F. B. CONFERENCE.

A Ringing Deliverance on the Prohibition Question.

Will Meet Next Year With the Church at Waterville. Carleton County.

Reports on Foreign and Home Mis sions, Education and Proper Obser vance of the Sabbath - Session of the Women's Missionary Society.

HAMPSTEAD, Queens Co., Oct. 6 .-The first session of the 68th annual conference of the Free Baptists of New Brunswick opened here this afternoon. There was a large attendance, though the weather was rainy and chill.

The moderator, Rev. G. A. Hartley of St. John west, was in the chair. Among others present were D. McLead a renwick, T. S. Vanwart, C. B. Lewis, Vince, secretary; Rev. W. H. Perry, H. A. Bonnell, B. H. Nobles, A. H. assistant moderator; Rev. Jos. Mc- McLeod and S. J. Perry. Leod, corresponding secretary; Revs. Joseph Noble, John Perry J. T. Parsons, J. N. Barnes, G. S. Vanwart, T. O. De Witt, C. G. Phillips, G. W. Carpenter, John Henderson, J. Wesley Clark, Henry Hartt, J. J. Barnes, John H. Erb, O. N. Mott, G. W. Foster, G. F. Currie, B. H. Nobles, Gideon Swim, C. B. Lewis, F. Clark Hartley, B. A., H. Allen Bonnell, David Long, Lemuel A. Cosman, Abram Perry, S. J. Perry, J. B. Daggett, D. Patterson, F. F. Francis, L. A. Fenwick, A. B., A. J. Prosser, A. D. Paul and Licentiates J. H. Puddington, M. Lodge Gregg, E. H. Cochrane, H. H. Ferguson. J. C. Wilson. The representatives of district meet-

ings are: 1st district-F. C. Bloodsworth, Jos.

2nd district-C. A. White, J. A. Shea, S. Crandlmer. 3rd district-Richard Jones, Jared

Smith, Wm. Collins, 4th district-L. T. Alexander, D. S. Duplissea. 5th district-C. J. Worden, Wilford

Vanwart. 6th district-W. H. Heine, C. W. Weyman, A. H. Steeves, Nelson Eveleigh, T. B. Basset, John Branscombe. 7th district-Wm. Peters, W. S. Cody, Jacob Morrell, J. R. Webb.

Treasurer Jas. Patterson, treasurer foreign mission executive, E. W. Slipp; also of the board of managers, B. S. Palmer, W. H. Heine, E. J. Clarke, A. C. Smith and J. E. Good.

The delegate from the Free Baptist general conference of Nova Scotia, is Rev. E. Crowell. CORRESPONDING SECRETARY'S

REPORT. After exercises McLeod, D. D., corresponding secre-

the following is a summary: 107 churches reported this year, 11 less than last. They were, in 1st district. 6: 2nd. 21: 3rd, 13: 4th, 16; 5th, 16; 6th, 23; 7th, 12. There should be from this year. A score of them have been silent for several years. The reported churches have a membership of 8,539 Estimating the others on the basis of last year, the total membership of the churches at this date is 12.352. Thirty-one churches report aggregate additions of 271; 31 churches report aggregate losses of 137. The rest say nothing about any changes in membership. All the districts but two had net gains. The 1st district had

no change. The 4th district had a net loss of five members. Number of baptisms, 196; or 41 less than last year. The net gain for the year is 134, the same as last year. During the year two ministers died, Rev. E. B. Gray and Rev. Thos. Connor. One, S. J. Case, was ordained at St. John west June 27th last. Revs. J. H. Erb, C. F. Rideout, W. R. Reud, W. C. Kierstead, E. S. Parker and S. J. Case are out of the province for different causes. The number of or-Of dained ministers is forty-three.

work. Six pastors have one church each; three have three churches each; seven have four churches each; six have five churches each; four have six churches

each; one has seven churches. The total contributions for all pur-

poses as reported by the 197 reporting, was as follows:	church	e
Salaries	\$13,429	3
Church current expenses	. 2,869	7
Buildings		2
Home missions		1
Foreign missions	443	20
Conference fund	475	06
Min. students' fund	152	3
Aged and sick min. fund	34	25
Wom. Miss. societies	987	0
Other funds	1,021	91
	000 045	-

Total.... \$23,815 39 A new parsonage has been completed at Hartland, and a site for a parsonage has been secured at Fredericton Junction. Several church buildings have been improved and church debts have been reduced. The ex penditure for these purposes was \$4, 157.28, and the value of church property reported is \$155,625.

the need of a great spiritual revival, Knollin, J. C. Wilson, M. L. Gregg suggesting to this end the appointment of a special season of humilia tion and prayer.

