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UNION OF BAPTISTS.

In the year 1886 committees were appointed to draft a basis of union for the Baptist and Free Baptist bodies in the Maritime Provinces. The joint committee, which was composed of many of the ablest leaders in each denomination, unanimously presented a basis of union to the Maritime Convention convening in Charlottetown the following year. After careful consideration and full discussion this basis of union was adopted by the convention. (For details of this basis of union see Year Book for 1887, page 128). The Free Baptist body, however, failed to take similar action, and the matter has for the last 13 years been held in abeyance.

At the recent Association held in Middleton, Rev. Mr. McNinch, representing the Free Baptist Conference of Nova Scotia, renewed proposals of union as a fitting way to celebrate the beginning of a new century. After some discussion of the question the following resolution was passed:

"WHEREAS a communication has been received from the Executive of the Free Baptist Conference of Nova Scotia, accrediting Rev. A. N. McNinch as their duly authorized representative,

AND WHEREAS we have much pleasure in receiving the fraternal greetings of the F. B. Conference of N. S., which he has conveyed, and also the expression he has given of his body for a better acquaintance and a closer union between the two bodies;

THEREFORE RESOLVED, that we express our pleasure at the growing sympathy between us and our Free Baptist brethren, and assure them of our continued desire for this closer union, and that we appoint a committee to convey to their General Conference to be held at Caledonia in August next, our fraternal greetings and best wishes, and to confer with them as may be required in view of any action they may wish to take."

The following committee was appointed to attend the F. B. conference in accordance with the above resolution: Revs. J. H. Saunders, H. S. Shaw, J. H. Balcom, W. L. Archibald and J. B. Woodland. When the union is effected which now seems probable, the combined mem-

bership of the united body will be more than 70,000 in the Maritime Provinces.

Of Local Interest.

A large number of tourists are visiting Milton this summer.

The fishing has been excellent during the past two weeks.

Mr. M. F. Harlow is building a new residence for William Payzant.

Rev. H. Murray, of Westport, is visiting relatives and friends in Milton.

Rev. H. S. Shaw exchanged pulpits with the pastor on the evening of June 24th.

Mr. Porter Coops is spending his vacation at home. His many friends are glad to see him.

R. L. Harlow, our efficient Principal of Schools, will take his vacation, beginning next week.

We understand there will be no changes in our staff of school teachers for the coming year.

Mrs. Rufus Morton has returned to Minneapolis, after an extended visit at the home of her father, L. S. Ford, Esq.

Mr. and Mrs. O. McLeod and Mr. and Mrs. R. E. Harris, of Wolfville, have been guests of Mrs. L. E. Burnaby during last week.

Mrs. O. H. Day and daughter Dorothy have returned from New York and are spending the summer at the home of Jos. H. Cook.

Among the recent graduates of the Rochester Theological Seminary is Rev. Chas. R. Freeman, of Milton, son of Jos. N. Freeman, Esq.

The ice-cream sale on the grounds of Mr. Jos. Fraser was quite a success. The proceeds are for repairing the sidewalk on Milford street.

It is expected the Rev. Austin Kempton, of Fitchburg, Mass., will spend a part of his vacation in Milton, and will probably preach for us some Sunday in August.

Our congratulations to Dr. Charles H. Freeman, who has successfully completed his medical course at McGill University, Montreal. We wish him success in his profession.

Our Baptist friends of Liverpool will hold a Garden Party on Wednesday, July 11. Those who desire a pleasant half-holiday with strawberries and cream extra will please take notice.

Mr. Marsden Dexter and Mr. Arthur McLeod arrived home from Truro on Saturday last, having been in attendance at the Normal School during the past year. Both have been awarded B. diplomas.

The Association at Middleton was a success. The attendance was large and the meetings full of interest. The Milton church was represented by the pastor and wife, Mr. S. B. Freeman, Mrs. Enos Kempton, Miss Minnie B. Freeman and Miss Anita G. Ford.

The W. M. A. Society held a very pleasant social in Morton's Hall on Tuesday evening last. The proceeds, amounting to \$15 10, will be applied towards making the oldest member of the society, Mrs. Edward Kempton, a life member of the Maritime W. B. Union.

The next Quarterly Missionary offering will be on Sunday, July 31st. This is the last Missionary collection during the present financial year. The books close Aug. 1st. Let us do our best to make a good offering. Something from everyone is the motto. Use the envelopes,

Of Local Interest.

At the Annual School Meeting, held on June 25, N. C. Freeman was elected trustee, to succeed O. E. Morton, retired, and E. D. Ford to succeed Parker Minard, resigned. The total assessment for the year is \$1300, of which amount \$100 is for necessary repairs on the Temperance Hall.

