

more than one hundred miles away. The inter-city rivalry in the final selection a matter of importance. When the matter is decided, the square miles will be divided into New South Wales, becoming property of the Commonwealth, and the plan as Washington and the district of Columbia.

PILGRIMS.
A number of sick and crippled people from New England cities made a pilgrimage last week to "the shrine of the Holy Beauspre," near Quebec. They were chiefly French-Canadians, now living in New England. The people are thoroughly sincere, and are deluded by the priests into that visiting and worshipping of the relics of "Saints" will cure them of their ills.

SATURDAY AT 8 A. M. BUSINESS WAS RESUMED. Rev. F. G. Francis in the chair. Prayer by Rev. B. H. Nobles. The first order of business was the election of officers. Rev. A. Perry was chosen Chairman, with Rev. A. J. Prosser as assistant. The retiring Chairman and his successor made interesting speeches. . . . Bro. G. W. Sharp, who had been Clerk of the District for thirty-one years, and who had not missed a session in all that time, found himself, on account of ill-health, compelled to resign. His resignation was accepted, and a committee appointed to prepare a suitable expression of the District's appreciation of bro. Sharp's services. Bro. W. H. Heme was elected Clerk of the District. Brethren Nobles, Weyman and Bassett were elected members of the District Meeting Executive. . . . Rev. B. H. Nobles was appointed to preach next annual sermon. . . . The committee on nominations—brethren Swim, Slipp and G. McLeod—presented the following as delegates to Conference, — brethren T. B. Bassett, W. D. Fenwick, A. H. Steeves, N. Eversleigh and J. H. Branscom; their substitutes being brethren S. Johnson, Geo. McLeod, G. A. Taylor, J. E. Slipp and A. M. Brown. . . . At 10 a. m. the annual conference of the District began. It was led by the pastor, Rev. A. J. Prosser. Prayer by Rev. C. T. Phillips. It was a meeting of much interest, and a good degree of spiritual quickening was felt. . . . Business meeting again at 2 p. m. Prayer by bro. Nobles. Rev. F. G. Francis presented the following:

The committee presents the following as the expression of the feeling of the District Meeting towards bro. G. W. Sharp, the retiring Clerk of the District.

Dear Brother,—We the representatives of the Free Baptist churches of the Sixth District, convened in annual session at Penobscot, desire on this occasion to express regret, that owing to declining health, you have deemed it necessary to resign the office which for 31 years you have so efficiently and faithfully filled.

With great reluctance we accept your urgent request to be relieved from the duties of the office; and were it not for the fact that by so doing we show you a kindness, we would not for a moment entertain the thought of severing the agreeable official relations which it has been our privilege to enjoy for so many years. We are glad that our action in accepting your resignation, need not and does not destroy or even weaken the bond of christian fellowship, which we trust may be strengthened by a mutual growth in grace and an increasing knowledge of Christ our Saviour.

We have ever cherished for you the highest respect as a christian brother, and have watched with admiration the scrupulous attention given even to the details connected with your work. And above all we have rejoiced in your manifest devotedness to the welfare of our denomination in particular, and the cause of Christ in general.

We trust, that while in the providence of God, the All-Father, your official relation with us may cease, that the Christ whom you love and serve may cause your joy to be full; and when your race in life is ended that you may receive the reward of the faithful, which is a crown of life that fadeeth not away.

We recommend that the foregoing be spread upon the minutes of this meeting, and that a copy, signed by the Chairman and Clerk, be sent to bro. Sharp. We recommend, also, that bro. Sharp be made an honorary life-member of this District Meeting.

After bro. Phillips had spoken briefly but touchingly of bro. Sharp's long and faithful services, the report was adopted most heartily. . . . An invitation from the Coverdale church was accepted, and the next annual meeting will be held there.

The report of the committee to summarize the report of the churches was presented by bro. Ferguson:

Churches reported, 23; added—baptism 34, by letter 12; decrease—by death 20, by withdrawal 7; members reported, 1,643; support of ministry, \$2,494.27; current expenses, \$687.95; spent on parsonages, \$361.72; on church buildings, \$435.00; Home Missions, \$61.91; Foreign Missions, \$81.17; Conference fund, \$76.90; Students' Fund, \$12.36; Aged and Sick Ministers' Fund, \$11.90; W. M. Society, \$101.80; other purposes, \$253.00; churches having pastors, 22; conference meetings, 19; the Lord's Supper, 14; Prayer Meetings, 15; Y. P. Societies, 5; average attendance

at Conferences, 334, at Prayer Meetings 283; value of church buildings, \$42,350, parsonages \$8,600.00; churches increasing support, 5; churches receiving Home Mission aid, 1; churches having missionary prayer meetings, 1; churches having revivals, 7; churches gained in members 4; in financial ability 5, in spiritual life 8, in christian activity 8. . . . There are six unreported churches—Taylor Village, Lutz Mountain, Victoria Road, Graves' Settlement, Erb Settlement and Long Point. The committee urges the churches to be more prompt in sending reports; believes the contributions to the Conference fund should be larger; and regrets the small number of churches reporting gain in spiritual life and in christian activity.

