

the religious bodies was made by the St. John S. S. Association. The results have not been officially announced, but from information that has reached us, Mr. Blue's St. John enumeration of Free Baptists will be shown to be worse than absurdly wrong.

In St. John, West (Carleton), the census says there are just 95 Free Baptists—seven in Brooks ward, and 88 in Guy's ward. The late Rev. Dr. Hartley was pastor of the church there for more than forty years. No pastor knew his people more intimately than he. Immediately on seeing the above figures, we brought the matter to his attention. He replied, January 10th,—the last letter we had from him, saying:

As to my estimate of the Free Baptists on our side of the harbor, I would say, if communicants be meant, about 225; if adherents, 400—in Guy's ward 225, in Brook's ward 175. There are 118 families, and they would average nearly or quite four to a family. Of these families a few are outside the city limits, in the parish of Lancaster. But you will be quite within the mark to say 400 in the two wards of the city on the west side.

Dr. Hartley had on his visiting list 118 Free Baptist families, which he knew to average four members each. But Mr. Blue's census does not record nearly as many individual Free Baptists as there are families of the denomination in that section of the city. And after three alleged "revisions" he persists in denying the existence of four-fifths of our people there.

The three wards in St. John (North) are Lansdowne, Lorne and Stanley. The census says there are no Free Baptists in either Lansdowne or Stanley wards, and that there are only 139 in Lorne. The Victoria street church is at north end. The pastor, Rev. D. Long, smiles when he is told that the census credits him with just 139 people, and they all in one ward. The church has an enrolment of communicants of more than double that number, more than two-thirds of whom are residents and regular attendants at the church services, not to say anything of the large body of adherents in addition to the church members.

The Free Baptists in the other wards of the city have their church home at Waterloo street, of which Rev. C. T. Phillips is pastor. The census says they number 176, which is a smaller number than the enrolment of resident communicants, making no account whatever of the large number of adherents. The foregoing facts are sufficient to show how utterly wrong is the whole census enumeration of St. John Free Baptists.

Sunbury Co.—This county is strong in Free Baptists—considerably stronger than the census allows. How the numerical strength of the body in the county has been reduced is shown in the enumeration of Lincoln. There are three Free Baptist churches in the parish, all of them under pastoral care, and having regular and well attended services. But, strange to say, the census does not credit Lincoln with the possession of a single Free Baptist. There is no Baptist church in the parish, but the census says there are 540 Baptists there.

We had correspondence with the Lincoln enumerator. He says:

Cannot remember distinctly if there were any Free Baptists named as such in returns, but feel confident there were, for whatever denomination each individual claimed to belong to, or leaned to, was returned as such.

The blunder which caused the disappearance of all the Lincoln Free Baptists evidently occurred at Ottawa, and though pointed out to him, the commissioner has refused to correct it.

Kings Co.—The "revision" claims to have discovered an error in Kings Co.—an error by which the Free Baptists had been credited with 30 people who did not belong to them. But there was no discovery of any of the missing Free Baptists, notwithstanding we had pointed out that some of them had been lost. We cite two cases as samples of the kind of work done for that county. The census says there are just nine Free Baptists in Westfield. There is a church of the denomination there, with 37 members, who certainly represent more than 100 people. The census recognizes only nine of them.

Kars has two Free Baptist churches, which report over 100 members. A minister who was recently pastor of that field, and who knows the families, says there are certainly over 300 Free Baptists in the parish, and he thinks they probably number 400. But the census has not recorded a single one. Its records of other parts of the county indicate that the blundering was not confined to the parishes named.

We do not need to cite more cases. The foregoing are sufficient to establish our contention that the census, in so far as it relates to the Free Baptists in New Brunswick, is a compilation of inexcusable blunders, and does our people the gravest injustice.

It is established, also, that the census commissioner's professed "revisions" have been as blunderingly done as the original enumeration and compilation—if, indeed, they have been anything more than a pretence.

OF OTHER DENOMINATIONS.

—The Methodist conference of New Brunswick and P. E. Island will convene in St. John next month. Centenary church will be the place of meeting.

—The annual meeting of the Primitive Baptists is to be held at Carlisle, C. Co., July 4th.

—The Presbyterian College, Halifax, at its annual convention, Wednesday, conferred the degree of D. D. on H. R. Robertson, Presbyterian missionary in the New Hebrides.

—A revival is in progress at Dorchester, W. Co., under the labors of W. B. Thomas, Baptist pastor. Seventeen have been baptized.

—The Christian Ministerial Institute of the Maritime Provinces and Maine, a meeting of the ministers of Disciples of Christ, will be held in Coburg street church in this city May 25th to 27th. About fifteen pastors will be present. Papers will be read, addresses on timely subjects and doctrinal affairs made, and plans for work along denominational lines suggested.

News of the Churches.

