

CONFERENCE 101 TO 9 FOR CHURCH UNION

Vote Taken After Brief Debate

Strong Plea for Union Made By Dr. Inch

Large Subscriptions to Mount Allison Forward Movement Fund—Missionary Reports and Interesting Addresses By Rev. Thomas Marshall, Mrs. Sanford and Mrs. Chipman.

The most important matter occupying the attention of the Methodist conference yesterday was the question of church union. The vote recorded on the matter was 101 for union to nine against. There did not seem to be any marked division of opinion on the question at issue and there was comparatively little debate. Dr. Inch made a fine address in favor of the project and Rev. Charles Sampson, of Fredericton, spoke against accepting the basis of union.

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This was seconded by J. Hunter White. Rev. Mr. Steel raised the question of what the money was needed for.

The Needs.
Dr. Allison in answer to the question pointed out the annual deficits as one of the reasons why the money was needed. Another reason was the necessity of enlarging the work. Twelve years ago one theological professor at \$1,200 did all the work; now there are three. Twelve years ago one professor at \$1,200 attended to all the science work; now there are four. There was no university in Canada which had not a deficit last year. He said that degrees granted in the university would depreciate in value unless the staff was up-dated.

Dr. Inch said he was not pessimistic and looked forward to the future of the Mount Allison institutions with great hope. Ever since 1854 they had passed through crisis after crisis. Then, indeed, had an appeal to the people ever and over again. He was persuaded that the future of Mount Allison was assured and that the work of their fathers would not be allowed to fail.

The chairman put the resolution to the meeting, and it was carried unanimously. It was suggested that subscription lists should be opened at once, and Dr. Borden explained that the question of spreading payment over a number of years would be left largely with the individual subscriber.

Rev. Dr. Rogers and Rev. J. E. C. Berrie urged that all members of the conference put their shoulder to the wheel, pledging themselves to do their utmost.

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Rev. Mr. Sampson wished to introduce an amendment in some way test further the matter. He was, he said, in favor of the principle of union, but opposed to the basis.

It was decided, however, to call the roll, taking the vote.

The Vote.
Rev. Dr. Chown called the roll of the delegates, both lay and clerical. The result showed that as a body those present favored the adoption of the basis of union by the overwhelming vote of 102 to 9. The laymen stood 32 to 3 in favor of the matter, and the clergymen 70 to 6. As many of the delegates, both lay and clerical, were not present, it was decided to call the roll of the members of the conference. Those who desire to record their position on the question will hand in their names to the secretary.

Dr. Flanders, in the name of the St. John churches, invited the members to sail up the river this afternoon on the Majestic, which will leave the wharf at 2.30, to be back to the city at 5.

Missionary Report.
The open session of the Methodist conference last night was the most largely attended of the gatherings yet held. The president, Rev. M. R. Knight, presided, and after prayer, Rev. George Steel, who read the report of the missionary committee. At the outset he said that he was sorry to have to say there was no considerable increase in the number of tributes towards missions in all the districts except one. Following were the details:

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This last had been very important, and its effects were already beginning to be felt. The speaker then went into a description of the sights and sounds of the missionary field to be seen in Boston during that time. Altogether she concluded that the events of the past year had shown conclusively that the experimental stage in women's missionary work had been passed. Generous support was needed, however, to carry on their work. In the Canadian society alone this year it would be necessary to raise \$30,000 additional to meet current expenses without venturing into new fields.

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During the last year he had traveled in Canada from coast to coast and in Bermuda and the result had been an increase of his belief in the value of home missions.

The Methodist church had mission stations all over the province and in New Brunswick. There were three missionaries in Labrador who stayed there all the year round. He had traveled over about 20,000 miles since the last conference and was convinced there was no finer work being done anywhere than on the mission circuit.

There were many hard struggles to be borne there and the men who could come through them all and yet keep up a good heart had the most making of heroes. The figures he had noted were quite agree with those given by Rev. Mr. Steel. Last year on this conference \$13,487 was needed and about \$13,487 raised. This meant that the conference got more than they paid back.

The income of the general board, he pointed out, was equally divided between home and foreign mission work. The department of home missions was kept in the hands of the people. They were trying various ways to meet the situation. One proposal was to get the people on the mission circuit to give more to the missionary salary and several rearrangements are being made. The conference would receive about \$1,500 more from the general board than last. The board had believed more money would be raised and last year they had gone ahead and mortgaged the future \$30,000. Up to the present, however, so far as the returns showed, the increase in revenue had been only about \$5,000, and something would have to be done to meet the conditions.