The several items of the report received some consideration. The District Executive was directed to communicate with the unreported churches. It was voted, also, that the Clerk call the attention of certain churches to the necessity of contributing to the Conference Fund. . . . The meeting went into committee on licentiate. License was granted brethren H. H. Ferguson, E. Cochrane, A. E. Saunders and F. Knollin. . . . At 8 p. m. there was a public missionary meeting, which will be reported in the W. M. Society department, later. It was an interesting meeting.

Sunday was a pleasant day, and there were good congregations. The day began with a prayer meeting at 9.30 a. m., led by bro. Swim. At 10.30 the annual sermon was preached by Rev. F. G. Francis. The Lord's Supper was administered by Revs. J. Noble and C. T. Phillips. . . . The afternoon meeting was the jubilee service proper. The Chairman of the District, Rev. A. Perry, presided. The Scripture lesson (Psalm 103) was read by Rev. Dr. McLeod; prayer was offered by Rev. G. Swim. The Chairman briefly indicated the character of the meeting, and introduced Rev. Jos. Noble, who spoke of the rise of the denomination and its growth in the early years. For forty-five minutes he held the congregation's unbroken interest. He spoke especially of the planting of the churches in Kings and Westmorland Counties, and of the organization into a District. His reminiscences of the early workers and the experiences of those days were full of interest. . . . Rev. C. T. Phillips dealt principally with things as they were when he began his ministry in the District, and during the fifteen years he spent there. . . . Rev. Jos. McLeod spoke of denominational expansion and outlook. . . . In the evening there was preaching by Rev. C. T. Phillips, a former pastor. The meetings of the day were good. May their fruit abound to the glory of God. . . . The hospitality of the community was cordial. . . . Rev. A. J. Prosser is pastor of the church, and did his work well. He has been two years in charge of the church, and is esteemed by the people.

MINISTERS.—Rev. J. Noble spent last Sabbath at Cornhill, K. Co.

Rev. J. J. Barnes was in the city part of a day last week.

Rev. A. M. McNitch, who has been spending a three weeks' vacation at his old home, Victoria, C. Co., returned to Nova Scotia last week. He closed the INTELLIGENCER office for an hour enroute. He preached several times when he was up river, including a Sunday at Tracey Mills. He is in good health, and looks forward hopefully to the year's work.

We hear that Rev. Wm. DeWare is somewhat improved in health since he went to Grand Manan. We hope he may continue to improve.

Rev. C. B. Lewis has returned from a pleasant visit of a few days amongst old friends in Salisbury and vicinity.

In a recent business letter, Rev. J. H. Erb, writing from Antonio, Texas, says: "I wish it were possible for me to visit New Brunswick this year, but at present there is not the least prospect that I will be able to do so. I would greatly enjoy being at Conference, and seeing the ministers and others. Some of the brethren will not answer the roll call. Dear bro. Gray will be missed; and I just learn from the INTELLIGENCER that bro. Connor, too, has gone home. There may be others called away before Conference assemblies. Such is the life we live here. There are so many farewells."

FROM REV. J. N. BARNES.—I had five meetings at the North Tay Settlement, with good effect. They now are at work preparing to build a Meeting House. There is no place of worship in that Settlement. The Settlement is about twelve miles from Cross Creek. I shall go there once in two weeks until the close of the year. One convert was baptized at Cross Creek last Sabbath. The presence of the Lord was with us indeed.

J. N. BARNES.
July 17th, 1900.

WOODSTOCK.—The service in the Free Baptist church last night, 16th inst., was in memory of the late Rev. Thos. Connors. Addresses were made by the pastor, R. V. J. W. Clarke, and Rev. Thos. Todd.—The Press.

MISSION NEWS AND NOTES.
—In Uganda upwards of 5,000 converts were baptized in 1899.

—There are 335,000 Protestant Christians in Dutch East India.

—Fifty years ago there was not a Christian on the Fiji Islands: now there is scarcely a heathen.

—Of the 34,000,000 people of South America it is estimated that 30,000,000 have never seen the Bible.

