

SEVENTH SESSION OF THE NOVA SCOTIA CONFERENCE, HELD AT TRURO, JUNE, 1880.

ORDINATION SERVICE. The Ordination Service was held in the Methodist Church on Monday evening, commencing at 7.30 p.m. The service was begun by singing the usual ordination hymn, commencing,

"The Saviour when to heaven He rose In splendid triumph over His foes," &c., after which Rev. Geo. Johnson led in prayer.

As customary, the Secretary introduced the candidates, addressing, at the same time, a few words to the audience in reference to our methods of introducing young men into the ministry. The candidates were then individually called forward, and requested to give some account of their conversion and call to this work.

BENJ. HILLS, SAID: Mr. President, Fathers, and Brethren: I thank God that I am permitted to reach this moment of my life. My memory cannot carry me back to the time when I had no religious impressions. From my earliest recollections I have had a sense of duty to God and obligation to love Him. But it was not till about thirteen years ago that the Spirit of God convinced me that I was a condemned sinner and led me to cast myself upon Christ for salvation, and then witnessed with my spirit that I was a child of God. My conversion was not attended by such wonderful feelings as I have heard others speak of. There was no deep conviction of sin; no exultant joy. I simply felt that I was a lost sinner and then came to Christ; the light gradually dawned upon me and I could say: "I have found Him of whom Moses, in the law, and the prophets did write." And I thank God that ever since, to a greater or less extent, that light has shone in my soul.

From the very beginning of my christian course I felt desirous of telling others about Christ. However, it was not till several years after that I felt especially called to preach the word of God. It was with great reluctance that I yielded to the call. I felt I was not fit for such a work, but the way was opened up in a manner so clearly providential that I could no longer doubt that I must go forward. God has used me in pointing souls to Christ. I feel that I am in the right place, and my desire is to be used in lifting up souls, in bringing them safely from this earth of sin to the heaven of glory to the praise of His name.

G. O. ROBINSON, SAID: Blessed with godly parents and surrounded by Christian influence, I was very early impressed with the importance of religion. Indeed my mind goes back to no period when I was not a more or less earnest seeker of God's favour. Yet for years I deferred making a full surrender to Christ, thinking that I must feel me deeply an account of my sinfulness before I could be accepted of Him. I fancied that some overwhelming power must come upon me, causing an agony of spirit that would drive me to the Saviour. Earnest and long did I pray for this feeling of terror and despair. At length through the mercy of God, I was led to see that if ever I came to Christ it must be hard-hearted as I was. In my darkness I cast myself on his mercy, saying, "O Thou who art the light of this dark world shine into this benighted soul!" The sun did not burst forth with noonday splendor; the light came gradually—so gradually that I cannot tell when first it began to dawn. But it has been growing brighter and brighter till to-day it shines more glorious than at any period in the past, revealing more clearly the depths of corruption in my heart and the efficacy of Christ's blood to cleanse from every stain.

My call to the ministry is closely interwoven with all my religious experience. Since the time I gave up all for Christ, saying, "Lord what wilt thou have me to do," Providence has so clearly pointed out the way that I dare not turn aside from the path indicated, for anything else. I have often questioned my call to so grand and glorious a work, but for nearly a year not a doubt has crossed my mind. Here in the presence of God who searches the heart, and in the presence of his people, I voluntarily renounce all else for the work of saving souls, determining to know nothing but "save Jesus Christ and Him crucified."

J. C. OGDEN, SAID: I cannot remember a time when my heart was not under religious impressions and when I had not a desire to serve Christ. I attribute this largely to the fact that the Lord blessed me with christian parents who did everything by teaching, example and prayer to lead me to Jesus and to keep me in the right path. It was not, however, till I was thirteen years of age that my mind was fully made up to serve Christ. After a fortnight of painful penitential experience my faith laid hold of Christ as my Saviour, and peace filled my heart. Since that time my connection with the Methodist Church has remained unbroken. To-night I have the assurance that my sins are forgiven, and an endeavoring to attain to the fullness of blessing which is promised to all who trust in Christ.

Such have been the leadings of providence that I have no doubt with regard to my call to preach the gospel. God has blessed my efforts as I have unworthily laboured in his vineyard. Here and now, in the presence of God and his people, with no ambition but to be made a means of blessing to my fellow-men, praying for the baptism of power that I may always have a passion for souls, I give myself again to the Lord and to His church.

P. H. ROBINSON, SAID: I cannot remember any time in my life when I did not desire to be a child of God.

I did not decide to be the Lord's however, until I was in my twelfth year, when I made up my mind that it was "time to seek the Lord," and I began to pray for the grace of repentance, nor did I pray in vain. I soon felt I was a lost sinner, and then my desire was to find the Saviour. I was pointed to Jesus as the sinner's friend, and resting my soul on his atoning work, the peace of God filled my heart. I bless God the recollection of that hour is still fresh in my memory. After I felt my sins were pardoned the thought of my heart was,

"What shall I do to make it known, What thou for all mankind has done."

