

CONFERENCE NEWS.

And Notes on Goderich, One of the Prettiest Towns in Canada.

A PLEASANT VISIT.

In the notes from Goderich which appeared in the Free Press two weeks ago, we intimated that another budget might be expected for the following week, but our time being fully occupied with other matters the promised letter was precluded until this issue.

The first business after the customary hour of devotional exercises was the very important matter of the election of the President of Conference for the ensuing year. To our own district was given the distinguished honor of supplying the chief officer—Dr. W. S. Griffin, the esteemed chairman of Guelph District, being elected by a good majority on the first ballot.

Considerable anxiety was evinced by the ministerial brethren until the list of stations for the year was presented by the Stationing Committee, and no doubt deep interest was also felt in the matter by the laymen generally.

The final draft of ministers stationed on this district and vicinity is as follows:—Guelph First—North street, Joseph W. Holmes; Hugh T. Crossley, left without an appointment at his own request in view of evangelistic work.

Returning home we digressed a little from the direct route and came by way of Woodstock. Here we found Niagara Conference in session, and spent a few hours very pleasantly with members thereof, many of whom were old friends and former pastors. Woodstock is a hive of industry and is to-day one of the busiest towns in the land. There are important manufacturing concerns and is continually growing in this direction.

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Our readers generally are acquainted with the following ministers and will be interested in their changes:—R. C. Henderson, to Hespeller; Wm. Birks and J. J. Hupp to Nassagaweya; Wm. Shannon to Teviotdale; J. H. Carson to Stratford; A. M. Phillips, B.D., to St. Mary's; A. A. Bowers, B.A., to Plym.

In Niagara Conference, T. A. Moore to Princeton; R. Hobbs to Niagara Falls, South.

The business of the Conference proceeded with dispatch, and with three sessions per day, and the work of the committee between hours, it will be perceived that the delegates had very little idle time upon their hands.

Many interesting discussions took place in Conference and numerous points of interest to the church at large were brought out in consequence. The approaching General Conference—held but once in four years—in Toronto next September, gave the Annual Conference much more business than on ordinary years.

The evening sessions were particularly interesting and profitable, as on these occasions addresses by prominent and eloquent speakers were given, and the audience was much enlarged by the attendance of the people of the town. Among the speakers at the public services were:—Rev. Dr. Carman, General Superintendent; Dr. Eby, missionary to Japan; Dr. Sutherland, of the Mission Rooms; Dr. Dewar, editor of the Christian Guardian; Dr. Burwash, of Victoria University; Dr. Shaw, of the Wesleyan Theological College, Montreal; James Gray, Treas. Sup'n Fund, Toronto; Dr. Withrow, editor of Sabbath School publications; T. L. Wilkinson and B. B. Keeler, of the Dominion Alliance, Toronto.

The services of Sunday were the special attraction of the Conference to visitors, and the church on Sunday morning was filled as never before. The Conference Love Feast, from 9 to 11, presided over by the Rev. Josias Green, was marked with spiritual union, and the experiences were clear, bright and encouraging. The ordination sermon by Dr. Carman was a grand and eloquent exposition. At the close J. H. Carson, G. F. Salton and J. Barton were allowed to full connection and ordained by Dr. Carman and Dr. Griffin, assisted by several other senior ministers. An excellent sermon was preached in the evening by Rev. Wesley Casson, of Markdale.

Conference adjourned on Tuesday evening to meet in Galt at nine o'clock on the first Wednesday in June, 1887.

Among the delegates to Conference there were no less than six members of the secular press:—Messrs. J. J. Chabbe, Argus, St. Mary's; T. Hilliard, Chronicle, Waterloo; T. McGivern, Reformer, Galt; W. H. Kerr, Post, Brussels; C. W. Rutledge, Standard, Markdale, and H. P. Moore, Free Press, Acton.

