follows:—

WHEREAS there is on our Statute books a Prohibitory Law in regard to the use of liquor as a beverage and WHEREAS since its passage, except for a few weeks, there has never been an honest attempt to enforce the law and

WHEREAS in many instances liquor has been sent out by the case even to members of the House of Assembly in utter disregard of the act and

WHEREAS this violation of the law on the part of law makers and those charged with the enforcement of law is an incitement to the violation of all law and

WHEREAS sale by the bottle with or without script has become an open scandal, therefore

RESOLVED that this Conference once more assert its position in favour of the most stringent Prohibition and demands that no amendments be made in the present law until an honest effort shall have been made to carry out the Act and the Rules and Regulations issued thereunder, and under the supervision of a Controller sympathetic with the principle of Prohibition.

WHEREAS the law forbids the sale to or use of cigarettes by boys of ages up to 15 and WHEREAS the use of cigarettes by

boys of such ages is excessively harmful, therefore

RESOLVED that Conference ask the Department of Justice to call the attention of all police authorities to the need of enforcing this law and further

RESOLVED that Conference through the Secretaries of Education ask all Sunday Schools to take up the work of education in this matter and further

RESOLVED that our Superintendent of Education be asked to co-operate through the day schools.

WHEREAS negotiations have been carried on between the Governments of Great Britain and the United States of America whereby the smuggling of liquor from Great Britain to the United States of America has been discouraged;

AND WHEREAS similar negotiations between the Governments of Canada and the United States of America have had a similar effect in the smuggling of liquors from Canada to the United States of America;

AND WHEREAS Newfoundland in common with the United States of America is subject to a prohibitive law respecting the importation, manufacture and sale of intoxicating liquors as a beverage;

AND WHEREAS both countries are meeting great opposition in their endeavours to carry out the provisions of their respective enactments in this matter;

AND WHEREAS the General Assembly of Newfoundland on August 14th, 1923 amended its Customs Law, and as a result of such amendment the smuggling of liquor from Newfoundland to the United States has become possible;

AND WHEREAS this Conference learns that a substantial revenue is thus being derived at the expense of our National honour

BE IT RESOLVED that this Conference strongly protests against the amendment to our Customs' Act which makes this smuggling of liquor from Newfoundland to the United States possible and its use to augment the revenue of this country and demands its immediate repeal.

AND BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that a copy of this resolution be forwarded to the Prime Minister of Newfoundland and his Minister of Finance and Customs with the request that these matters have their early and careful consideration.

WHEREAS the amendment to the Lottery Act which permits Lotteries, by permission of the Magistrate, has resulted in a widespread abuse of the privilege, and tends to foster the spirit of gambling, to the demoralization of the community;

RESOLVED that this Conference strongly urge the Government to repeal the amendment and revert to the original law.

WHEREAS the Methodist Church in the policy adopted by the General Conference declares itself emphatically opposed to lotteries and gambling of every description.

RESOLVED that all our pastors be urged to instruct our people in the true nature of this evil.

Of course there were some flashes of fire. Especially in regard to Lotteries the words scandals, shame and sin were used. Rev. W. W. Cotton of Victoria took the floor on the adjourned anti-war debate. He was pacifist. Mr. Peters followed on the other side. Rev. Samuel Soper with a voice restrained but vibrant with passion among other things pointed out that 60 per cent. of the students of Canada were pledged against war.

The whole evening was worthy of a great deliberative assembly. The level of debate was on as high a plane as the writer has heard in a score of years in Methodist Conferences. It was remarkable that a group of young men previously not prominent led the slashing attack on war while older men were on the other side. Miller of Westville, a returned man fairly towered. Dr. Darby was finally candid. The debate was adjourned.

Mr. Brothard will speak at 9:30. W. M. S. report will be given at 2:45 by Mrs. Lindsay and Mrs. J. Peters. To-night, the centenary celebration

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- (4) "The Veteran" Magazine reserves the right to publish any "snaps" submitted.
- (5) The judges' decision is absolutely final.
- (6) The competition closes at noon on Saturday, July 12th, all entries accompanied by their coupons must be sent to The Kodak Store before that time.

The following gentlemen have volunteered their services as judges:—

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