

### BAPTIST UNION EFFECTED.

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It now becomes my duty as president of the Free Baptist conference of New Brunswick, on behalf of the conference, to declare the union of the Baptists of the maritime provinces and the Free Baptists of New Brunswick as now consummated, and may God bless the union.

Thus solemnly did Rev. George R. White and Dr. Joseph McLeod on behalf of these two large denominations declare their union, as with upraised hand they advanced to the pulpit and made formal announcement of the consummation of a work that for the past 21 years has occupied the minds and hearts of men representing a body of many thousands of Christian worshippers.

A deep and devout amen sounded out from the immense congregation gathered to witness this momentous act, and in that moment of time there passed out of the existence the Free Baptist Church of the maritime provinces, and as the words of the hymn, "Bless Be the Tie that Binds" rolled in increasing and ever increasing strength and volume to the top-most arch of the church to those gathered there, no longer as Baptists and Free Baptists, but as one body united in brotherhood, and in name, there came a new depth of meaning in the grand old hymn, penetrated to their hearts, and its full significance wrapped all in its common embrace, for hand in hand ministers and laity, no longer divided by doctrinal differences, felt the all pervading spirit unite them in very truth.

Main street Baptist church, St. John, has been thronged on previous occasions, but no such crowd ever gathered there as Tuesday night packed the spacious edifice to the doors to witness this momentous occasion.

At seven o'clock, when the doors were opened, the throng outside extended across sidewalk and street, and before the hour of opening had approached, every seat, every foot of standing room had been occupied, and the rows of spectators at this final act of the union extended back from the doors to the steps of the church. The doors at the rear of the church into the anteroom had been thrown open, and this additional space was fully occupied.

On the platform one looked upon the sea of faces which extended from the pulpit steps to the four walls of the building. Not a seat could be seen, so dense was the mass, and the position of the aisles was marked solely by a higher wall of faces. All ages were represented in the vast audience, and while members of other denominations were present, the great majority were naturally of the Baptist or Free Baptist persuasion.

The pulpit was decorated with flowers and plants. Seated on the platform were Moderator Dr. Joseph McLeod, Rev. Geo. R. White, Rev. A. B. McDonald, Rev. H. DeWolfe, Rev. W. F. Noble, Rev. D. Hutchinson, Dr. McIntyre, and many others. At the pulpit were the ministers and delegates of the two denominations.

The service was opened by all standing and singing the hymn, How Firm a Foundation. Rev. Dr. Noble read a portion of scripture, Rev. A. B. McDonald led in prayer. Then followed a solo by Mrs. R. T. Worden.

Dr. Gates, on behalf of the committee appointed by the Baptist conference, and Dr. McLeod, representing the Free Baptists, read historical sketches of the movement towards union, each from the standpoint of his own denomination.

As the dramatic moment drew near interest intensified. As this first and fitting step towards the declaration of the union of the two oldest clod-

men of each denomination were asked to lead in prayer. Rev. Joseph Noble of the Free Baptist church as the moderator said, was one of those who had passed his 90th year. As a youth of 17 he had seen the organization of the Free Baptist conference of New Brunswick in October, 1832. Three years later he became a preacher of the gospel, and for 70 years he had been a faithful minister of the Lord.

Rev. J. H. Hughes has for fifty-six years ministered to Baptist congregations with equal faithfulness and fidelity. It was fitting that two such men should implore the divine blessing on the union. Loyal to the peculiar tenets of each belief they would not yield obedience to any heavenly light if they did not rejoice that their brethren had come together to work in union in the Master's vineyard.

Rev. Mr. Noble, white haired, aged and tottering, was then led gently to the pulpit, where, in a voice at first low and quavering, he gave thanks for the consummation of the object dear to him and to his people. Gradually his voice gained power, and soon rang clearly out over the hushed throng. The delegates had risen in response to the wand of the moderator and were standing hand in hand before the pulpit listening to the earnest words of their reverend brother.

"We come now,"—the words growing clearer and more distinct—"with grateful hearts to offer praise and thanksgiving to Thee, O Lord, for this great work. We thank Thee that Thou hast brought Thy people to such an understanding that they have united to promote Thy kingdom. In other times we attempted this great work, but now we come to offer Thee the service of united and willing hearts."

Responsive amens were heard from the congregation as the prayer reached this point. The minister continued acknowledging services in the past, but looking hopefully to the future, conscious that the churches had been carrying on a great work which had finally culminated in the union. God was with them, and the Divine blessing would follow their work. United in heart and voice they asked God's blessing on their efforts that this service may result in everlasting good, and that finally all may be brought to honor Him in His everlasting kingdom.