As the years passed on these desires began to grow into a sense of duty. When however I felt it was my duty to call sinners to repentance, I became overwhelmed with a sense of my inability and I fled from the right way. For ten years I rebelled, and all these years I felt a dark cloud hanging over my soul. At last I gave myself up to the Lord to be used by him in whatever way he saw fit. In a very short time my way was opened up, and I was sent to a circuit, and to-night I thank God I have not labored in vain. I desire at this moment to renew my covenant engagement with God. I lay myself upon the altar that sanctifieth the gift, and the humble prayer of my heart is that I may be fully prepared by divine grace to do all God's holy will.

The regular ordination service was then proceeded with, the lessons being read by the Secretary, and the Revs. McMurray, Sutcliffe, Angwin, Hennigar, Brettie, Temple, and Taylor, joining with the President, ex-President, and Secretary in the imposition of hands. The 74th hymn was then sung, after which Rev. Dr. Stewart, Professor of Theology, delivered the ordination charge.

He took for the foundation of his remarks John 4: 35-38. As the address will, probably, be published in the WESLEYAN, it is unnecessary to give any outline of it. Suffice it to say it was considered most excellent and able, giving great satisfaction, not only to the Conference, but to the large and intelligent congregation who listened to him.

TUESDAY MORNING.

After opening exercises Rev. J. G. Angwin requested that he might be relieved from the Treasurership of the Children's Fund on account of being appointed to Bermuda. He suggested Bro. C. Jost, A.M., for that position which suggestion was adopted. He requested also that Bro. W. C. Brown might be appointed assistant secretary of the Church Extension and Parsonage Aid Fund.

The following report was presented by the Rev. A. W. Nicolson in reference to a memorial from Mr. Warwick of the Middleton Circuit.

Your Committee are of the opinion that Mr. Warwick ought to be placed in relation to our church in the position which he held before the circumstances complained of originated, the whole difficulty having arisen from a misunderstanding, and they recommend the Conference to pronounce accordingly.

Table with 3 columns: Description, Amount, Total. Rows include 587 Circuits subscribed, 949 Ministers, Cash received, and Unpaid.

About two-thirds of this has been paid. A resolution was moved by Rev. S. F. Huestis, seconded by Rev. John McMurray and passed unanimously, to the effect that the thanks of the Conference be presented to the Rev. Dr. Stewart our esteemed Theological Professor, for the admirable ordination charge delivered last evening, and that he be requested, if possible, to give it for publication in the WESLEYAN.

Dr. Stewart addressed the Conference briefly referring to matters connected with our Educational Institution. He dwelt forcibly upon the necessity of establishing something in the form of District Scholarships if we would hold our own with other Institutions. It was exceedingly desirable also that the young men attending the Institutions should have opportunity for prosecuting their course more fully. He trusted also that measures would be taken to secure a new building for College purposes. He paid a very high compliment to his associate officers and spoke hopefully for the future.

Mr. Currie, Editor of the WESLEYAN, being present, made a few remarks thanking the brethren for the support received during the year. He had taken the position at the bidding of the church and at the bidding of the church he left the work to other hands. He trusted that whatever mistakes he might have made would be forgiven as readily as they had forgiven other offenders.

Mr. Lathern then moved a resolution concerning the matter referred to by Dr. Stewart, the formation of District Scholarship adding a few words recommend

ing its favorable consideration. Rev. W. H. Heartz moved that the Secretary of Conference be requested to communicate with the President of Victoria College in reference to the manner in which the idea was carried out in the West and communicate the information through the WESLEYAN. Motion carried.

Ex-President Huestis made a lengthy statement in reference to the Blackburn estate. The thanks of the Conference were presented to Brother Huestis in which he had conducted the business.

Rev. A. D. Morton presented the report of the committee of assessment of Children's Fund. After a good deal of discussion it was committed for further consideration.

Rev. J. Cassidy read the letter directed to be written to the Home Missionary Committee in reference to claims of Rev. J. Taylor, also one directed to Quarterly Board of Liverpool Circuit in reply to their memorial. The letters were approved.

The Temperance Committee presented its report which was adopted.

Rev. J. G. Angwin presented the report of Church Relief and Parsonage Aid Fund, which on motion was accepted. It stated that there was a prospect of the Fund going into operation during the coming year. Revs. A. W. Nicolson and T. Watson Smith were appointed Treasurers of the Fund.

TUESDAY AFTERNOON.

After opening exercises and some conversation in reference to Conference expenses Rev. J. Lathern read the Pastoral Address.

The address was most excellent and was adopted and directed to be read in the churches on the 1st Sunday in August.