The report was adopted on motion of Rev. J. B. Dagget, seconded by Rev. C. T. Phillips, and supported by Revs. T. O. De Witt, D. Long, John Perry and Col. Vince and E. W. Slipp.

GREETINGS FROM NOVA SCOTIA Rev. Edwin Crovell, delegate from the N. S. Free Baptist conference, was then introduced. He extended greetings and gave an interesting account of the doings of the conference which he represented.

It was resolved on motion by Rev. Jos. McLeod. D. D., seconded by Rev. Mr. Henderson, that "We appreciate

Rev. F. C. Hartley reported from his visit as delegate from this conference to the Nova Scotia conference that he had been cordially received and that Rev. E. Crowell had been appointed delegate to this conference. The moderator, Rev. G. A. Hartley, D. D. appointed the following as a committee on nominations: Revs. J. W. Clarke, Rev. S. J. Perry, Rev. F. C.

Hartley, B. A., and T. L. Alexander, G. J. Worden, Wm. Peters. EVENING SESSION Conference reassembled at 7.30 p. m.

mittee on nominations reported, aming the following partial list of On absent brethren: Revs. Gideon

Swim, Henry Hartt and D. A. Duplisworth, Wilford Vanwart and William Peters. sea, James W. Smith, F. C. Bloods-

On collections: Rev. John Hender son and G. J. Worden, and T. L. Alex-

ased brethren: Revs. C. T. Phillips, John Perry, Jos. Nobles, T. 8. Vanwart and Chas. White. On appeals: Revs. W. H. Perry, L. A. Cosman, J. W. Barnes, J. Bolton

Daggett, and Jos. E. Good. On correspondence: Revs. J. J. Barnes, Abram Perry, J. T. Parsons, and Joseph Watters and J. V. Morrell. On district meetings: Revs. L. A.

SABBATH SCHOOL REPORT. Rev. F. G. Francis for J. E. Mc-Cready, corresponding secretary for schools, submitted a Sabbath report on Sabbath schools, a summary of which is as follows: There have reported 88 schools, with 5,483 foreign missions, reported: scholars and 3,676 teachers. Of these schools 63 are open all the year, while 25 are only open in the summer. In school property and libraries they are possessed to the amount of \$10,379. They have received in cash during the year \$2,161.46. There have been converted during the year from the

schools 129 scholars. There is an increase over last year of 10 schools, nearly 1,000 scholars and 60 teachers. There were still, however, over 30 schools yet unreported. There is an increase of 8 evergreen schools; also of \$600 in money raised and \$500 increase in value of school property. The number of conversions are also in excess of last year. In view of which facts the secretary

is much encouraged and urges more work in this part of God's vineyard. The report was adopted on motion of Rev. Gideon Swim, seconded by T. B. Bassett, and supported by Colonel Alexander, Rev. David Patterson and the moderator, Rev. Dr. Hartley.

On motion of Rev. J. B. Daggett, seconded by Rev. W. H. Perny, a committee composed of Revs. Jos. McLeod, David Patterson and T. B. Bassett was appointed to draft forms for conference and other reports.

On motion of D. McLeod Vince, se conded by Rev. T. O. DeWitt, a comcommittee composed of Revs. J. B Daggett, F. C. Hartley, W. H. Perry, Gideon Swim, L. A. Fenwick, David Long and Col. Alexander, was appoint- | Friday in September. ed to prepare a mailing list for the sending out of minutes of conference. tary, submitted his report, of which SABBATH SERVICES.

The Sabbath services were: Social service, 9.00 a. m. Annual sermon, 10.30 a. m. by Rev. D. Long. Sermon 3.30 p. m., by Rev. E. Crowell (dele-156 churches, but 49 were not heard gate N. S. conference). Sermon, 7.30 p. m., by Rev. F. C Hartley, B. A.

