FREE BAPTISTS

Election of the Local Boards of Trustees.

The Report of the General Secre tary Causes a Pretty General Discussion.

The Revised Temperance and Other Rep -Conference Discusses Ordination of a Canaidate With Closed Doors.

The convention of the Free Baptists of New Brunswick opened yesterday morning at nine o'clock with the usual devotional exercises led by Rev. Dr. Hartley, who had been elected moderator. The minutes of Saturday's services were read and approved.

The educational report was submitted by Rev. J. B. Dagget. The report first expressed approval of the stated views of the conference as to the value of education as a preparaefficient Christian to through the quickening of the Holy Ghost. It also expressed approval of young men entering the ministry receiving a liberal education and re mended tangible encouragement and financial aid to all who needed it.

The committee regretted that so many young men were obliged to go to foreign colleges, whereby their lapor and influence were lost during their student years, many of them not returning. They believed this could be helped and recommended the students take an art course, attend the University of New Brunswick, thereby remaining in the midst of the field and work. It was recommended also that a committee be appointed to prepare a course of study for young men who are unable to attend college, such committee to report at the next session of the general conference.

The report was discussed section by The third section provoked considerable debate. Hon. Geo. E Foster thought it would be a great mistake to allow such an important subject to pass without discussion. He expressed great pleasure at the work done by the conference so far. There had been a good many lights over this education report in previous vears, and one thing they had solved, that a man young or old could not have to see the young men, after education, remain on the home field. One way to keep these men home was to offer them sufficient inducement. Would It not be possible to have an augmentation or sustentation fund which would supplement the efforts of the

Rev. F. C. Hartley said the young people proposed to raise \$1,000 which to aid needy students. Rev. J. B. Dagget said that there was no doubt in his mind where the young men should go to school. U. N. B. stood second to none in

maritime provinces. To take a course in this college would tend to keep the Rev. A. J. Prosser spoke of the bid made for provincial students at the

Maine colleges. He believed that N.

B. should make a higher bid. Rev. C. T. Phillips said that the in ducements offered at Lewiston were very great, but that a course there weaned a man away from his home He believed that the arts course should be taken in New Brunswick. He also favored the establishment of a theological department in the U.N.B. Dr. McLeod Vince said that he did not know one N. B. Free Bantist who had gone to Bates college (Lewiston) and returned to work here. He believed, that everything considered, it

as Bates. Rev. Mr. George of Maine did not believe the passing of the resolution would aid the conference in keeping its young men. The solution offered by Hon. Geo. E. Foster was the only one. The college authorities at Bates had always expressed the desire to have the provincial students return

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home after their course. Hon. Geo. E. Foster wished to know the opinion of the ministers as to whether one theological professor at the U. N. B. would be sufficient.

Rev. F. C. Hartley somewhat favor-ed Acadia college, but believed a Free Baptist could get more in touch with his church by attending the U. N. B. Rev. Mr. Sidell approved of the so lution offered by Mr. Foster.

D. P. Gosline offered to financially back any student of undoubted fealty to the denomination who has rebeen called to the work and who desired help in getting an education. A vital ques tion he believed was the amount paid the ministers; they should obtain more. Rev. G. W. Foster said that the money question was the great ques-tion, and it should be faced at once.

The chairman in closing the debate said they could not afford to lose their young men. He believed in denominational colleges. They were best for the denominations that supported them. They could not afford to lose young men by sending them to colleges of other denominations. As a college he favored Bates college, Maine, but when it came to a question of local institutions he favored the college named in the report, the University of New Brunswick. The section was finally passed unanimously. The fourth sec-