Rev. S. F. Huestis made a statement in reference to General Conference Collection. The amount was \$101. All Circuits with the exception of eight had reported. It was suggested that this collection should be taken upon all our circuits.

The invitation of the Annapolis and Granville circuits to have the next session of Conference held in Annapolis was accepted.

Permission was given to the Stationing Committee to meet for a few minutes, whilst the Conference under the charge of Brother Addy took into consideration the spiritual aspect of our work.

The following resolution was also moved and carried unanimously.

WHEREAS it has come to the knowledge of the brethren of this Conference that the Rev. J. G. Hennigar has recently celebrated his golden wedding;

And whereas during a period of over half a century Mr. Hennigar has been indefatigable in his labors in preaching Christ, extending and consolidating Methodism in different parts of the Maritime Provinces; and

Whereas he has filled with credit to himself and acceptance to his brethren in the ministry the highest official positions in the gift of the Church; therefore

Resolved That this Conference record its gratitude to Almighty God for the many mercies vouchsafed to Father Hennigar during his eminently successful life, and desires to congratulate him and Mrs. Hennigar upon the auspicious circumstances connected with their golden wedding, and to assure them in terms of affectionate esteem of the warm appreciation entertained for them by their brethren and sons in the gospel.

TUESDAY EVENING.

After the reading of the minutes the report of the Committee in reference to selecting a representative to the Ecumenical Council was presented by Rev. W. H. Heartz.

It was as follows: 1—That a ministerial representative be appointed by the N. S. Conference to attend the Ecumenical Council to be held in London in August 1881.

2—That such representative be expected to meet his own expenses.

3—That we recommend to elect by ballot and that the person having the highest number of votes have the option of accepting the representation, but in the event of refusal the next highest on the ballot shall have the privilege of representing the Conference on the condition specified.

4—The alternate shall be the next highest on the ballot willing to accept the same conditions.

The report was adopted but balloting deferred for the purpose of discussing the question made the order of the day, of invitations to circuits.

A motion to call roll of Circuits for the purpose of obtaining their opinion as taken at the Quarterly Meetings was made.

An amendment was offered to defer the matter till next Conference. An amendment to an amendment proposed to defer for three months. Both amendments were lost and Conference proceeded to call for votes of Circuits. It was found that 44 Circuits had voted against the system of invitations and 26 in favor. As the required two-thirds vote was not obtained this point was dropped, and Mr. Coffin took his resolution from the table.

The resolution was to the effect that the Conference pledged itself individually not to accept invitations from any Quarterly Board. A long and warm discussion ensued sustained principally by Brethren Coffin, S. F. Huestis, T. Rogers, J. A. Rogers, Temple, Nicolson and Lathern.

It seemed to be generally admitted that any attempt to interfere with the action of Circuits in this respect would be unconstitutional, as neither a two-thirds vote of Quarterly Boards nor action of Annual Conference could take away from any circuit the right of petition. The principal question also in connection with Mr. Coffin's resolution was a constitutional one—whether the Conference could by a majority vote interfere with the private action of any member in such a matter. The action of the London Conference was largely quoted by Mr. Coffin but it seemed to be the most general opinion that it was at least doubtful, and safest not to act upon such a basis. Consequently after a full discussion, a motion to defer the consideration of the question indefinitely was carried by a large majority.

The Conference then proceeded to the election of Chairmen and Financial Secretaries. These have already been given in the Station Sheet. WEDNESDAY MORNING. After the devotional exercises and the reading of the minutes, the Conference proceeded to the election of representatives to the Ecumenical Council.

According to a previous resolution, the ballot was taken upon the question when it was found that a very scattering vote had been given. Rev. A. W. Nicolson stood highest, however, and W. H. Heartz next. These nominations were made unanimously by a rising vote, A. W. Nicolson being chosen representative, and W. H. Heartz alternate.

These brethren made short speeches, thanking the Conference for this expression of their confidence. A motion was made to require all independent circuits, for the sake of uniformity, to make out their accounts upon a basis of not less than \$750. Considerable discussion arose, but the motion was finally carried.

Rev. W. H. Heartz gave notice of motion to request the Supernumerary Fund Committee to take into consideration the advisability of so altering the constitution of this Fund as to set apart a portion of the surplus as a merciful Fund in aid of needy supernumeraries.

Rev. A. D. Morton presented the report of the Children's Fund Committee. The committee had found great difficulty in dealing with the matter of assessment, as some of the richer circuits strongly objected to any increase of taxation, whilst the necessities of the Fund increased year by year. They felt that they could not put all the increasing burdens upon the poorer circuits; and each must bear its part or the Fund be given up. The circuit receipts, not including Connexional Funds, was adopted as the basis of assessment, modified in the case of certain circuits when peculiar circumstances demanded it. It was resolved, also, that the tax should be considered as levied upon the ministers instead of the circuits, thus leaving Quarterly Boards free to act as they choose. It was also resolved that Rev. A. D. Morton, Secretary of the Children's Fund, and Rev. W. C. Brown, be a committee to confer with the Quarterly Board of Grafton St. Church in reference to the Children's Fund assessment.

