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SPIRITUAL CONFERENCE AT WOODSTOCK

General Rally of Methodist Ministers and Laymen—Second Event of Like Nature

The Annual Spiritual Conference in connection with the Woodstock District of the Methodist Church of the N. B. and P. E. I. Conference inaugurated at Hartland on October 19, 1922, was held at Woodstock in the Methodist church on Wednesday, Oct. 11, 1922.

The day was a day long to be remembered by all those who attended.

At 9 a.m. a session of prayer was conducted by Evangelist Fred Foster in the school room adjoining the church. The time thus spent was a great source of inspiration and preparation for the coming sessions of the day. The unfavorable weather conditions undoubtedly affected the attendance from the outlying circuits but in spite of that as the morning wore away the delegates kept coming in until we had in the afternoon and evening sessions from 200 to 250 people present, there being over twenty delegates from several different circuits, many coming in cases over very muddy roads indeed, and in a pouring rain, and others driving twelve and sixteen miles or more in open wagons.

The formal opening took place in the auditorium of the church at 10 a.m. under the chairmanship of John A. Watters from Lakeville. Fifteen minutes at the opening of each session was spent in song, under the direction of Rev. Charles Plummer of Andover with Rev. E. E. Fyche of Lindsay presiding at the organ. After the singing at each session a session of prayer was engaged in. This meant much for the atmosphere of the whole conference.

An address of welcome was delivered by Rev. M. B. Couron, B. A., pastor of the entertaining church. His remarks were based upon the topic "Our Purpose." The words spoken gave to every one a feeling of homeliness and acquaintanceship which were so necessary to a successful issue of the day's work. Short addresses were then delivered by Charles Baker, A. Plummer and Ernest Plummer of Hartland. These brethren addressed the Conference on the following subjects respectively: "What should our consecration mean to the average Christian?" "The Layman's Opportunity in the Sunday School" and "Personal Evangelism for all Christians." These addresses were all most appropriate and helpful. After this more singing interspersed the whole program, the Rev. D. R. Chouven, B. A., of Florenceville spoke earnestly and in a most capable manner on "God's Will for us today." Mr. Chouven applied his subject especially to men who already had a personal experience of God's love in their own hearts. To understand God's will he said "We as Christians must get a clear conception of what service means, of what it is to act as witnesses." "The great conception of life is to get larger vision of service. It is to do good to somebody else." The Master said "Thou shalt love thy neighbor as thyself." "We must ask ourselves what is God's will concerning me? We must learn the lesson of obedience. Whatever he says to you do it. We need the consciousness that God by the agency of His own spirit does the work through us."

The afternoon session was presided over by Ernest Plummer and the opening address was delivered by Rev. Hugh Miller of Centreville. His subject was "Our Reasonable Response." Mr. Miller based his remarks on the parable of the talents, dealing especially with individual responsibility. He commenced by presenting three leading thoughts. 1st. God has sent each one of us into the world to accomplish a certain life's work for Him and to help Him to pull this poor old world straight. 2nd. He has bestowed upon each one certain gifts and endowments for the accomplishment of that work. 3rd. One day He will ask us "How have you done the work, how much is the world better, how much is your own life better for having lived?" Whose are those talents bestowed upon His servants? They are the Master's. How can any man dare to use those gifts of his master merely for his own selfish purposes. It does not matter whether the talents be one, two, or five, faithfulness is the thing to be aimed at. Well done good and faithful servant. The faithful worker sees in the Master a great giver, but the unfaithful eye in the Master a great demander. The attitude of the Master towards the servants. He is always looking for the good in his servants and is so glad that they have not all disappointed him. The reward

of the faithful work in promotion. Our reasonable response to the will of God, in faithful service, going out with the Christ if needs be into the outer darkness to see the lost it so be that we may find it.

The next address was by the Rev. G. R. Fitzpatrick of Canterbury on "Going back to put a Heart into our Church Organization." The address was helpful and forceful, immemorial the varied organizations of church life, and the need of a greater impetus in all its departments.

Greetings in Christ were ably brought to us by Charles Sampson of Fredericton, from the Fredericton District. Mr. Sampson is an old friend and was warmly welcomed and enjoyed in pitthy, bright and cheerful remarks.