It was moved by Rev. W. J. Clarke and carried unanimously that the courtesies of the conference be extend ed to Rev. Dr. Gates, Rev. J. Burges Rev. Mr. Smith of Leinster street church and Rev. Mr. Higgins of Carle-

ton church, who were present. Hon. G. E. Foster asked the confer ence to take into consideration the advisability of establishing an augmentation fund for the purpose of levelling up the salaries of ministers. Mammon worship was a bad thing, he said, but at the same time the question of living was bound to influence the minister. He urged them to work along these lines so that the Free Baptist church should have no church in the province whose pastor was paid less than a im rate of \$400 per annum. He urged that a good committee be appointed to take this into consideration and moved accordingly. Rev. Dr. Mc-

Rev. Mr. Higgins spoke briefly, ask-

AFTERNOON SESSION. At the afternoon session the chair ominated the following committees: Sustentation-D. McLeod Vince, Hon G. E. Foster, Dr. McLeod, Revs. C. T. Phillips, F. G. Francis. Course of study-Revs. J. T. Parsons, F. C. Hartley, L. A. Fenwick, J. W.

Clarke, J. B. Dagget. Rev. D. Long presented his report on the Sabbath, which was adopted, as

 Believing that there is an increasing desire to use the Lord's day as a day for pleasure and business, and it continued must result in weakness to the church and 2. Stemboat excursions, the unnecessary running of trains, and the many other ways in which the Lord's day is desecrated has the effect of lessening the tone of public sentiment in this particular.

3. We had hoped that the Sunday law framed and passed by the legislature at the last session would result in checking this great evil, but regret that this law has not been enforced, being openly and repeatedly violated.

4. That this conference disapproves cauch deserration of the Lord's day an exercisely request the officers of the law

Rev. G. W. Foster presented the tem-perance report. It noted with pleasure the vote east for prohibition at the plebiscite, and referred to the vote by province, and said that the government should have enacted a prohibitory law It also emphasized the stand which the Free Baptists have taken in this re-

Dr. McLeod said that the matter should not be considered by the provinces. The premier himself had said that the vote would be considered as a whole. He believed that this section hould be recast.

Rev. B. H. Nobles moved that the report be sent back to the committee

for revision. Hon. Geo. E. Foster, speaking as a member of the conference, said the plebiscite was a dominion affair. All sight was lost of provinces. He would, therefore, be inclined to leave out the mention of provinces. Ine question as as to the sufficiency of the vote. There has been no instance in the history of a country where in a plebiscite there has been anything else but that the majority of the voters decided the question. It was not possible before the vote to get from the government anything but that the old principle of ecision would be followed. After the vote there had been the introduction of an absolutely new principle, He not to tell them what the principle was on which the decision was to be based. Personally he did not believe it was fair. The premier and Mr. Fisher had said afterwards that there was an agreement among the principal members of the government not to accept anything but a majority of all names be impossible to obtain.

The motion to refer the report back

was adopted, and the chairman associ-Nobles with the committee. The executive committee reported

Currier.

The meeting adjourned at three o'clock to allow the ladies to hold their annual missionary meeting. Mrs. J. I. Smith presided, and the meeting was with Scripture reading by Mrs. J. W. Clarke and prayer by Miss Jane Weyman.

The corresponding secretary, Mrs. Weyman, presented a synopsis of the year's work in India. Thirteen years ago Mr. Boyer had gone out, and shortly afterwards had asked for help in a heathen community. Now they have in this place 49 converted natives a church of 19, a pastor and a colporteur. Miss Gaunce has charge of this community. She has erected there a large building in which service is held. The natives look to her for almost everything. She is striving with some success to teach them to be sustaining. Miss Smith, the head of the girls school in the same place, has died, and Miss Gaunce has been asked to take charge. In the school there are forty children, six new scholars came in this year, one died, two married, three returned to their friends, five were baptized during the year. The girls look after the do mestic work of the school. Miss Gaunce has besides this a class of Bible women. The secretary expressed the thought that the society at home was not doing the work that it should be doing. There was need out there for

more missionaries.