The Signal deserves especial mention for its enterprise during the Conference week. Its energetic and enthusiastic proprietors, Messrs. T. & D. McGillicuddy, make it one of the most interesting, spicy, and acceptable local newspapers in the land every week, but a special effort was put forth on this occasion. After giving a complete list of the delegates and their hosts, the first draft of stations of the ministers and a report of Conference proceedings up to the hour of going to press, it had no less than ten columns of extra matter describing Goderich, and the attractions, including a lengthy laudatory poem by one of the editors. Goderich won't suffer for want of proper representation to the outside world, and the Signal honestly deserves the accolade.

lent patronage accorded it by the residents of the town and vicinity. Presently, we owe the courteous and friendly proprietors a debt of gratitude for favors extended during our stay in the town.

Our previous notes described Goderich pretty fully, but the more we saw of it the more we appreciated the place. It is beautifully situated and the cool summer breezes which continually blow from the great north-west lake render it a desirable place for residence during the heated months. It has wide, clean and shady streets, with beautiful maples in every direction. Its people are friendly and courteous. It has numerous and creditable mercantile establishments; but it feels sadly the lack of additional manufactures. One thing about the place surprised us greatly. That was the fact that the town had the appearance night and day of a civilized city, for, for animals of all kinds are to be seen running at large in every direction. In this particular Goderich is away behind the age. We have pleasure in inviting the town Council to pay Acton a visit (or we will send them ahead of our municipal note book), for here a cow-by-law has been in successful operation all for hours for the past five years.

Before bidding adieu to Goderich we must express our thanks to Mr. Geo. B. Cox, of the British Exchange hotel, who provided for us so comfortable a home during our visit. The British is a first class hostelry in every respect and the travelling public are accorded courteous treatment and are invariably well cared for. The dining room has a wide reputation. The Scott Act is in force in Huron, but although the machinery in that county is very defective the proprietor of this hotel evidently observed the provisions of the Act very carefully and consistently.

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On Wednesday evening we arrived safe and sound at home, and were pleased to find that everything had gone on satisfactorily in our absence, and that through the attention of the editor pro tem the Free Press was flourishing and just as interesting as ever.

A Change Imperative.

To the editor of the Free Press.

DEAR SIR:—Will you allow me to call the attention of your readers to a matter which very seriously concerns the large and influential class of the community who are engaged in agriculture? I refer to the too common practice which obtains in this neighborhood, and no doubt elsewhere also, of raising the heavy beams and frame-work of barns and other large buildings, without the aid of machinery, thus endangering the lives and limbs of those called to assist in the work, and that notwithstanding the sad accidents which too often occur as the result, causing in some cases loss of life, or life-long suffering. Surely the advanced civilization of educated Canada should lay aside this relic of the past, and adopt a more rational method of proceeding. Is there not machinery which can be used with safety, and which can perform the required work in a satisfactory manner? Such being the case, is it not the duty of farmers to insist upon the use of machinery in all cases where heavy timbers are required to be raised in the construction of barns or other farm buildings, that thus one cause of danger and suffering may be avoided?

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THE CRADLE.

STONEMAN—On the 30th ult., at Strathtroy, the wife of Rev. J. Stonehouse of a daughter.

CRIPPS—A. Crewe's Corners, on the 18th June, the wife of Mr. Alex. Cripps, of a daughter.

THE ALTAR.

CAMSON—Dietz—in Dublin St. Methodist Church, Guelph, on the 16th June, by Rev. the Griffin, President of Conference, Rev. J. H. Carson, colleague of Rev. Dr. Griffin, to Miss Gertrude Dietz, daughter of Mr. J. H. Dietz, 23 Paisley St., Guelph.

CAMMAN—Walker—On the 1st inst., by the Rev. Dr. Carman, General Superintendent Methodist Church, at Albert College, Belleville, A. R. Carman, B.A., of Stratford, editor of the Leeds and Grenville Independent, eldest son of the officiating minister, to Gertrude, eldest daughter of Ira Walker, Esq., of Belleville.

Illegal bathing.

To the editor of the Free Press.

DEAR SIR:—On Friday afternoon a number of young people and boys were bathing in the mill race at prohibited hours and in exposed places; some of them going so far as to engage in fishing in the adjoining fields in a nude condition. Out of respect to their parents and friends I will forbear taking action in the case this time, but trust they will be warned that for such misdeeds they will hereafter be dealt with according to law, and be made public examples of.

THOS. EASTON, Constable.

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