J. B. Saunders of Woodstock spoke on "The Need of Testimony in the Christian's Life." It is a vital thing.

The Rev. Stanley Young then introduced the subject of the "Family Altar" and prefaced his remarks by reading from the "Old Book" a few verses, Deut. 6, 7-12. He emphasized the need of giving the children a part in the religious exercises of the home. His remarks were helpful and to the point. He was followed by Rev. M. B. Strohman, B. A., of Sackville, who read the Secretary for Young People's Work. He prefaced his remarks by referring to his own special department by showing that universal methods cannot be applied to all boys and girls, but rather they must be broken into groups according to age. It is necessary he said to appeal to the heroic in them. Christianity must appeal to them as a man's job. They must be shown the need of sacrifice. Mr. Strohman then linked up with Mr. Young on the "Family Altar" and showed how that a Godly Home was the greatest asset in community life and how the home could do more for the child than either church or Sunday school. Family worship, he said, is an absolute necessity. Religion must be practised before the family. This is the thing that sets the standard. However simple it may be "go home" he said "and erect the family altar if it has not already been erected." "Why," he asked, "are there so many minister's sons in the ministry? Because of religion in the home."

This was followed by an hour given over wholly to testimony and prayer in charge of Mr. Foster. It was indeed a rich hour. It was remarkable how many paid the highest tribute to the family altar, all proving the necessity for the establishing of such an altar in every home. Time and time again several were on their feet at once all waiting opportunity to express their gratitude to Almighty God for his wonderful love and goodness to the children of men.

The evening service was a service not easily to be forgotten. Rev. D. R. Chouven, B. A., presided and Evangelist Fred Foster made the address. Mr. Foster's subject was "Winning Men to Christian Service." His address was broken up into four parts and based upon the text "Why stand ye here all the day idle?" His points were Repentance; What it is, Consecration, Meditation on God's law, and Go out and tell the tidings to others. To repent is to be forgiven. Consecration is to be purified. To meditate is to shine. To go is to obey. The address was delivered with a great earnestness and zeal that must have left its impress on every soul present. This was immediately followed by an Altar Service also in charge of Mr. Foster. The day's services closed by a brief testimony service on "What one day has meant to me."

The church was decorated with banners bearing short passages of scripture or other mottoes supplied by the various circuits of the district. Refreshments both at noon and for the evening meal were heartily supplied by the ladies of the Woodstock church and were served in the school room so that the entire day's proceedings were conducted under the one roof.

The Conference a year hence is to be held at Lakeville. We pray for a great day again and that it may result in great good as the day which has just closed has done.—Contributed.

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The wonderful success of the Family Herald and Weekly Star of Montreal has been more marked year by year continuously for half a century. There are households literally by tens

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ASSOCIATION ANNUAL MEET CARLETON COUNTY RIFLE

Held at Hartland on Friday, First Shoot Since Before The War—S. W. Smith Leads

For the first time since the war the Carleton County Rifle Association had a general meet. This was on the Hartland range on Friday last as announced in last week's Observer. There was a large attendance from all parts of the county and a most interesting shoot was enjoyed by all the contestants.

New officers were elected: Lt. Col. W. W. Melville, pres.; S. G. Barter, vice pres.; R. S. Semple, sec.; A. R. Rigby, treas.

Prizes were awarded as follows:

GRAND AGGREGATE

S. W. Smith, 109pts, prize safety razor
A. R. Rigby, 1st, 4 bbls. potatoes
R. S. Semple, 3rd, knife
E. W. Lester, 3d, 1 pair rubbers
C. Estabrooks, 3d, safety razor
B. Buckingham, 6d, knife
W. Tompkins, 6d, inner tube
G. O. Britton, 6d, shirt
Arthur Rigby, 6d, 5 gal. gas
Walter Morgan, 6d, can polish
A. Plummer, 6d, roast beef
V. Boyne, 6d, tea
C. Hayward, 4d, hose
R. O. Belyea, 3d, tea
S. G. Barter, 3d, chocolates
D. Craig, 1d, chocolates

Prizes given for last county shoot over range, E. W. Lester, 1 year subscription Observer, D. Craig, 1 box cartridges. The two highest scores never before attended county shoot.

SMITH CUP

S. W. Smith, (cup) score 80 prize \$1.25
A. R. Rigby, 75
R. S. Semple, 55
E. W. Lester, 50
C. Estabrooks, 30
G. O. Britton, 25
B. Buckingham, 25

V. Boyne, 22
W. Tompkins, 21
A. Rigby, 18
R. O. Belyea, 15
W. Morgan, 13
A. Plummer, 12
S. G. Barter, 9
D. Craig, 7

IRVING CUP

S. W. Smith (cup) score 70, prize \$1.25
A. R. Rigby, 60
R. S. Semple, 64
E. W. Lester, 50
C. Estabrooks, 50
B. Buckingham, 40
A. Rigby, 40
A. Plummer, 41
W. Morgan, 39
C. Hayward, 34
G. O. Britton, 34
W. Tompkins, 32
V. Boyne, 30
R. O. Belyea, 23
D. Craig, 21
S. G. Barter, 15