MONDAY'S BUSINESS. HAMPSTEAD, Oct. 8, 9.30 a. .- Rev. W. H. Perry, pastor of church at Hampstead, was chosen moderator of the F. B. general conference of N. B. for the ensuing year, and Rev. F. G. Francis, pastor of church at Norton, assistant moderator. Resolved, that the next session of this conference be held with the Free

ton Co.

SECOND DAY. HAMPSTEAD, Queens Co., Sept. 8. -Conference re-assembled this morning at 9 a. m., the moderator, Rev. G.

Baptist church at Waterville, Carle-

A. Hartley, D. D., in the chair, After opening exercises the Rev. W. H. Perry, pastor at Hampstead, was moderator for the ensuing year, and Rev. F. G. Francis, pastor of the church at Norton, assistant moderator. Rev. G. A. Hartley, D. D., retired from the chair and the Rev. these 28 have been doing pastoral W. H. Perry was installed.

It was moved by Rev. L. A. Fenwick, seconded by Col. Alexander, that: "The superintendent of each Free Baptist Sunday school who is a member of the denomination shall be a member of this conference."-Motion lost.

It was resolved that the next annual session of conference be held with the Free Baptist church at Waterville, Carleton Co.

A motion by Rev. Dr. McLeod, D. D., seconded by Rev. S. J. Perry, "that the date of holding the annual general conference be changed from October to the last Saturday in June,"

was lost. Resolved that the Rev. Mr. Deval (Baptist) of Kars. Kings Co., N. B., and Rev. A. W. Currie of Nova Scotia, who were present, be invited to

seats in the conference. Rev. J. B. Daggett, from the committee on education, reported that there are in schools and colleges the following twelve ministers and licentiates of this conference: Revs. W. C. Kierstead, M. A., E. S. Parker, A. D. Paul, and licentiates A. E.Saunders, G. D. Millbury, W. E. Kirkpatrick, In summing up the secretary urged Frank Dunfield, A. A. Rideout, F. and H. M. Manzer, acquiring an advance in education and theology; and, to carry out the expressed desire of conference for an educated ministry, the committee urged the necessity of

> aid fund. A strong discussion took place with regard to places of acquiring, means of acquiring, and the quality and quantity of this education and was taken part in by Revs. C. T. Phillips, Jos. McLeod, D. D., G. A. Hartley, D. D. J. B. Dazgett and Edwin crowell.

more generous contributions to the

AFTERNOON SESSION. Conference re-assembled at 2 p. m. Rev. J. T. Parsons, from committee

"to prepare a course of study for min-

vite Bro. Crowell to a seat in the not completed their work and asked eave to sit another year, which was granted.

well known fact that this conference has been pronounced is and on the proper observance of the Christian Sabbath. But we deeply rebeen said and done in the past, men go on violating God's holy day. Your committee would recommend that magistrates and good citizens do use their influence in putting away this growing evil." After strong supporting speeches

had been given by Revs. J. T. Parsons, G. A. Hartley and D. McLeod Vince, and Charles White, the report was adopted. A letter of dismission of Rev. F. S. Hartley, B. A., from the Nova Scotla conference and recommending him to this conference, was read and resolved that he be admitted as a mem-

ber of this conference. Rev. Gideon Swim reported from committee on absent brethren that nine ministers are absent from conference this year: Revs. J. S. Jones, C. F. Rideout, Irwin Harvey, W. R. Reud, E. S. Parker, W. C. Klerstead, S. J. Case, Wm. DeWare and J. W. Robertson; Revs. J. S. Jones and C. F. Rideout on account of old age; Rev. Wm. DeWare on account of sic ness; Rev. J. W. Robertson sent no excuse; Rev. Irwin Harvey is sick; Rev. E. S. Parker and W. C. Kierstead are attending schools outside of the province; Rev. S. J. Case is teaching in

New Hampshire.

