

HISTORICAL SKETCH OF THE CAUSES THAT HAVE LED TO THE FORMATION AND ESTABLISHMENT OF THE NEW BRUNSWICK CONVENTION.

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PART III.—CONCLUDED.

It seemed as if any proposal that might accomplish this end was now in order. At last, all having failed, the partial concession of last year was granted. Perhaps by the end of the year the brethren in New Brunswick might take their turn at conceding, or perhaps they might be sufficiently worried to repeat the blunder of 1880. Time would tell.

After a year's pause our maritime friends, having succeeded in diverting a large part of the home mission trusts, conclude again to take issue with us. They resolve to strike out boldly for a regular board of their own under maritime auspices.

In agreement with this last departure we find Rev. A. Cohoon, the same man who had given the notice of motion in 1874, to let home missions into the Maritime convention, again giving notice of amendment to the constitution to let our home missions half way out by providing a separate board for New Brunswick. Pending this action, a maritime home mission committee is appointed to test the real strength in favor of the change.

This committee, without legal authority or status, without the endorsement of a single Association, proceeds, as if with a clear coast, in the face of a regularly indorsed board of the province to carry on its work, just as in 1879 the same body thrust its operations into New Brunswick before our people had given up work or yielded consent to such interference.

While the maritime constitution still provides only for a united board for the three provinces, here is a committee, irregularly and unconstitutionally attempting to carry on home mission operations in New Brunswick, under the plea of maintaining denominational unity and loyalty. Notice of their intention is unblushingly put in the denominational and secular press, and assistance is asked to help them in their undertakings.

We yet have faith in the good sense and sagacity of our people to deal with this element of disruption as it deserves. We yet believe there is talent enough in New Brunswick to handle our own affairs, and that at the proper time our people will have the courage to say they wish no further interference such as we have already endured for many years. To perpetuate the present disturbance, largely to gratify a handful of brethren, who attracted thither by some of our best positions, have within recent years come among us, and now seek to hamper the freedom of the people, whom it is their business to serve; to keep up a harassing opposition against the expressed wishes of the Baptists of the province, merely to maintain an artificial system of denominational machinery, whose great object is to retain a foreign control over our local business, must seem to any competent judge a serious hindrance not only to the present progressive course of our home mission work, but a check as well on every Christian enterprise hitherto upheld by the body at large. That our people have sufficient wisdom and stability to safeguard all these important interests we are fully persuaded will be made manifest in due time.

Sick Preacher Cured by Prayer.

The Rev. C. H. Holden, pastor of the Clinton Avenue Baptist Church, Detroit, lay on a bed in an upper room of his residence one evening last week, his features drawn and wasted with great bodily suffering. Around him knelt a group of fellow pastors, lifting up voices in earnest prayer, one after another, that God would restore to health and strength and service, their brother who had been stricken. The voices were beginning to quiver and tears were flowing freely, when the Rev. Mr. Barlow, an aged preacher, arose from the kneeling circle, walked over to the sufferer, and cried: "Brother Holden, in the name of the Lord Jesus Christ, I bid you rise and walk."

The next morning the stricken pastor lifted himself, placed his foot on the floor and walked to the door of his room and back again without suffering the slightest pain. Mr. Holden then dressed himself and began moving around the house. To-day he was without pain and said he would preach in his pulpit on Sunday. Six months ago Mr. Holden was the victim of a bicycle accident. His left leg was badly bruised and kept growing worse. For six months the only rest he had was from the use of opiates. He could not move without suffering the most excruciating pain. Mr. Holden believes that God answered the fervent prayers of his brother pastors and that the healing is permanent.—*Exchange.*

A baptistery for the immersion of candidates has been put into the Lambeth Parish Church, in memory of Archbishop Benson. The rector announced that he "will always be ready to lend the baptistery to any clergyman who desires to use this primitive method of administering the sacrament."—*Canadian Baptist.*

The Baptist Handbook for the past year shows 16,809 baptized, making the present membership in Great Britain and Ireland 355,218, a net gain over last year of 8,439. Over half a million dollars have been expended in church building and repairing, and over \$375,000 have been paid on church debts.

NOTE.—A little girl writes to know what is the meaning of Ichabod and Hephzibah. Ichabod means "The glory is departed," Hephzibah, "The delight of the Lord."