At a business meeting of the church, held June 30th, a committee consisting of the Pastor, Deacon J. H. Nickerson, Deacon E. G. Freeman, Bro. N. C. Freeman, Benjamin Kempton and F. B. Shields were appointed to revise the Church Roll and recommend to the church and disciplinary action deemed necessary.

Mrs. Mary A. Skinner has in her possession a sampler made by her mother nearly 100 years ago. It was made by Mercy Knowles in the year 1801, and considering that she was then only in her 8th year it is a really wonderful piece of work. It has recently been framed, and Mrs. Skinner will be pleased to show it to any friends who are interested.

On Sunday, July 1st, the residence and other buildings belonging to Mr. Joseph Patton were destroyed by fire. Although the property was partially covered by insurance, yet the loss is very severe. We are glad to see that Bro. Patton is not discouraged but is already thinking of building again. A number of citizens and friends have already shown their sympathy in a substantial way, and we doubt not that many others will gladly share in the good work of helping him on his feet again.

JOTTINGS

There are 20,000 Free Baptists in the Maritime Provinces.

B. B. Hardwick, the popular representative of Pyles' Pearline, receives a bequest in Mr. Pyles' will of \$1000 for each year in his employ—\$13,000 in all.

Admiral Dowe's wife has purchased Big Fish Island in Chester Basin. Admiral and Mrs. Dowe intend building a summer residence there in the near future.

Owing to bad crop reports and to foreign demand wheat has advanced 21 cents during June, which is equivalent to an increase in the price of flour of \$1 per barrel.

The Twentieth Century Fund of \$1,000,000, being raised by the Canadian Methodist church, is accumulating rapidly, \$850,000 being already collected. Of this amount Nova Scotia has contributed \$32,000 and New Brunswick and Prince Edward Island \$29,800.

The Baptist people of the Maritime Provinces are attempting to raise \$50,000 as a Twentieth Century Fund, the money to be divided equally between Home and Foreign Missions. Of this amount \$27,000 has been apportioned to Nova Scotia, and \$10,000 again apportioned to the churches in the N. S. Western Association. The amount asked from the churches in Queens County is \$1300.

We are sorry to record the death of Mrs. Experience Burnaby, which took place at Barrington on the 8th ult. Although she had been in poor health for some time, yet the end was altogether unexpected by her friends. In Milton, in Wolfville, and in other communities where she was known she was universally loved. The funeral services were conducted at the home of her sister, Mrs. James Tupper. In the absence of her pastor Rev. E. P. Churchill conducted the services, assisted by Revs. O. Moore and W. Stiff. Our sister will be greatly missed by a large circle of relatives and friends.

MILTON BAPTIST CHURCH DIRECTORY.

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CHURCH SERVICES.  
SUNDAY—9:30 a. m., Prayer Meeting.  
10:30—Preaching Service.  
11:45—Lord's Supper (first Sunday of each month).  
2:00—Sunday School.  
3:15—Normal Class (Mission Band the first Sunday of the month).  
7:00—Preaching Service.  
MONDAY—7:30 p. m., B. Y. P. U. Meeting.  
WEDNESDAY—7:30, General Prayer Meeting.  
THURSDAY—3 p. m., Woman's Missionary Meeting, on week following Communion Sunday.  
SATURDAY—7:30 p. m., Conference Meeting (on day preceding Communion Sunday).

THE TOUCH.

A living coal! And with its glow  
It touched another coal, when lo,  
The dark form into radiance grew,  
And light and cheer beamed forth anew.  
A loving heart! And with its love  
It touched another heart which strove  
With adverse waves on troubled sea,  
When oars were plying heavily;  
And lo, through rifted clouds Hope  
Smiled,  
And love the weariness beguiled.

That living coal be mine to glow,  
That loving heart be mine to show,  
While earth has sorrowing hearts that wait  
The opening of Redemption's gate.

He was dressed like a farmer, and he looked inquiringly at the clerk behind the counter of the chief post-office, and pointed pantomimically to a bundle of letters the latter was sorting.

"What name?" asked the clerk.  
"Louder," said the farmer.  
The clerk repeated his query in a tone calculated to startle even a deaf man. But the man only smiled an unmeaning smile, and said: "Louder."

The clerk took a long breath, and the yell that came out was loud enough to be heard next door.  
"No offence, sir, I hope? Yes, that's my name—Louder, sir."  
"Oh, ah!" said the clerk, quite softly. "I never thought of that. Yes; here's a letter."

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Card of Thanks.

MR. Jos. F. Patton wishes to tender his sincere thanks to his many friends, both ladies and gentlemen, who so kindly assisted in saving his household effects from the fire on Sunday last. But for this timely aid the loss would have been even more severe.