WHITE HEAD, GRAND MANAN.—We wish to say through the INTELLIGENCER that the Rev. C. T. Phillips did very much good in the two weeks that he spent with us. He was much liked by all the people. Some that are not Christians said they were sorry when he left. We are quite sure that some would have been brought out of darkness into light if he could have stayed longer. We trust that some time in the future he will be able to come to this place again. PHILIP.

DEER ISLAND, N. B.—I spent Sunday, the 26th April, with the churches at Deer Island. I preached at Chocolate Cove in the morning, where I baptized two, and at the close of the preaching service received five into church membership. The brethren have started the Sunday-school and prayer-meeting, which had been dormant for some time. I preached at Fair Haven in the afternoon, and at Lambert's Cove in the evening. The people of the last named church are making preparations for the District Meeting, which will begin either the 14th or 21st of August. I have preached there as regularly as the weather permitted since the last of January. The people have received me kindly, and given me good audience, and met their obligation. I shall probably continue to have services there until a permanent pastor is secured.

While there are some little difficulties that, perhaps, impede the church work somewhat in its effort toward spiritual advancement, on the whole the people of all the churches are loyal and very anxious to have a pastor to care for them. They are a good people, and need care, and that right early. If no one comes to them in the near future, I propose, if possible, to spend a few weeks there looking after their welfare, spiritual and otherwise. Some of the churches have received injury from the developments arising from the injudicious work of travelling preachers, who hold no credentials from us, and, in fact, are not well calculated to "minister in holy things." All our churches need, I think, to exercise care in these matters. We as a people should practise what we profess to believe regarding the ministry, and only open our church doors to such as come duly authorized to assume the sacred duties pertaining to the office of a minister of religion.

Miss Gaunce spent Sunday with my churches, and spoke to full houses on both occasions, and was much appreciated. We also visited Lambert's Cove church Thursday evening, 23rd.

A. J. PROSSER.

MONCTON, N. B.—I am getting along very well with the work of this pastorate. The congregations in Moncton are large, and the Sunday contributions are larger than they have ever been—not a bad sign. This church should have the whole attention of a pastor if it is to grow and prosper as it should. And if this is done, the church will, I have no doubt, be able to raise more for sup-

port. Just how the pastorate can be re-arranged to permit preaching in Moncton morning and evening every Sunday is not, perhaps, yet quite clear, but what ought to be done can, generally, be done. Perhaps Dover might be satisfied to have a fortnightly Sunday afternoon service. If not that, then some other way will need to be found of providing more preaching and pastoral care for Moncton.

I am now in the last half of my third year here. I have tried to do the work the Lord has given me to do. Forty-nine have been added to the churches of the pastorate, not including Taylor Village. I hope the brethren interested will give some consideration to the suggestions about Moncton's need.

GIDEON SWIM.

S. S. CONCERT.—The Free Baptist Sabbath school at Northern Harbor, Deer Island, gave a concert on the 26th inst., showing the interest taken in S. S. work. The programme, as follows, was carried out successfully, and was highly appreciated:

Opening, singing "Praise God," etc.; Scripture reading and prayer, by J. W. Doucette; address of welcome, Mr. Abel Eaton; singing, by choir, "Jesus, the Light of the World;" reading, "Gloom to Sunlight," by Carl Stover; reading, "The Dying Californian," by Geo. Dean; song, "The Great Judgment Morn," by Stella Cook and Margorie Stover; dialogue, five young ladies, Maydie Stover, Dorcis Cammec, Jennie Green, Helen Stover, Eva Cammec, The Easter Joy; reading, "Ruth's Farewell," by Lida Simpson; singing, "Christ Arose;" recitation, "Our Little Boy," by Mr. Abel Eaton; reading, "The Salvation Girl," by Mrs. T. Doughty; recitation, "To-day with Jesus," by Rose Greene; recitation, "What Might Be Done," by George Cook; singing, "The Haven of Rest," by choir; reading, "Spring is Waking Up," by E. Cammec; recitation, "The Diamond Wedding," by Mrs. Edith Greene; singing, "Sweet are the Primroses," by choir; recitation, "No Sects in Heaven," by Miss M. Thompson; recitation, "Ever Tell the Truth," by Eliza Doughty; instrumental music by Lida Simpson and Mr. Wm. Calder (organ and violin); quartette, Mrs. Emma Beaney, Miss Stella Cook and Haney brothers; dialogue, "Pride Rebuked," by Jennie Green and Helen Stover; recitation, "The Lost Ship," by Mrs. Edith Greene; reading, "The Last Hymn," by Miss Stella Cook; song, "Bring Back My Wandering Boy," by Master Harry Stewart; closing, "God be with you till we meet again."

J. W. DOUCETTE.

MINISTERS.—Rev. Jos. E. Wilson, Lewiston, Me., has been called to the Tusket, N. S., pastorate. Bro. Wilson is a Nova Scotian, and we hope he will come home.

Rev. Jos. Noble went to Woodstock last Wednesday. He is in good health.

Rev. A. D. Paul preached in Waterloo Street Church, St. John, last Sunday.

Rev. C. T. Phillips preached Sunday last at Fredericton, Marysville and Gibson.