The home secretary, Mrs. H. A. Hartt, stated that more money had been raised this year than before. All the districts but one have raised larger amounts than previously. The report feelingly referred to the loss which the society at Woodstock sustains by the loss of Mrs. C. T. Phillips, whose efficient and faithful work has done

much for that society. District. \$ 24 5

Grand total The treasurer, Mrs. Vince, reported balance on hand October, 1898 \$901.41; received during the year, \$1,116.00; expended, \$911.79;

21.005.84 The president délivered her annual address, noting with pleasure the fact that death had not invaded the executive circle, but regretted the affliction that Miss Gaunce had been called upon to undergo. She suggest ed that each society elect a live treasurer, who would look after contribu tions and in other ways make the societies a success.

Mrs. Hartley delivered the addres

church. artley for the kind nich had been borne out by the hos-

pitality of the people of Carleton. Mrs. Johnson gave a very interest-ng map exercise, taking her audience ing map exercise, taking in imagination on a trip to the different mission stations in India, starting at Calcutta and describing the sur roundings and work of the mission-

During the meetings seics were sung by Mrs. Titus and Miss E. Trecartin. The session was adjourned with th benediction by Rev. J. W. Clarke. EVENING SESSION.

The evening session opened with short devotional service. Rev. J. W. Clarke, treasurer of Home Mission society, presented the following report: Cash on hand at the beginning of the year, \$232.16; received from collections, \$4.83; board of managers, \$27; Woman's Missionary ciety, \$100; other sources, \$395.94; total,

E. H. Slipp, treasurer of the Foreign Mission society, reported balance hand Oct. '98, \$690.09; received, \$372.91; total, \$1,063; paid to the treasurer of the general conference Free Baptist of N. S., \$500; balance, \$563.

\$759.93; lisbursed, \$605.13; balance

Rev. David Long presented his report as secretary of the home mission ex-The report spoke in high terms of the work of the general secretary. The pastorates that were given attention were the Tobique river group, Lic. H. J. Puddington pastor; Princ William and Queensbury, Rev. T. O. deWitt pastor; Stanley-Bloomfield, Rev. J. N. Barnes pastor; Greenfield-Waterville, Lic. A. H. Williams pastor; Buwargonish, Rev. C. B. Lewis, pastor: Bald Hill, Lic. Fletcher Knollen pastor; Erb settlement, Rev. G. F. Currie pastor: Moncton, Rev. E. S. Parke pastor; Wilson Beach and Campobello The executive strongly recommended that the general secretary be reappointed. The report deploted the parative lack of success attending the efforts of the executive, and urged upon the churches the necessity to give more liberally to this cause.

Dr. McLeod spoke strongly in favor of pushing the home mission work. The denomination owes much to the mission work of the fathers, and it absolutely necessary. He spoke of the undertaking which the Disciples of Christ have begun in this regard, t raise \$1,500, a dollar per head of the membership. If the Free Baptists did that they would raise \$10,000, but cut the membership and the amount to a left it to the conference whether it was half and \$2,500 will be raised, which fair to either side for the government; would help the Home Mission society very much. He moved the adoption of

Rev. J. W. Clarke in seconding the adoption spoke strongly in favor of the recommendations in the report. Hon. Geo. E. Foster could not con ceive of a live church without a live home mission interest in connection on the list. If that condition had been with it. Whenever one is found withmade public before the vote he would out such a mission, that church has not have stirred a hand in working for become simply a club. The life of an amount of fresh effort he puts forward. In a similar way one talk measure the life of a church. He ated Dr. McLeod and Rey. B. H. would not stick absolutely to his assertion concerning this measure of a church's life, because it would bring through D. McLeod Vince that they down from the Free Baptist denomin had granted letters of dismission to ation, which had expended about \$653 Rev. A. H. McLeod and Rev. F. L. for new work last year. But it must be admitted that the life is not what After some discussion upon the it should be. The home mission work

powers of the executive the report was of today is on a different plane from adopted.