EVENING SESSION. Conference re-assembled at 7.30 p m., Moderator Rev. W. H. Perry pre siding. E. W. Slipp, Esq.,

Cash on hand from last year.. \$504 0 Received during the year..... 323 01

Paid to Dr. Gwin, F. B. Miss. Paid Rev. C. T. Phillips, to at-\$35 00 tend Ecuminical conference..

Balance on hand. \$292 01 The treasurer Home Mission executive, Rev. J. W. Clarke, reported: 31 56

Rev. L. A. Fenwick, from committee on district meetings, reported that:-1st-District meeting will be held with the church at Arthurette, Victoria Co., on the fourth Friday in June, 1901. Ministers to attend, Revs. C. T. Phillips, F. C. Hartley, H. Hart. H. A. Bonnell and S. J. Perry.

2nd-District meeting at a place to be appointed by the executive of the district on the third Friday in June, 1901.

3rd-District meeting with the church at Prince William, York Co., on the third Friday in September, Rev. F. C. Hartley to preach the annual sermon. 4th-District meeting with the church at Lincoln, Sunbury Co., on the second

5th—District meeting with the church at Lower Wickham, Queens Co., on the first Friday in July; to attend, Rev. C. B. Lewis.

6th-District meeting with the church at Coverdale, Albert Co., on the second Friday in July. Annual sermon By Rev. B. N. Nobles; to attend, Rev. A. J. Prosser.

7th-District meeting with the church at Wilsons Beach, Charlotte Co., at a time to be decided on by that church. To attend, Revs. B. N. Nobles and L. A. Fenwick.

It was also recommended that Revs Jas. Noble and Jas, McLeod, D. D., attend all district meetings if possible. Rev. C. T. Phillips, secretary foreign missions reported that: It was a subject for regret that we as a church had done so little for foreign missions. For it was sure that no church could prosper that refused to obey the command to "go out and preach the gospel to all people." He believed we were willing to do more and said that, if two or more men were to come forward and offer to go forth as missionaries, there would be money forthcoming to send them. There was not a home in the country that would refuse to send forth "Soldiers of the Queen." Was there none to send forth soldiers for the King of Heaven? The sum of \$500 was voted to missions last year and

F. B. foreign missions. Resolved, That the report be adopted on motion of Rev. Jos. McLeod, D. D., seconded by Rev. A. J. Prosser, and supported by Rev. David Long.

handed to Rev. Mr. Gwin, treasurer of

Rev. L. A. Fenwick, secretary home missions, reported the executive had held four meetings during the year. at Fredericton, Woodstock, St. John and Hampstead. They had engaged Rev. Gideon Swim as home missionary for four months and had disbursed the limited means at their disposal to the best advantage. They had also sent Rev. T. S. Vanwart and others to the Tobique circuit to supply, and had striven to supply all vacant pulpits. and had succeeded fairly well, especially vacation season, when the licentiates were distributed among the various fields and aided by small grants.

Resolved the report be adopted on motion of Rev. J. W. Clarke, seconded by Rev. T. S. Vanwart and supported by Revs. G. A. Hartley, D. D., J. B. Daggett, D. Long, C. T. Phillips and

T. O. DeWitt. D. McLeod Vince, from executive of conference, reported that according to power granted by conference last year they had ordained on June 23rd S. J Case at the St. John west F. B. church.

THE REPORT ON TEMPERANCE. HAMPSTEAD, Queens Co., Oct. 9 .-Rev. Dr. McLeod, chairman of the temperance committee, submitted the following report:

"By their church covenant Free Baptists are pledged against the use and the traffic in intoxicating liquors. By repeated resolution of conference they are unequivocally committed to the strongest opposition to the liquor traffic and to the supporting all movements and measures for the prohibition of the traffic. We now reaffirm, if possible, with increased emphasis, the frequently stated antagonism of