—It is well to pray for the conversion of the heathen. It is consistent and helpful, also, to try to assist in answering our own prayers.

—The whole empire of Japan is open to the Gospel. The first Christian was baptized in 1864. To-day there are over 10,000 converts to Christianity.

—There are now 487 medical missionaries at work in the various countries of the world, of whom 246 are from America, 174 from Great Britain, and 21 from Canada.

—Jesus gave the commission in Matthew to the apostles and above five hundred Christians. It was not to the apostles simply, nor to an organized church. Mission work appeals to the individual conscience, is a personal duty.

—Twenty-five years ago the great island of New Guinea was in total darkness regarding Christ and His gospel. Now there are 117 places of worship and a large proportion of the people earnestly studying the Word.

—In New Guinea, a little more than a quarter of a century ago, there was not a spot in that great island where the name of God was heard. Now 117 chapels can be pointed to where He is worshipped, and in those a large proportion of the people will be seen with open New Testaments in their hands.

—A Roman Catholic mission station at Omdurman is likely to be established shortly, to compete with the Protestant mission which is already in operation. Children's schools, controlled by priests, are also to be opened. Money is being raised among 'the faithful' in Vienna to meet the expense.

—Medical missions are a very important adjunct of the foreign missionary work. We have not seen a statement of the number of physicians in the service from America, but there are 283 who hold British diplomas. The largest numbers are in China, India and Africa, but they are scattered the world over.

—In Africa, forty-five missionary organizations have 1,200 missionaries, men and women, and 5,200 native helpers working in 1,400 stations and substations. There are over 1,900 churches, with a membership of 120,000, and a community friendly to Protestant missions, numbering more than 1,000,000. There are 1,100 schools and educational institutions, into which upwards of 60,000 pupils have been gathered. This includes the work of all denominations.

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DISTRICT MEETINGS.
Third District Meeting, at Stanley, York County, the third Friday in September, at 10 a. m. Annual sermon by Rev. G. W. Foster.

Fourth District Meeting, at Fredericton Junction, Sunbury County, on the second Friday in September, 1900. To attend, Rev. J. N. Barnes.

Seventh District Meeting, at Beaver Harbor, Charlottetown, the third Friday in August.

Rev. J. N. Barnes and Rev. J. McLeod are appointed to attend all District Meetings, as far as practicable.

MARRIAGES.
HANSON-GODDARD.—At parsonage, Fenton July 4th, by Rev. F. Clarke Hartley, Mr. Norman M. Hanson of Nashwaak, to Miss Ina Vivien of Elgin, Albert Co.

LASKY-FOWLER.—At the Parsonage, Victoria St. St. John, on June 20th, by Rev. David Long, Oram G. Lasky and Phebe A. Fowler.

BLIZZARD-SMITH.—At the Parsonage, Victoria St., St. John, on June 23th, by Rev. David Long, Noble Blizzard and Gertrude Smith.

HUMPHREY-REECE.—At the Parsonage, Victoria St., St. John, on June 25th, by Rev. David Long, Scott Humphrey, of Wickham, Q. Co., to Nettie J. Reece, of Jemseg, Q. Co.

COOPER-MACKINNEY.—At the residence of John MacKinney, Main St. St. John, on June 27th, by Rev. David Long, William A. Cooper of Newcastle, N. Co. and Mary E. MacKinney, of Newcastle.

LASKIE-MURPHY.—At the Parsonage, Victoria St., St. John, on July 4th, by Rev. David Long, W. G. Laskie and Annie Maud Murphy, both of St. John.

BOSTWICK-SMITH.—On July 18th at the Parsonage, Victoria St. St. John, by Rev. David Long, Otis Bostwick and Robie Smith, both of St. John.

DEATHS.
BREWER.—At Upper Keswick, York Co. on the 19th of June, Martha Jane, beloved wife of Lemuel Brewer, aged 39 years, leaving a sorrowing husband, father, three sons, five daughters, one brother and one sister to mourn their loss. Her end was peace. Funeral services conducted by the writer; Text, Isa. 38: 1. G. W. FOSTER.

BURTT.—At Burtt's Corner, York Co. on the 15th inst. of consumption, Sanford Burtt aged 21 years, leaving a sorrowing father and mother, one brother and three sisters with other relatives and friends to mourn their loss. He died "in hope of the Glory of God." Funeral services were conducted by the writer, at his home and at the Burtt's Corner Baptist Church, on the 17th, speaking from words repeated by the deceased just before he departed this life. "Behold the Bridegroom cometh, go ye out to meet Him." Matt. 25: 6. G. W. FOSTER.

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