It is divided into two parts, one, to enter the half-developed fields and bring them up to strength. This work can be done in every church, but the church which only tries to keep what it has, will soon be unable to do this. There is a necessity to open new fields and in the doing of this new possibilities are brought to view. There is not a single church but what has unutilized forces sufficient to revolutionize that church. The young people for instance. A few years ago the league was formed to utilize this great force There is not a single man who is not able to lo good work for the church Young people should be taught that they are part of the work, and should be worked up from the lower to the

higher. In the church one might have

"Every married man must ask his wife's permission to make a success." That was a saying of a wise old clergyman who knew a saying of a wise old clergyman who knew that marriage was a partnership in the broadest sense, and that there can be no success in any partnership in which the partners do not contribute equally to make success possible. For this, if for no other reason, every man who is trying to climb the ladder of success should be interested in his wife's health, A healthy woman is always helpful. A tired, nervous tired, nervous
woman, depleted
in strength and
depressed in mind,
can contribute
neither mentally can contribute neither mentally nor physically to a husband's success.

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He taking the d til this morning.

Rev. Dr. McLeod se endment, which carried. The delegation from the Maritime Baptist convention, Hon. H. R. Emerson and Rev. Dr. Gates, were in-

Premier Emmerson, president of the Saptist convention, in bringing words of greeting from the body to which he belonged, said that he was a Baptist through and through, but often he had been at a loss to answer the question as to just what kind of a Baptist Would it not be well, said the speaker, if there should be only one kind of Baptist. If the undeveloped forces among the Baptists of all kinds could be utilized, how much could be done. He hoped that the lines of the two denominations would be brought closer together. The work of the Maser would be advanced. (Applause.)

Dr. Gates came as a representative of the sister denomination brought to the conference Christian greeting. The Bantist denomination in the maritime provinces consisted of 400 churches with 50,000 members, spending \$175,000 a year for individual church work and \$17,000 for denominational purposes, and with Sunday schools containing 30,000 members. Passing on he spoke strongly in favor of denominational inion among the Baptists. There was, he said, a greater divergence of opinlon among the pastors of his own denomination than between himself and Dr. Hartley. He thanked God for the unity that did exist, and prayed that t might become closer. (Applause).

Rev. G. F. Currie presented the report of the secretary of the foreign mission work. The executive regretng more work in this department. The consequences of such a course would perhaps be more serious than generally thought. If the church is to aggressive at all it must be aggressive n foreign missions.

Rev. A. W. Currie deeply regretted the fact that no work was done. The Lord's command had been to go, and when the church refused she was disobeying her Lord's command. A man is indebted to the world to do all the good that it is possible for him to do. As a denomination we owe it to these people to give them the gospel. noved the adoption of the report. Rev. Gileon Swim seconded the adop-

tion of the report. Rev. F. George, from Maine, a tired missionary, emphasized the duty of the Christian church in regard to nissionary work. The gospel is for all the world. Passing on the speaker referred to the missions in India, the people, their religions and superstitions, and the possibilities of work among

The report was adopted, and the conference adjourned until 9.30 this mornirg.

The Free Baptist conference resuma majority, for such a majority would individual can be measured by the moderator, Rev. Dr. Hartley, presided, and was assisted by Rev. W. H. Perry, assistant moderator, who put the motions. After the usual devotional ex-ercises, the minutes of Monday's session were read and approved.

Rev. A. G. Downey's request to be dismissed from the ministry, and be hereafter regarded as a layman, was granted on the recommendation of the ministers' conference.

A letter of sympathy and good-will from the convention of the Disciples be held at Upper Kent, Carleton of Christ to the Baptist conference was on the fourth Tuesday in June. Rev. read, and the recommendation of the W. de Ware, J. B. Dagget, C. T. Philcommittee that a similar message of lips and J. J. Barnes to attend; the greeting be returned to the Disciples of Christ was carried.