the greetings of our brethren and in- isterial students," reported they had this body of Christian people to the prohibition, and urge that more iniquitous traffic, and repeat the declar-perance sermons should be preached ation that it is the duty and should be and that more attention should be the purpose of every church and every Rev. J. N. Barnes, from committee individual member of the denomination on Sabbath, reported that: "It is a to increasingly oppose and strive to demn the action of the dominion govoverthrow the gigantic crime of ernment and parliament in refusing crimes.' Last year the conference put to take action according to the wish itself on record in disapproval of the of the people as expressed in the action of the government of Canada plebiscite, and recommend the apgret that notwithstanding all that has in disregarding the mandate of the pointment of two delegates to the Proelectorate in the prohibition plebiscite. hibition association, and strongly urge The action of parliament at its last upon all Free Baptists to do all in session, in declaring that a prohibitory law should not now be enacted, merits evil in our land. the strong condemnation of Christian voters; and this conference hereby condemns such action as a misrepre-sentation of the will of the electorate. It is useless to deny that in the action of the government and parliament, the prohibition movement has received a severe blow. Not a few temperance people have been much depressed. The liquor traffic men have been correspondingly elated. But none who have at heart the deliverance of this country from the great curse of the legalized drink traffic must allow themselves to be turned aside from the work. If out of the reverses they have be urged to preach against it; and all suffered, prohibitionists learn to be united, they may be nearer an important victory than they think. We are at a time when prohibitionists should make this the first question in determining their political action. We approve of the platform of the Maritime Prohibition Association, which aims to have prohibitionists elected in every constituency, and which seeks to do this by working in the party caucuses for the nomination of suitable candidates, and we suggest the appointment of two delegates to attend the next meeting of the association. We endorse the statement of the Dominion Alliance that as 'the government and parliament have united to; sustain the liquor traffic, in defiance of the people's wishes, and in violation of what the public has accepted as an agreement that the traffic would be outlawed.' It is the duty of Christian electors 'to unite in an effort to make such changes in their representation in the house of commons as will ensure the embodiment in law of the prohibition which has been endorsed at the

polls. "The prohibition question is of more importance than any of the other poltical issues of the day, and patriotic citizens should earnestly work together, regardless of mere partizan considerations, to secure the election of those who will stand by the right and by the people, and to defeat those who have treated this great movement with and support such parliamentary candidates as they can trust to further to be equally united to support only \$40.89. such candidates as represent their views and purposes concerning the minutes of conference be printed. liquor traffic-its utter destruction When they are so united their wishes will be respected, and righteous laws McLeod, that concerning the liquor traffic will take work in our churches, and that at least to correct this evil and bring the betone Sunday in the year be observed es- ter observance of the Sababth laws of pecially as Temperance Sunday. That the country; our Sabbath schools more carefully teach temperance truth and that pledge signing by the children be faithfully attended to; and that we all more than means in our power to bring about speedily the delegalization of the traf- right to its full enjoyments." fic which more than anything else is the determined enemy of the homes of

the country." After strong supporting speeches were made by Revs. J. H. Erb, C. T. Phillips, Dr. Hartley, D. Long, G. W. Foster, M. L. Gregg, D. Patterson, and D. McL. Vince and L. Slipp, the report was unanimously adopted.

WOMEN'S MISSIONARY SOCIETY. The Free Baptist Women's Missionary Society in connection with this conference met in its 24th annual session at 3 p. m., in the Free Baptist church here, President Mrs. J. S.

Smith of St. John in the chair. Besides the president there were in attendance the following officers: Vice-presidents Mrs. H. Hartt, Mrs. McKinnon, Miss Augusta Slipp, Mrs. C. W. Weyman, Mrs. A. C. Smith, Mrs. J. W. Clarke, assistant recording secretary; Mrs. D. McL. Vince, treasurer: Mrs. M. Fenwick, auditor; board of managers, Mrs. D. Long, Miss Jane Weyman, Mrs. J. J. Barnes, Mrs.

J. N. Barnes. The order of proceedings was: Readng of Scripture, Mrs. A. E. Slipp; rayer by Mrs. C. T. Phillips; opening ddress by the president, Mrs. J. S. mith, who said there had been an advance all along the line in their work during the year, not only in finances but also one young lady from our midst has volunteered to go to India as a missionary.