Rev. Mr. Hughes as the oldest representative of the Baptist Church, spoke with much earnestness and feeling. He could not find words to express the deep joy which the final consummation of the union had aroused in all hearts. The event so long prayed for, has come to pass, and they come before God with united hearts, and thank Him for His kingdom in this world. Our fathers have helped in this work and their prayers have been answered, though we have entered into their labors, the speaker prayed for guidance to the end, and asked for another lease of years to see the work go on that a few years more may be permitted that we may rejoice in this movement, which is going forward to embrace the whole family of mankind.

When the prayer was concluded the presidents of the conferences made the formal declaration of union before the delegates, who had remained standing with clasped hands. The organ pealed forth and the hymn of union was sung with a fervor which has never been surpassed in the history of the Main street church. Speeches upon the union were made by Dr. McIntyre, H. De Wolfe of the Wolfville Seminary, Rev. David Long, Rev. C. T. Phillips and others. The benediction was given and marked the close of the last service to be participated in by Baptists and Free Baptists of New Brunswick.

### PRESBYTERIAN WOMEN IN SESSION.

The W. F. M. S. of the Presbyterian church held a meeting yesterday morning in St. Andrew's church, St. John. Nearly two hundred delegates were present representing all parts of the maritime provinces. The meeting was called to order by the president, Mrs. Baxter.

Mrs. McLeod of Sydney opened the meeting with prayer and was followed by Mrs. A. A. Graham with the reading of scripture. Election of standing committees was then proceeded with.

An address of welcome was given by Mrs. E. A. Smith, and Mrs. McNabb replied suitably on behalf of the delegates.

The reports from the ten different presbyteries in the provinces, seven in Nova Scotia, two in New Brunswick and one in Prince Edward Island, were then read by their respective representatives, and were very satisfactory. It was moved and seconded and carried that these reports be accepted.

Mrs. McNabb of Halifax, the corresponding secretary of the eastern section, then presented her report, giving a detailed account of the work throughout the provinces, and showing a very gratifying increase in the interest in foreign missions and the progress of the work during the year. The report was adopted. The meeting then adjourned until 2.30 yesterday afternoon.

In the afternoon the president of the conference read her address, which was full of encouragement and inspiration.

Greetings from the other churches were then conveyed to the delegates. Mrs. Davidson spoke for the Anglican church and Mrs. Manning for the Baptist. Mrs. Pritchard for the Congregational and Mrs. Howard for the Methodist. Mrs. Dearborn conveyed the greetings of the W. C. T. U. of the city.

Miss Mair, the newly appointed

missionary to Korea, spoke briefly, thanking the ladies for the honor bestowed upon her in her appointment. The recording secretary's report was next presented, reading in part as follows:

The report of the home work of the W. F. M. S. (E. S.) for the year 1905 is very satisfactory, a season of good faithful work being reported. The number of auxiliaries on the roll is 306 and the membership as reported stands at 7,525, but if the auxiliaries had all reported the number would probably be over 8,000. The gain in new auxiliaries has been small, but there are not many congregations now in our eastern section without an auxiliary, so that we cannot expect to have many new societies each year. The gain in new members is very pleasing, there being 602, and there are 46 new life members. We have also 787 scattered helpers and have sent out 119 boxes of mission goods to the different stations in the mission fields. The circulation of the Message, the organ of the society, has increased largely and given good satisfaction. One very pleasing feature of the year's work was a partial visitation of the different presbyteries by Miss McCully, Korean missionary home on furlough. Her addresses were most interesting and have served to arouse interest in the field where she works among the members. She returns to Korea in November accompanied by Miss Catherine Mair of Campbellton, who goes out as a worker there, being sent by St. James' church, New Glasgow.

The report of publication was next presented, followed by the treasurer's report, which showed the following receipts for the year:

Balance from 1904	\$412 28
Collection at North Sydney	33 76
Interest	236 49
Expenses	17,698 09
Balance	\$446.04

Presbyterials:	
Pictou	\$3,319 76
Truro	2,175 55
Halifax	2,064 67
St. John	1,775 02
Wallace	1,707 96
Miramichi	1,483 10
P. E. Island	1,393 00
Sydney	1,265 26
Inverness	1,123 17
Lunenburg and Yarmouth	669 88
Belledune Auxiliary	8 30
Interest	\$17,015 56
	236 49
	\$17,698 09
Expenses	17,698 09
	450 56
Balance	\$17,247 53

A discussion followed in regard to the motion of Mrs. R. P. Frasier of Pictou at the last annual meeting, concerning the question of sending delegates to the annual meetings. After a lengthy discussion participated in by a large number of ladies, it was decided by a majority vote that the treasurers be included as delegates. Rev. H. H. Miller, of Lunenburg, moderator of the Maritime Synod, was first introduced to the audience. In opening his address, Mr. Miller announced that the total force of the W. M. S. of the Presbyterian church of the maritime provinces was now about eight thousand. During the last year it had added 122 members and 46 new life members. He pointed out what a mighty force this was for good. He reminded them that the Presbyterian church of the maritime provinces now had a membership of 42,000 and about 25,000 of these were women. Hence there were still many to be enrolled in the ranks of the church. He announced that the society last year was \$17,698.