Rev. W. J. Clarke submitted the accounts of the general secretary fund, Ware to attend; the third district showing contributions to the amount meeting to be held at Stanley, York

of \$414. The report of the committee on deceased brethren showed that no deaths sermon; the fourth district meeting had occurred in the ranks last year. The committee appointed to represent the conference on the council of J. M. Barnes to attend; the fifth disthe Dominion Alliance was appointed trict meeting in such church as the as follows: Col. D. McLeod Vince, Rev. executive appoint on the first Friday Dr. McLeol, Rev. Joseph Noble and in July, Rev. Messrs. Robins Rev. F. C. Hartley. Quite a discussion and Phillips to attend; the st arose over a wish expressed by some trict to be held where the executive members that Hon. G. E. Foster be one appoint on the second Friday in of this committee. Dr. McLeod ex- July, Rev. F. G. Francis to preach ; pressed his willingness to retire in Mr. the seventh district to meet at Beaver Foster's favor, but Colone Vince Harbor on the third Friday in August thought he had better give way, and The committee recommended that he moved Mr. Foster's name be substituted for his. The motion was de- be appointed to attend all the disfeated, only two voting for if.

The following local boards of trusees were nominated: Abner Grass. Lakeville-Charles Tracey, Winfield Barnes and D. Long. DeForest, Thomas Emery. Canterbury-John Feero, William port of the general secretary. He re-Dow, G. Clynick.

Erb Settlement-Howard Erb, Wm. places, preaching 107 times, speaking Smiley, Charles Smiley. At 22 other services, visiting 6 district Newtown, K. Co.—D. W. Manning, meetings, 61 other meetings and tra-George W. Manning, S. R. Wilcox. velling 6,022 miles. The report ex-Mapletown, York Co.—Rev. Dr. Mc- pressed the indebtedness of the sec-Leod, Rev. F. C. Hartley, Rev. J. T. retary to the executive. It referred to

Parsons. Upper Kent - John Bloodsworth, Clopper Tompkins, Rev. S. J. Perry. Wheaton Settlement-John Brown, Frederick Lutz, Wm. Murray, sr. Chocolate Cove - Wm. Cummings, Inslow Hanny, John W. Stover, Oliver Fountain. Fairhaven-George A. Simpson, W.

Rufus Cummings, Noyes Doughty, Ste-Northern Harbor-Stephen Ferris, Asa N. Lord, A. B. Eaton. Waterville John Whitney, Wm. Culerson, Jacob Palmer. Bath - Samuel Barker, Elijah F.

Shaw, A. F. Giberson, G. W. Currie. Woodstock—Charles VanWart, Danel A. Grant, Benjamin F. Clarke, C. R. Watson, J. J. Hale. Wickham-Milton Worden, Jacob R. VanWart, Clement Morton. Petitcodiac-J. Wesley Lowrey, Elon Cochrane, B. H. Freeze.

Victoria Road, Moncton-John Mc-Farland, Henry Budd, Frank Steeves. Norton Station - Milton McLeod Wm. H. Heine, E. L. Perkins, T. B. Bassett, J. E. McCready. Perth-George Morehouse. H. McLauchlin, Frederick Grant, F. C.

Bloodsworth, R. Inman. Jacksonville-Elisha Slipp, D. Smith. Upper Millstream-Malcolm Mason,

h Ricker. ribner, Rev. T. S. Van-Studholm. K. Co.-G. W. Sharp

Thos. McFarlane, A. H. Wilcox. Beechwood-Michael Craine, D. V. Boyer, Eben Kearney, Stephen Crown Stanley-John Wade, Tuos. Jeffrey W. Steward. Lower Millstream-George W. Mc-Leod, W. D. Fenwick, James E. Good. Westfield, K. Co.-Geo. T. Flewell-

ing, W. S. Bonnell, Wilmot Neal. Oromocto-S. J. Kinney, J. W. Currier, M. McMonagle. Kingsley church, York Co.-John Foster, Frank Anderson, Henry Currie, Wm. Seymour, John Henderson. Temperance Vale Ch.-George Bart lett, Samuel Scriver, Peter Dunham.