Miss Augusta Slipp gave the address of welcome from the Hampstead society. This was fittingly responded to by Mrs. J. W. Clarke of Woodstock. Mrs. C. W. Weyman, the corresponding secretary, gave a verbal report, telling of the work of the society's missionary, Miss Gaunce, who is in Bolasore, India, where she is making very encouraging progress in her work, having been advanced from being assistant teacher to being given charge over an important orphanage and school, besides some outlying stations The home secretary, Mrs. G. A. Hartley of Carleton, reported the receipt of \$1,143.52 for the year, an increase of

\$130. The treasurer, Mrs. D. McL. Vince of Woodstock reported:

Balance on hand, per auditor's report \$1,018 53 Raised during year 1,049 52 Interest \$2,088 33 Expended 931 2 Total on hand\$1,157 10

THIRD DAY.

HAMPSTEAD, Queens Co., Oct. 9 .-Conference reassembled at 9 a. m., moderator, Rev. W. H. Perry, in the chair.

Rev. Jos. McLeod, D. D., from committee on temperance, reported that we reiterate the oft repeated sentiments of conference, that we are utterly hostile to the liquor traffic in any form and aim at its total prohibition, to which end we should support only those candidates who are pledged to

paid to teaching temperance in the Sabbath school. And we again contheir power to destroy this greatest

Unanimously carried after many strong supporting speeches Rev. B. H. Nobles, treasurer of the ministerial students' fund, reported that there was a balance on hand of

Rev. Dr. McLeod and W. H. Heine were appointed delegates to the Prohibition association.

On motion of Rev. C. T. Phillips. seconded by Rev. Dr. McLeod, it was resolved that this conference wishes to put stself on record as strongly against bribery and corruption in elections, and that all our ministers members of the denomination should by words and acts show their abhorrence of this great evil which threaten the destruction of our free institutions and great injury to our moral and religious life.

Rev. J. W. Clarke, from the commit tee on nominations, submitted the following committees: On literature-Revs. D. Long, A. D.

Paul, G. W. Foster, T. O. DeWitt. Ex. home missions-Cor. sec., Rev A. L. Fenwick; treas., Rev. J. W. Clarke: J. B. Daggett, F. C. Hartley. B. H. Nobles, D. Long and F. C. Bloodworth

Ex. com. foreign missions-Rev. C

T. Phillips, sec.: E. W. Slipp, treasur Secretary executive of Sunday schools, J. E. McCready. Board of managers-Rev. Dr. Hart-

ley and B. S. Palmer, D. Gosline, E. J Clarke, J. E. Good, A. C. Smith. Committee on temperance—Revs. J. W. Clarke, L. A. Cosman, G. W. Carpenter, J. D. Harvey and T. B. Bas-

Rev. J. W. Clarke was appointed delegate to N. S. F. B. conference; Rev. A. Perry, substitute. The corresponding secretary, Rev.

Dr. McLeod, was instructed to prepare a list of ministers of conference and present the same to the provincial secretary of New Brunswick, according to recent act of assembly, in orso much hostility and contempt. The der that they may be registered and men of the liquor traffic are united rendered eligible to solemnize marri-

Col. Alexander, from the committee their interests. Christian citizens need on collections, reported receipts of It was ordered that 3,500 copies of

Resolved unanimously, on motion of Rev. D. Long, seconded by Rev. Dr. "Whereas, there is a growing tendthe place of the present wicked laws. ency to use the Lord's Day as a day We recommend that more attention be for pleasure and gain; and whereas given to temperance teaching and organized efforts are now being made

"Therefore resolved, that this conference expresses its hearty sympathy with the Lord's Day alliance and engages to support its endeavors to ever endeavor by the use of every maintain the Lord's Day in its integrity and to leave to everybody the

> It was resolved, on motion of Rev. Dr. McLeod, seconded by Rev. J. Wesley Clarke, that "This conference desires to put on record its thankfulness to Almighty God for the success that has attended British arms in South Africa and that the sometime South African republics have become British possessions, thereby assuring liberty and equality alike to Briton and Boer and assuring also the utmost freedom with protection in the prosecution of Christian missions among the native races in that land. We wish also to record with grateful pride our high appreciation of the patriotic spirit which moved the sons of Canada to place themselves at the disposal of the empire and our joy in the heroic service they have done and our profound sympathy with those whose husbands, sons and brothers will not return to them again. We pray for a speedy termination of the struggle and the establishment of peace in righteousness, and that out of all that has been suffered there may come the rapid extension of the kingdom of Christ." This was unanimously carried by a standing vote, when the members all united in heartily singing God Save

the Queen. Resolved, that Rev. A. W. Currie, a member of the N. S. F. B. conference, dismissed to join this conference, be received.