The President nominated the following brethren as Conference Special Committee for the year: Chairmen of Districts, Nicolson, McMurray, Brettie, Taylor, and T. W. Smith.

Votes of thanks were passed to the friends at Truro for their kindness in entertaining the Conference. Also, to the choir for the excellent music furnished, and their constant attendance upon the services. Also, to the officers of the Conference, and to the steamboat and railroad authorities for reduced fares to and from Conference.

Rev. A. W. Nicolson's resolution concerning union of N. S. & N. B. and P. E. I. Conferences was taken up. An earnest discussion arose, taken part in by Brethren Nicolson, Lathern, and McMurray, in favor of the idea, and S. F. Huestis and others against. The matter was referred to a committee to meet a similar committee at the Warwick camp-meeting. The committee was the same as that appointed to confer upon the Ecumenical Council, viz., S. F. Huestis, McMurray, Nicolson, Heartz, Lathern and Cassidy.

Considerable discussion arose concerning the printing of the minutes. There was a general expression of regret that any change had been made in the method of printing the names of subscribers. It was directed, however, that the report of the Missionary Committee should be inserted in the minutes, and that 1000 copies be printed.

Rev. S. B. Dana was placed on Educational deputation instead of Rev. J. M. Pike.

The ex-President and Secretary were appointed a delegation to attend the N. B. P. E. I. Conference to confer with that Conference upon any matters of general interest.

The journal for the day, and the minutes for the session were now read, the minutes signed, prayer offered by Rev. S. Brettie and Sutcliffe, and the benediction from the President closed one of the most pleasant conferences, if we consider either external circumstances or the harmony and good feeling within, which we have ever attended. The anniversary services were largely attended; the choir did us good service and themselves great credit; the accommodation for the brethren was excellent; the legislation, we believe, well considered and judicious; and, above all, the presence of the Master was vouchsafed to us in our gatherings, an augury, we trust, of an abundantly successful year.

J. R. B.

VEGETINE.

HER OWN WORDS.

BALTIMORE, Md., Feb. 13, 1871. Mr. H. R. STEVENS: Dear Sir—Since several years I have got a sore and very painful foot. I had some physicians, but they could not cure me. Now I have heard of your Vegetine, and I bought one bottle, and it cured me. I was suffering from general debility and nervous prostration, supported by overwork and irregular habits. The vegetine strength and curative properties seemed to affect my debilitated system from the first dose, and under its persistent use I rapidly recovered, gaining more than usual health and good feeling. Since then I have not hesitated to give Vegetine my most unqualified endorsement, as being a safe, sure and powerful agent in promoting health and restoring the wasted system to new life and energy. Vegetine is the only medicine I use; and as long as I live I never expect to find a better.

Yours truly, W. H. CLARK, 123 Monterey Street, Allegheny, Penn.

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THE GOOD POINTS COCKROACH I am often asked who roach can have any regard with regard to relationship man, or whether it be not pest which ought to be wherever it is found. Tance is undeniable, but the exterminated is very the first place, it is, like an invaluable scavenger stances which might de favers if allowed to decay seen in dry and perfectly where it can find no food presence is a sign that Perhaps people may say, put up with cockroaches in out-houses, but when the bedrooms it is time that abolished. I very much d they should be destroyed such circumstances. Coe not likely to take the tr up stairs into bedrooms or some object in it, and generally the flatter an I which prefers bedroom Sailors are well aware of that "Norfolk Howard roaches cannot exist in and a curious instance of corded in the "Narrative voyage in the Chanticleer roaches, those numbers plentiful at St. Helena, they are, they are more bugs. Previous to our the Chanticleer we had st convenience from the cockroaches no sooner pearance than the bugs ppear. The fact is, the on them, and leaves no of where they have been most valuable insect."

A POLICEMAN'S TEST... ber of young men were around the fire in the way, talking about total ties. Just then a policea prisoner in handcuffs, the young men's convy not give any opinion. The room Mr. Macdonald the gospel, who, hearing men were saying, stopped man and said: "Play, sir, what have about temperance?" The policeman replied: "Why, all I've got to took a test-totter to You in my life, nor to Wa Correction either."

DANCING.—In his Convention, Bishop Wh testant Episcopal Dioc ties the following str speaking of the evils of as it is sometimes term said to the Church in E a shame even to speak which were done by som feel ashamed even to sp would require of this to openly before all. I wi trust no man or woman for confirm at who i to participate in this al

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