Bloomfield Ch. - Edward Norard, Warren Holt, Thomas Munro. Castalia, G. M.-Robert Middleton M. Richardson, Leander Graham. Gordonsville Ch.-R. K. Stickney, S. Rogers, Stephen Derrah, B. Jones. White Head Ch., G. M.+Sidney Guptill, Loring Cossaboon, Edgar Morse. Lower Brighton, C. Co.-Wm. Me-Gee, David Noble, Charles H. Rich-

River de Chute-Joseph Watson Rev. John Perry, Rev. E. Gray and Rev. S. J. Perry.

This was adopted.

The report of the treasurer, B. S. Palmer, showed receipts during the year of \$558.35, and a balance on hand The committee on nominations sub mitted the following supplementary

report: Committee on literature-Revs. H. Nobles, D. Long, A. D. Paul, J. H. Executive committee of home mis-

ions-Revs. L. A. Fenwick, J. W. Clarke, J. B. Daggett, F. C. Hartley, B. H. Nobles, D. Long, F. C. Bloods The report was adopted after some discussion Executive committee of foreign mis-

ions-Rev. C. T. Phillips, correspon ing secretary; E. W. Slipp, treasurer; Rev. Dr. McLeod, Dr. Hartley, Rev. W. H. Purdy, Rev. Abram Purdy, Rev. H. Sunday schools-J. E. McCready Col. Alexander, Rev. David Patterson

C. W. Weyman, G. W. Currie. Sick and disabled ministers-McLeod treasurer; Revs. Dr. Hartley, Joseph Nobles, T. S. Vanwart, F. G. Francis, C. T. Phillips. Board of managers-Rev. Dr. Hartley Messrs. B. S. Palmer, W H

Heine, E. J. Clarke, J. E. Good, A. C. Smith Education-Revs. J. B. Daggett, L. A. Fenwick, M. L. Gregg, David Patterson, Henry Hartt. Sabbath-Revs. J. A.Robertson, William Deware, J. N. Barnes, T. O. De-

Temperance—Dr. McLeod, Rev. E. B. Gray, Rev. John Perry, J. D. Harvey, G. W. Sharp. Corresponding delegates to Nova Scotia—Rev. F. C. Hartley; Rev. J. J.

Barnes, substitute. ed its session on Tuesday morning. The On motion, the home mission report was deferred until afternoon Sussex church was allowed change the date of the annual meetirg from the first Monday in January until the third Morday in Septem

Penobsquis church changed the date of its annual meeting to the first Friday in May. AFTERNOON SESSION.

Rev. G. W. Foster presented the report of the district meeting commit-The first district meeting is to second district meeting to be held with the church at Coldstream the third Saturday in June. Rev. W. de Co., on the third Friday in Septe Rev. G. W. Foster to preach annual to convene at Fredericton Junction on the second Friday in September, Rev. and Phillips to attend; the sixth dis-

trict meetings.-Adopted. On motion of Rev. Gideon Swim, the chair appointed the following commit-Waasis-G. McFarlane, G. F. Grass, tee to consider all requests for leave of absence: Revs. G. Swim, J. M.

Rev. Dr. McLeod presented the reported writing 226 letters, visiting 78 the fact that only about 30 pastors could be found who would undertake regular work at all times, and touched upon the low average of salaries paid, and the fact that the churches paying low salaries were exacting in the choice of their minister. The people are not poor, but need to be taught more aggressive work in all depart-ments. There are 40 pastorates in the province, two in the first district, six in the second, eight in the third, four in the fourth, four in the fifth, eight in the sixth, eight in the seventh. Of these, twelve are not provided with pastors for next year. Rev. A. W. Currie was secured last year to preach at McAdam, and during the year Rev. B. H. Nobles spent several weeks in evangelistic work.

On motion of Rev. D. Long, the report was received. William Peters thought that this report should be discussed. He believed that the work done was of a kind that would tell in the future. It was an exceedingly necessary work and should be continued.

Dr. McLeod wanted the conference to feel the utmost freedom in discussing this report. W. Weyman thought that the

worthy one.