B. S. Palmer, treasurer of the board of managers, reported there was received during the year \$1,516.10, of which amount he had on hand \$835. There was at present on hand a total of \$5,102.41

Resolved, the next annual session of

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A letter of greeting was read from Rev. G. O. Gates of the Baptist association, extending their kindest wishes and regretting it was impossible for him to attend this meeting, and wishing that the feeling of union of the two denominations should grow until we should be one in reality, as we are practically now in doctrine and prac-

A committee was appointed to prepare a suitable reply.

Resolved by unanimous vote, that 'the thanks of this conference be extended to the pastor, church and people of this community for their kind hospitality."

Resolved, that the conference reaffirms its confidence in the Religious Intelligencer as an able exponent of our principles and practices, and advising all to take it.

Rev. C. T. Phillips, from the committee of deceased brethren, reported the deaths of Revs. Thos. Connors and E. B. Grey, and called to mind the good lives of the deceased ministers, and extended the most cordial sympathy of the conference to the widows and chil-

Rev. J. W. Clarke, treasurer general secretary fund, reported he had received \$100 and expended \$75, leaving

a balance on hand of \$25. Gideon McLeod, from the committee on sick and disabled ministers, reported receipts of \$344.50, and expenditures of \$253.50, leaving \$91 cash on

AFTERNOON SESSION.

reassembled at 2 p. Rev. Jos. McLeod, D. D., seconded by Rev. J. W. Clarke, submitted the following resolution: "Whereas it has become known that

the department of railways of Canada issues free passes over the I. C. R. to eight Roman Catholic bishops, to seven bishops of the Church of England, to the moderator of the general assembly of the Presbyterian church, the general superintendent of the Methodist church and the president of the Methodist conference of New Brunswick and Prince Edward Island;

"And whereas, no such favors are given to the official heads of other de-

nominations: "Therefore resolved, that this conference hereby records its protest against discrimination in favor of any ecclesiastical officers, and its belief that such passes should be given to the presiding officers of all the religious denominations in the dominion or to

none. This was unanimously carried.

EVENING SESSION. Conference reassembled at 4.30 p. m. and at once proceeded with the ordination of Licentiate M. L. Gregg, late pastor of the Gibson church. The service was: Invocation by Rev. D. Patterson; reading of Scripture by Rev. D. Long; prayer by Rev. F. C. Hartley; ordination sermon by Rev. F. G Francis; questions by the moderator, Rev. W. H. Perry; ordination prayer by Rev. J. W. Clarke; charge to candidate by Rev. Dr. Hartley; hand of fellowship by the moderator. The auditor pro tem, Col. D. Mcf.

conference committees and found them correct. The following were chosen the conference executive: Revs. G. A. Hartley, D. D., Jos. McLeod, D. D., J. W Clarke, B. H. Nobles and D. Long.

Vince, reported he had examined the

accounts of the different treasurers of

Conference then adjourned. THE CANTEEN QUESTION.

To condemn the canteen without having seen its practical workings is an injustice of which no thinking man will be guilty. In this, as in most other matters in life, th majority of us must accept the opinion those qualified to judge. If we are sick we do not go to a merchant to be told what the matter and to obtain treatment. So this canteen question why should we accept the perhaps sincere but misguided opinions of those who really know nothing about it, when we can get the judgment of those who have every means of knowing the truth when we can get the judgment of those whave every means of knowing the truth about the matter, and who are perfectly capable of forming and expressing professional of expert opinion? No army officer derives the least benefit from the canteen, except indirectly as it aids discipline. And the major its of our nation are today ready to admit that the discipline which means efficiency the welfare and the welf-being of men, the first thought of all regular arms officers. the first thought of all regular army officer it is these very officers who say that to all olish the canteen means to encourage drinting and the breaking of regulations, and a direct flow to the efficiency of the who army—an efficiency which has been tried the same of the same of the weekly weekly the same of the sa and proved not wanting .- Harper's

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