

ELDER E. McLEOD unanimously chosen Chairman for the ensuing year, in the room of Elder B. Merritt, resigned.

Annual Report of the Corresponding Secretary read as follows:—

REPORT

Of the Corresponding Secretary of the Free Christian Baptist General Conference of New Brunswick, presented at their Twenty Eighth Annual Session, held at Woodstock, July 7th, 1860.

BELoved FATHERS AND BRETHREN,—

The expiration of another year and the return of the period when we re-assemble in General Conference, reminds me of my duty as your Corresponding Secretary, and imposes on me the task of preparing for your consideration and acceptance the Annual Report of the condition of our Denomination, with such additional facts and suggestions as may seem to be advantageous to our Churches and people.

In no former year did I enter upon this duty with such feelings as at present,—at no former period in our history was this duty so difficult, because never before were our circumstances the same, and each year in our history, as a matter of course increases not only our responsibility to God and the people among whom we are planted, but also calls for a greater measure of wisdom and energy to carry forward the work which we believe the Holy One has assigned to us.

I cannot refrain from reminding you that we live in an extraordinary age.—View it in what light we may—from what stand point we please—it is an age of wonder. In every nation, and in every feature of society, fears and hopes are strongly blended, and such is the uncertainty of events and the suddenness with which they occur, that we know not what a day may bring forth. They who look to the earth can behold little else but trouble and darkness, dimness and anguish; while those who look to God and rely on the word of His grace behold light in the midst of the darkness, and remember with hope and assurance that the Lord God Omnipotent reigneth.

The extraordinary outpouring of the Holy Spirit which has characterised the history of the last two years in both the United States and Great Britain, with many other countries, reinvigorating the church in both her ministry and her members, and adding such vast numbers to her ranks, from almost every condition and state of society, calls from all christians devout thanksgiving and praise to Almighty God. Truly in view of the past we may couple with the exclamation "What hath God wrought," the Divine challenge "Who shall limit the Holy One?"

The present year can be no other than one of great interest to christians. It seems to be emphatically a year of prayer. From a far distant land—from a place where within the memory of some of us here to-day—the living God was not worshipped—no christian temples were reared—an appeal—a fervent, heart-touching and soul quickening appeal comes up, not to a single section of the church—not to a mere portion of the great spiritual army—but to all christians—to ministers and laymen, to unite with one heart and with one accord in prayer to God, that the showers of blessings already vouchsafed to the churches in America and Great Britain may be extended, that Missionary fields may be blessed, and that the Great Head of the Church would hasten the outpouring of the Holy Spirit upon all lands.

The response to this Appeal was nearly universal. Everywhere, in Asia from whence the appeal came—in Africa, among the Missionary stations there—in Europe generally—and in this western hemisphere, almost without exception, christians gave themselves to prayer. That every prayer offered in devout dependence on God, and in humble faith in our Lord Jesus Christ, will have its answer in God's own time and way we cannot doubt. Bread cast upon the