

BAPTISTS IN SESSION AT THE ANNUAL MEETING

Church Workers of British Columbia and Adjacent States Discuss Issues of Vital Interest

The work of the Young People's Union was very ably treated in an address by Rev. J. W. Williams at the resumption of the proceedings of the Baptist Union of Canada, the influence of the junior organization in the general work of the church being emphasized. The widespread work of the study of the Bible was dealt with in a timely, with statistics replete with information. The serviceability of the Union past and present was mentioned. Discussion followed, and the report of the Triple Alliance next received recognition from Mr. A. H. Huggins of Vancouver. A general day of Vancouver. A general day of Vancouver. A general day of Vancouver.

Rev. C. Burnett, profitably occupied the remainder of the morning. The afternoon the session was devoted to the report of the Union and this evening there was a report from various committees.

An address on African Missions, by Rev. Thomas Moore, followed. The report of the Rev. H. D. F. P. will be features of the evening.

During the opening sessions Rev. D. E. Hart, the field superintendent, gave an instructive and interesting address on the Home Missions of B. M. Among the points he stressed were the need of unity and interest in the home missions ought to be combined. The one was necessary for a helpful standpoint to the other. In reference to the general conference he referred to the Rev. W. T. Stockhouse having withdrawn from the position of general superintendent of the four western provinces and the Rev. J. H. Laymen, a dominion Laymen missionary, leaving the reins in the hands of the Rev. D. E. Harkness of Winnipeg, with the aid of the Rev. C. Mackenzie of Brandon.

Mr. Hatt spoke of the fact that the climate of British Columbia brought the people from all parts of the world, and that the Baptists had an important work to carry out. He gave an account of the 31 churches in British Columbia, the 38 Sunday schools and the 14 Baptists Young People's unions. He also drew attention to the many pastors appointed during the past year. Among these was Dr. H. I. Perry, formerly of Jarvis Street church, Toronto, who has now taken the pastorate of the First Baptist church in Vancouver. He expressed the hope that the same success which had attended Dr. Perry in the east

Need of Union.

The Rev. D. B. Harkness, general superintendent of the Baptist Union of Western Canada, delivered an address on organization and ways and means of future aggressive work. He laid stress on the need of uniting the forces in the four provinces. The Baptists stood for independence and voluntarily cooperation. The church was the unit in the convention and the individual was the unity in the church, and thus it would be seen that individual effort was necessary. The larger work could only be done when

each individual realized his or her responsibility. Missionary work might be summed up as home missions, foreign missions and the education of interests. The policy of the future would be to have one general board having representatives on it from all four provinces, and one treasurer. He illustrated his point by saying that a preacher was not only necessary but a chapel for him to preach in, and also a fund to support him. Thus it would be seen that there was a need for a large public treasury.

He pointed out that the two western colleges were at Okanagan and Brandon and that two others were expected to be established before the west was fully equipped for complete service. At the close of Mr. Harkness' address the Rev. T. H. McKeown proposed a resolution that the name of the convention be changed to the Baptist Union of Western Canada. That resolution carried unanimously. The convention sermon last evening was delivered by Rev. Mr. Frith, Nelson, from the text Philippians 2:13.

pines, chapter 2, verse 10, dwelling upon the words, "In His name every knee shall bow." From this he brought out as one of the main points the nature of the honor due to Christ, He had died for mankind, and why people should give to Him what He deserved and claimed. He showed that promotion in Christ's kingdom was won by service and sacrifice, and the secret of the greatness of God was in the name of Jesus. The motive for foreign and home missions was founded on the name of Jesus.

The Rev. C. Burnett introduced to Rev. W. C. Bidding, of St. Louis, the convention. The latter said that he was now being welcomed on the Pacific seaboard by Mr. Burnett, who he had once welcomed in similar fashion on the Atlantic coast. He brought greetings from 5,000,000 of Baptists in the United States. He said that he was a Baptist all the way up, all the way down, all the way through, all the way round, from the sole of his foot to the hair of his crown.

on the laymen's missionary movement of which he is the Canadian superintendent. He showed that this was a case of investigation. Today people were inquiring two things, first "what shall I believe," and second, "what shall I do?" He was there to give answers to these questions. In connection with the first question he pointed out that there was no salvation in any other but the name of Jesus, and in the second question, he said, that there should go into all the world and preach the gospel, "he that believeth and

The laymen's missionary movement he pointed out, gave every man and woman an opportunity to help in the work of the cause. The call came in four ways, by united action, by comprehensive action, by consistent action and by prompt action. If there was a united missionary movement of all denominations there would be no national conflicts. "More missionaries less Dreadnoughts." If the denominations were united the cause for Christ

was won, but undivided they would
fall. He was sick of hearing people
sing "I sit and sing myself away
in everlasting bliss," and no action fol-
lowed after. When the collection plate

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