........ eral secretary had done fust as much work, if not more, than any single pastor. The undertaking had proved itself a necessity. No money, he felt,

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would produce better results. Rev. J. W. Clarke agreed with the dea that the general secretary's work was a necessity. The secretary's task was an arduous one and was well lone. He believed that the office should be continued. Work had been done this year that could not have been done were it not for the information furnished by the general sec-

Rev. F. G. Francis also expressed himself as in hearty sympathy with the report, but he did not believe that the returns justified the expense involved. He believed that the functions of the secretary should be more fully defined, so that in the future there would be something more of a fulfillment of the purpose. There should be more personal contact and the claims of the conference brought forward more pointedly to the people. He believed in the continuance of the office, but more in the way of an executive evangelist who would be available for Rev. B. H. Nobles believed that a

committee should take the matter in D. McLeod Vince thought it would be better for the conference to take it over. There were two thoughts among the brethren concerning the matter, one was that the secretary should be a general missionary, the other thought left the missionary idea out to a great extent.

Rev. B. H. Nobles thought that the eport should be adopted, discussions of the future should come up later. Rev. C. T. Phillips said the results of this work would not show at once. Rev. F. C. Hartley called attention to the fact that the conference was indebted to the general secretary and believed that a financial report should have been embodied in the other. Dr. McLeod said, with few excep-

tions, he almost invariably presen the claims of the denomination. This had been his special duty. He said when the office was instituted, that to do the best work the holder should have nothing else to do. He had been certain that visible fruitage would be rare. It was a mistaken idea to beieve that the secretary was at the call of every pastor to go and spend a fortnight in evangelistic work. He had received in one way or another about \$10 less than his travelling expenses. No fund of the conference would pay a cent toward the secretary's expenses. He asked leave to resent an itimized account later on. He made no appeal for special contributions, that was not his business Rev. F. G. Francis said that he had not reflected on Dr. McLeod's work at

Rev. J. W. Clarke said that his idea. about Dr. McLeod's appointment was that he be engaged for six months during the year. He protested against allowing Dr. McLeod to refuse the remainder of his salary, some \$75. Rev. Gideon Swim said he did not submit to Dr. McLeod's request. He believed that all the churches should be asked to contribute toward the sec-

retary's salary next year. The report was adopt The temperance report was read by position of this conference on the question of the prohibition of the iquor traffic has always been so unequivocal, and is so well and widely known, that to re-state it is unnecessary; we simply re-affirm it. The present is a momentous time in the history of the prohibition movement in Canada. The attitude of the government towards the liquor traffic, as revealed in the declaration of its disregard of the voice of the electorate in the plebiscite, makes a crisis which calls upon the temperance people of the country to express with clearness and emphasis their strong dissatisfaction with the government's action and their purpose in the premises. The position taken by them now will determine the future of the prohibition movement in this country, whether it is to go steadily on to victory or to be made the plaything of political parties. The vote polled in favor of prohibition was not small; it was, to quote the premier, "under the circumstances a remarkably large one." It was a ure and unselfish vote, and in view of the money and unscrupulous forces arraigned against prohibition, the maority over the total liquor vote was gratifyingly large and decisive. A striking result of the plebiscite is

that not only a majority of 14,000 electers voted for prohibition, but a large majority of the electoral districts the country declared in favor of it. Of the 213 members of parliament, classified according to the votes of their constituencies in the plebisoite, 128 represent constituencies favorable to prohibition. A political party having like support would have a majority of 43 members in parliament. The temperatnoe people of Canada did not ask for a plebiscite; but when

it was offered they accepted it in good faith, having been led to believe that the vote would decide the question at issue, and that the decision oballot boxes would be accepted carried out by the govern ent and parliament. There was no intimation to the electors that besides those who voted against prohibition all who failwork of the general secretary was a ed to vote would be counted as opworthy one.

Rev. David Long said that the genthal prohibitionists would be required

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