Prizes donated by merchants of Hartland:

Keith & Plummer, 3 safety razors
H. N. Nixon, 1 pair rubbers
Hartland Clothing Co., 1 pair hose
J. Clark & Son, 1 inner tube
Central Garage, 5 gal. gas
Stallard & Co., 3 bbls. potatoes
F. H. Stevens, 1 subscription
Seely & Shaw, 1 can metal polish
F. F. Plummer, 1 gent's shirt
V. W. Simms, 1 box chocolates
D. E. Morgan & Son, 1 box tea
J. T. G. Carr, 1 box tea
Hartland Meat Market, 1 roast beef
C. E. DeWitt, 1 box cartridges
Estey & Curtis Co., 1 pearl knife
W. F. Thornton, 1 box chocolates
J. W. Montgomery, 1 pearl knife

JOHN R. BRADEN CONQUERS ROY GRATTAN IN WOODSTOCK

Pride of Presque Isle Humbles Caribou Flyer in Three Straight

Woodstock, N. B., Oct. 13.—A real October Day with pleasant sunshine and a crisp wind was Nature's contribution to the much talked of "overcast" race met today on Island Park. When the first race was called a very large crowd was present, with Woodstock County having a strong representation.

This was the occasion when the famous flyers from the potato belt were expected to settle definitely the question of supremacy on the turf. It was announced that Jackson Grattan, 2024, the pride of Houlton, had been injured in a workout and would not start. The crowd was plainly disappointed but the other two representatives, John R. Braden, the Iron Horse, Presque Isle, and Roy Grattan, Caribou's boy, furnished thrills enough to keep all on their feet. In a last effort to have their horse a winner, Jos. Johnson, the grand circuit driver was engaged to drive Roy Grattan and his work was always in evidence, but John R. again demonstrated his superiority by winning every heat.

At the close of the last heat a huge floral garland was presented John R. Braden. On behalf of the citizens of Woodstock, Mayor E. W. Mair, in a few brief remarks to the popular champion, John Willard, said: "This wreath is presented as a slight token of the esteem and good will we have toward our sporting friends across the border and all affords me much pleasure to present to John R. Braden this floral garland. It is our wish that the very pleasant relations existing in the

fraternity of the lovers of clean sport will continue, and that every season will see us joined in friendly contests that will all go towards the elevation of the sport or horse racing that is now and will continue to be the popular pastime for all good sportsmen."

The floral decoration did not appeal to the "Irish horse" and was placed around Mr. Willard's neck by Mrs. Ida Brower, amid the tuneful cheering of the big crowd.

Every race was well contested and the introduction of Tom B., a new comer to the Maritime Provinces, was a surprise and his work nearly upset the betting ring. He was right up in the front line in every heat.

Free-for-All: Purse \$300.

John R. Braden, Willard.
Presque Isle 1 1 2
Roy Grattan, Johnson, Caribou 2 2 1
Time—2.03 1/2, 2.03 1/2, 2.11

Named Race: Purse \$400

Sacharose, Willard, Presque Isle
Tom B. Gerrard, Riviere du Loup 3 2 3
Roy Volo, Lina, Fredericton 3 3 3
Time—2.14 1/2, 2.13 1/2, 2.13 1/2

2.14 Trot and Pace: Purse \$400
High Knob Beauty, Rice, St. John 1 1 1
Merry the Great, Johnston, Fort Fairfield 2 2 2
Crescendo, Cameron, Sussex 3 3 3
Ruth Coburn, Cummings, Caribou 4 4 3
Fillmore Dillon, Dougherty, St. John 5 5 5
Time—2.16 1/2, 2.15 1/2, 2.15 1/2

Good Luck

Is thought to go a long way, but Good Judgment goes farther. TO USE

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FIRST STEAMBOAT ON THE UPPER ST.

Was the Reindeer in 1847—Interesting Account of the Early Navigation

In a series of articles entitled "Old Times in New Brunswick" which has been running in the Daily Telegraph, Rev. W. O. Raymond, D. D., writes of the first steamboat to ply above Woodstock, and gives further interesting records of the early days of navigation. The article reads:

A name now appears in the history of the evolution of the steamboat, worthy of greater honor than it has yet received and claims our attention here.

Andrew Tibbitts, with his wife—whose maiden name was McFarlane—settled in Canning, Queens county, in 1817, where his children Hannah, Elizabeth, Henry M. and Benjamin Franklin were born. His house having been destroyed by fire, Mr. Tibbitts moved to the Grand Lake in 1822, removing eight years later to Fredericton.