It was decided to take up the matter of missions at a later session of the conference and the meeting adjourned. It is said that it will be Tuesday before the conference can get through all the business on hand.

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Many of the sections of the report after having been read were referred back to the committee for further consideration.

Rev. Dr. Flanders, Rev. Dr. Rogers, Rev. Dr. Allison and Rev. C. S. Sauer were named a committee to arrange for a coronation service.

Rev. A. E. Chapman was appointed treasurer of the temperance and moral reform department. The speaker then called upon Sprague the will of James Rylea, Wickham, was referred to the board of trustees with power to act.

The matter of a meeting of the historical society was referred to the committee on conference arrangements.

TEBO FOUND GUILTY OF MURDER IN DIGBY
Sentenced to Hang July 24—Jury Only a Few Minutes in Reaching a Verdict.

Digby, N. S., June 16.—John Tebo, Jr., was found guilty of the murder of Edward McGregor and was sentenced this afternoon to be hanged on Monday morning, July 24th, between the hours of 5 and 10 o'clock.

Mr. Dennison, K. C., who addressed the jury, said that the evidence was a summary of the evidence as it was presented in the case. He said that the evidence was a summary of the evidence as it was presented in the case.

When the court opened at 2 o'clock this afternoon, Mr. Nicholls, counsel for the prisoner, made an able plea for the prisoner.

Judge Townshend in addressing the jury said that he had been pleased to see the evidence as it was presented in the case. He said that the evidence was a summary of the evidence as it was presented in the case.

The prisoner when asked if he had anything to say replied: "No sir, nothing."

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Debated Keenly on Saturday and Will Come Up Again

COMMITTEE'S REPORT

Question of Missions Dealt With at Morning Session—Letter of Condolence to Mrs. Magee—Col. Moore Appointed to Succeed J. N. Harvey.

Monday, June 19.
Owing to the unfavorable state of the weather the members of the Methodist conference did not meet for a session until Saturday afternoon. Two brief sessions were held, but very little business of importance was transacted. In the morning the subject of missions was discussed, and Colonel Moore, of Charlottetown, was elected the representative of the conference on the general board to succeed J. N. Harvey, who is now in Vancouver.

During the afternoon a committee consisting of five members who had been appointed to draw up a resolution regarding the Ne Temere decree, reported. This was presented by Rev. J. L. Batty, who had acted as secretary of the committee, and was as follows:

"Whereas of late it has been amply demonstrated that the Roman Catholic church in Canada has adopted a policy of aggression towards all other churches, it is hereby resolved that this conference express its conviction that there never was a time in the history of our country when as a church we should be more determined to oppose any further encroachment of the Roman Catholics, particularly any claim which touches the civil rights of the people."

"Further resolved, that we utter a most emphatic protest against the claims put forth by the decree commonly known as the 'Ne Temere'."

"Further resolved that we express our belief that the time has come when the only way to preserve inviolate the true rights of citizenship on the question of marriage is for our federal parliament to make a common marriage law instead of each province having its own law on the vital question of marriage."

"Further resolved that we urge all the people called Methodists throughout the bounds of this conference to give diligent study to the subject of marriage, which study we have confidence to believe will result in the conclusion that no other interest touching the public welfare can surpass this in importance when the Canadian people are called upon to settle questions of state at the polls."

"Further resolved that in face of the fact that evidence has been given in the courts of Canada that Roman Catholic priests have more than once occasioned interference in the home and in the marriage relation, that Canada follow the example of Italy and that we ask for such legislation as would safeguard the sacred rights of the people by insuring the determination of the marriage relation by either clergyman, minister or priest, a criminal offence."

"And be it further resolved that we express the hope that some measure will be immediately taken to secure concerted action voicing the views and wishes on this matter of the Protestants of Canada so that the hierarchy of the Roman Catholic church and the hierarchy of our own land may know the determination of Protestants and the will of the people."

The preamble of this resolution was debated keenly for the space of two hours, and it was finally sent back to the committee who will report again some time today.

Previous to the bringing in of this resolution Rev. T. Albert Moore, general secretary of the moral and social department of the church, addressed the conference on his work. It was decided to send a letter of condolence to Mrs. Magee, who recently, caused such great regret.

The notice of motion of Rev. H. E. Thomas calling for the abolition of the Ne Temere decree was debated for a time, but was finally passed on the table.

FATHER OF 23 CHILDREN IS DEAD AT 90
Charles Garnett, of Garnett Settlement, a Remarkable Man, With a Remarkable Family.

Saturday, June 17.
In the death of Charles Garnett, of Garnett Settlement, which occurred suddenly during Thursday night, that part of the section of the county loses one of its oldest