Married.

FRITZ-ROOTES.—In the Brussels St. Baptist church, by Rev. Dr. Carey, on the 15th inst, Howard Douglas Fritz, and Ida Isabel, daughter of the late James Rootes, Esq., all of St. John.

BREWER-HANSON.—Jan. 25th, by Rev. P. O. Rees at his own residence, Mr. Jacob Brewer, of Bright, to Mrs. Matilda Hanson, of the same place.

CLARKE-YOUNG.—At West End, St. John, Feb. 16th, by Rev. W. Penna, LeBaron Clarke to Mrs. Marie Young, both of West End. No cards.

FOWLER-CADY.—At Alberton Street, Somerville, Mass., on Feb. 8th, by Rev. Wm. B. C. Merry, Samuel Odell Fowler, of Fairville, St. John, N. B., to Mrs. Grace Irene Cady, of Cambridge, daughter of Isaac B. McGregor.

TAYLOR-CAMPBELL.—At the parsonage, Haylock, on Feb. 4th, Eugene W. Taylor to Bertha E. Campbell, both of Killam's Mills, by the Rev. Frederick T. Snell.

REICKER-SPRAGG.—At the residence of the bride's father, Deacon L. E. Spragg, of Springfield, King's Co., N. B., Feb. 8th, 1890, by pastor S. D. Ervine, Daniel N. Reicker, of Kars, to Miss Erma V. Spragg, of Springfield.

Died.

REID.—At Jones' Corner, King's Co., Jan. 26th, 1890, after a very peculiar illness extending over a year, six months of which time he was helpless, Wm. Reid passed quietly to his everlasting reward. Deceased was, during his illness, faithfully watched over and cared for by Mr. and Mrs. Geo. B. Jones, with whom for several years he resided, for which kindness they deserve great praise. His last testimony was that he was going to be with Jesus.

MERRITHW.—At Good Corner, Carleton Co., N. B., Jan. 24th, of pneumonia, Maggie Reade, beloved wife of Chas. L. Merrithew, aged 48 years, leaving a husband and three daughters to mourn. Six years ago our sister with her husband was baptized by Rev. J. A. Marple and united with the Bloomfield Baptist Church, of which she was an esteemed and worthy member until death. A true friend, an affectionate wife, a loving mother and a worthy Christian woman has gone out from us. May the God of comfort be the support of those who mourn.

HUMPHREYS.—At New Canaan, Queens Co., on the 19th inst, in the 73rd year of his age, Mr. Cyrus Humphreys fell peacefully asleep in Jesus. Mr. Humphreys was of a very retiring disposition and never sought to thrust himself forward in any matter of a public nature and consequently never made any public profession of religion. But he always helped to support the gospel in his neighborhood and attended Christian worship. He was highly respected in the community as a peacemaker, and useful man, and will be much missed not only by his family circle but by the public generally. A large cortege followed him to his last resting place. A comforting and inspiring sermon was preached on the occasion by Rev. J. H. Hughes.

VAN BUSKIRK.—Mrs. Mary Van Buskirk, aged 71 years, was on the 12th of February released from a life of suffering to enter the home on high where "No chilling winds nor poisonous breath infest that peaceful shore, Sickness and sorrow, pain and death, are felt and feared no more.

She was buried in the Muddy Creek cemetery, Albert Co. She leaves three sons to mourn the loss of a loving and faithful mother.

COY.—At Upper Gagetown, February 11th, Mrs. Frances A., widow of the late Anassa Coy, departed this life in hope of the better life on the other side the dark river, for she accepted Jesus Christ as her Saviour many years ago, and lived a consistent member of his church until called up higher.

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Our officers perform their work without salary and all funds entrusted to us will be expended directly upon the objects named, without any deduction whatever.

HOME MISSIONS.

To any one sending ten names, with five dollars, an extra copy of THE HOME MISSION JOURNAL will be sent free for one year. It is to be hoped that a large number of clubs may be formed early. To our young people, both in the Sabbath schools and unions, a great opportunity is offered. Let us have your support promptly. This paper will contain news from the churches, Sunday school lessons, and general reading pertaining to Baptist interests.

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