Young Benjamin Tibbitts was something of an artist and a mechanical genius. After attending school four years in Fredericton, he was apprenticed to Mr. Robertson, a watchmaker in Woodstock. The latter old gentleman I knew well in my young days. Tibbitts soon began to construct miniature engines, and having served an apprenticeship of several years in various workshops and foundries, he at length succeeded in perfecting his long cherished scheme of combining high and low pressure of steam. As he lacked the means to build the engine he had designed, Thomas Pickard, a well-to-do citizen of Fredericton, came to his assistance. They built the steamer Reindeer at the mouth of the Nashwaakie. She was launched in the spring of 1846, and amid the double of friends and the ridicule of enemies.

She was a particularly graceful craft was unobtrusive as contrasted with the fine buoys; pine raft, which stood well out of the water while the heavy black birch seemed almost water-logged and was scarcely sufficiently above the surface of the water to ensure dry feet. An old raftman let us into the secret by informing me that the birch raft, being much heavier than the pine, would run down to Springhill in perhaps a couple of hours less time than the pine raft for the same reason that a heavy loaded car will run down a grade faster than a light one.

In those days the raftsmen almost always wore red flannel shirts and as the deck of the steamboat was often densely thronged with them on their return trip up the river, when viewed from a distance they resembled a regiment of British troops.

The raftsmen tied up their rafts at Springhill, the "head of the tide," where, in the olden days, there were a number of taverns bearing such inviting signs as "Rest and Be Thankful," "Dew-drop Inn," etc., which were frequented by the raftsmen. Here the men awaited the steamboat in the morning. The interval, needless to say, was not usually spent in total abstinence for the day of "prohibition" was not yet.

The large number of returning raftsmen, who were usually waiting at Springhill for a passage up the river, served to stimulate the rival steamboats in a desperate endeavor to reach the place first. They were not allowed to cast off their lines till the Cathedral clock struck 6 a.m.

One morning in the early days of June, 1850, three rival boats lay at their several wharves ready to start for Woodstock and with full heads of steam on. Two of these the James D. Pierce and the Ben Beveridge, were at the middle landing, and the other, the Reindeer, at the lower landing. The boats cast off their lines at the same moment, and as a large number of raftsmen were to embark at Springhill there was every prospect of a very exciting race. At Government House Point the Reindeer was passing the Ben Beveridge, both at full speed, when the boiler of the latter boat exploded. The Beveridge was torn to the water's edge and the fireman killed outright. Many of the passengers were thrown violently into the water. The passengers of the Reindeer, who were gathered at the rail watching the race with keenest interest, were, of course, badly frightened.

ened but escaped injury. of her rival at 1.30, returning to Fredericton the same afternoon, accomplishing the round trip inside of twelve hours, a feat that will probably never again be equalled. The Tobique also made the round trip in one day, returning the same afternoon (an hour or two later) to Fredericton.

The (then) novel idea of a combined high-and-low pressure engine introduced by Benjamin F. Tibbitts on the Reindeer has since been adopted by all the great steamship engine builders of the world, and has recently been applied to heavy freight locomotives. Like most inventors, Benjamin Tibbitts profited little by the success of the idea of which he was the originator.

The engines on the Reindeer were until a few years ago, still in use in the tug-boat Admiral and are perhaps still in existence.

I have pleasant boyish recollections of the days when they propelled me in various journeys up and down my native river, on the banks of which I was born in 1853.

The most prosperous days for steamboats on the St. John were those when the lumber trade was at its best.

The spring-time, sixty or seventy years ago, as many as fifty to 100 rafts of timber or logs might be counted descending the river in a day. When the water was high and the days long, a raft was commonly run by an experienced hand from the Tobique to Springhill (a little above Fredericton), "between daylight and dark." The experienced raftsmen always preferred a raft of black birch timber. To us boys its appearance was unobtrusive as contrasted with the fine buoys; pine raft, which stood well out of the water while the heavy black birch seemed almost water-logged and was scarcely sufficiently above the surface of the water to ensure dry feet. An old raftman let us into the secret by informing me that the birch raft, being much heavier than the pine, would run down to Springhill in perhaps a couple of hours less time than the pine raft for the same reason that a heavy loaded car will run down a grade faster than a light one.

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MISSION BAND ENTERTAINED

The Mission Band of the N. B. church was very pleasantly entertained on Saturday afternoon from 5 to 6 o'clock at the home of their leader, Mr. Basil Sealey, Capes were indulged in after which the meeting was called to order and new officers

were appointed for the coming year. At the close life certificates were presented to Pauline Price, Agnes Waters, Pearl Saunders and Faye Sealey. Afterwards refreshments were served. Mrs. Sealey was assisted by Miss Alvarotta, Estabrooks, assistant leader and Mrs. H. A. Sipprell, Mrs. A. Baker and Mrs. H. D. Kowick.