### MISSIONARY WORK.

The speaker then referred to the different foreign fields in which the church was now doing missionary work, and the work being done in each. He spoke chiefly of the work in New Hebrides and Trinidad. In Trinidad the church had now six missionaries. There are 100,000 natives in that land. The church had four large congregations there. There was last year an increase of 136 in church membership. Owing to the work which had finally culminated in this field the society had undertaken to train up a force of native ministers. To give the audience an idea of the greatness of the work being done by the missionary society in Trinidad, he pointed out that the schools of that island under their control now enrolled 12,000 students in the Victoria School in St. John.

The next speaker was Miss McCully, returned missionary from Korea. She took up the needs of the work in Korea. She reminded them that their missionaries did not only require enough to live on, but they must have a home to live in. This was what many of them did not have. Mr. Robb, the missionary from St. John, was at present living in a mud hut that was nearly healthy not comfortable. She pointed out that the average contribution to the foreign missions from the ladies of the society was only \$2126. This was a very small sum.

Miss McCully next emphasized the need of more workers in Korea. In the northern part of Korea there were perhaps million people who had never had a single opportunity of accepting or rejecting the gospel message. The last speaker of the evening was Rev. Mr. Forbes, who recently returned from Demerara. He pointed out on a map prepared for the purpose the section in which he had labored, and gave them something of the history of the country. The people in Demerara were settled chiefly along the coast. There were now over 125,000 East Indians settled there who had been brought out some years ago to work on the sugar plantation. These people were largely Hindus. From nearly times these people had been seeking for the light, as might be seen in their literature, but they never found it. The Christian religion was what their souls lacked.

The speaker told how the churches and schools were conducted in these sections. On one Sabbath day, Mr. Forbes said, he held as many as seven services. Speaking of the Hindu children, he said that they were very bright and learned with little difficulty.

In closing, Mr. Forbes urged that the agents sent out to the foreign fields be better looked after in future.

### NEW TRIAL FOR COLE.

Maine's State Prosecuting Attorneys Will Make Another Attempt to Convict Albert Man of Murder.

Portland, Me., Oct. 11.—Edward F. Cole, the Albert County man, took up stand trial on the charge of murdering his friend, John F. Steeves of Hillsboro, N. B. When the jury brought in the word of their disagreement, it was the general opinion that the state would not press the charge, and let the prisoner go free, but County Attorney Eaton today announced that this would not be done, and that the case would be brought to trial in the January term of the superior court, the first available date.

The jury stood six to six when it reported at the beginning of its deliberations it was inclined to convict, the first ballot standing eight to four against the prisoner, but further consideration of the prisoner's alibi brought two members over to his side.

Cole is rather despondent over the outcome. His first feeling, when he was told of the disagreement, seemed to be relief, but it quickly gave way to depression, and he is again facing the prospect of three months' further confinement before he can hope for freedom. He says little about the case, but his counsel Scott Wilson,

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says that he was as firmly convinced of his client's innocence as before the trial, and still hoped to clear him.

There is one witness whom neither side summoned at the trial just closed, and whose testimony may have an important bearing on the final verdict. This is a man at a coal plant here, whom Cole says he went to see on the morning of April 12 to secure employment. He was interviewed by the state, it is said, but his evidence was not likely to be beneficial to its case. The defence may produce him in January, and his testimony may decide the alibi.

### WOODEN LEG HOLD-UP.

Hartford Conductor Finds His Crimpled Passenger Lively.

Hartford, Ct., Oct. 11.—Henry De Farge of Springfield, who works in this city, was locked up at police headquarters late Saturday night for holding up the trolley traffic and attacking a trolley conductor with his wooden leg for a club.

DeFarge was on a car bound for Rainbow, and after taking a seat in the car, began smoking. Conductor Barney Daley told him that he was out of order, but DeFarge persisted in smoking. The car reached Suffolk Street and Daley stepped up and pulled the cigar from DeFarge's mouth. As he did so DeFarge struck him a vicious blow in the stomach, which knocked him half across the car. Daley came back at his foe, and here DeFarge surprised all the spectators by reaching down and detaching a wooden leg, which he swung about him like a woodsman.

When locked up at the police station he said that many times a wooden leg was a handicap, but that when it came to a fight a false limb was the handiest thing in the world.

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