

News of the Churches.

GIBSON, N. B.—Sunday, 20th inst., Rev. A. D. Paul administered baptism to one convert.

INDENTON, N. B.—The debt on our church organ has been paid. It has been a burden to the church for a long time. The choir and congregation celebrated the event by very heartily singing the Doxology at the close of the evening service, Sept. 20th.

G. SWIM.

CAMPBELL, N. B.—Last night an unusually large audience, for the season of year, gathered to witness the committal service of "the parsonage mortgage" to its last resting place. Notwithstanding the sadness usually associated with such services, this one was an exceedingly pleasant one. It has been an object of prophecy. Some were even pessimistic enough to aver that they saw signs of immortality in its form. It does belong to a long-lived family, I regret to say. Some thought, after reaching its maturity and making a great deal of trouble for all concerned, it might pass away. Others decreed that it was a public nuisance, and must die. Cremation seemed fitting for it. A furnace was erected upon an altar. The altar was liberally sprinkled with frankincense and myrrh. Without any eulogy over its remains, (strange to say) without any remote insinuations as to its virtues, it was committed to the "fiery furnace," and while the perfume of the "spices from afar" filled the house with fragrance and the flames from the burning altar ascended heavenward, the visible part of the parsonage mortgage passed into the unseen. The choir had selected the hymn, "Shall We Meet Beyond the River," for closing, but I suppose it was purely incidental and there was no thought of the mortgage in their mind.

The people of Wilson's Beach have done well to remove this indebtedness in so short a time. By the terms of the mortgage there were yet two and a half years for its redemption. I tactfully made it known that I would not leave here until the debt was paid. This gave the people an incentive to give. In May I presented to everyone in the village a pledge, which was to be filled in and signed and redeemed some time previous to Sept. 20th. Almost everyone responded. The pledges have been nearly all paid. The fund has grown from other sources, until it is now over one hundred dollars past the mark; the amount needed was \$314.10, the amount collected is over \$435.00. This year the church has raised for various purposes about \$1,000. \$75 has been paid on the church debt. I have never seen such a hearty response to all the calls, as I have met this year. The men are all busy during the spring and summer months, hence the work of financing has fallen largely on their pastor. The whole work has gone along very pleasantly. The salary has been kept well paid up.

I am leaving here in a few days to meet strange people and strange prob-

lems. I hope my successor will do more for the church's spiritual welfare than I have done. Some obstacles making that easily possible have been removed during my three years stay here.

A. J. PROSSER.

FOURTH DISTRICT MEETING.—The annual meeting of the churches of the Fourth District was held at French Lake, S. Co., Sept. 11-13. The weather was fine and the attendance was large. The ministers present during the session were Revs. J. Noble, J. N. Barnes, T. O. De Witt, J. McLeod, J. Henderson and J. B. Daggett, and Licentiate Cochrane, Puddington and Perry. Bro. Cochrane, the pastor, and an efficient committee looked well after the members and visitors.

The first meeting was a prayer and praise service at 10.30 a. m., Friday, led by Bro. J. G. Perry. At 11 a. m., the chairman of the District, Rev. J. N. Barnes, called the first business meeting to order. After routine reports from churches were read. Adjourned. Business was resumed at 2 p. m., when other reports of churches were read. They were all referred to a committee to summarize, consisting of brethren J. G. Perry, O. Mersereau and D. Duplisea. Brethren T. L. Alexander, H. Washburn and D. Grass were appointed a committee on Sunday school reports. Brethren Daggett, Puddington and Carr were appointed a committee to nominate delegates to Conference.

One new church, the Clarendon church, organized during the year, was received to membership in the District. The question of the union of the Geary and Victoria churches was discussed. A committee, consisting of brethren Noble, McLeod and Daggett, was appointed to look into the matter, and after consultation with the brethren, to advise them what course to pursue. The question of the rearrangement of some pastorates received some consideration, but no changes were made. Adjourned.

At 7.30 p. m., a public meeting in the interest of Sunday school work was held. Speeches were made by brethren Alexander, Kierstead, Daggett and Cochrane.

Saturday, at 9.30 a. m., business was resumed. Rev. J. B. Daggett was elected chairman for the current year. Bro. E. H. Cochrane having resigned the clerkship, Bro. J. M. Patterson was elected to the office. Brethren Duplisea, Alexander and Woods were elected members of the District Executive. Bro. Perry presented a summary of the reports of churches: 15 churches reported; 10 were added by baptism; the reported churches have 966 members; four pastors have cared for the churches; money raised, \$3,527.67. The committee urged more attention to prayer meetings, to observance of the Lord's Supper, and a wider circulation of the denominational paper. Adjourned.

At 10.30 the Conference meeting of the session was held. It was a season of refreshing.

At 2 p. m. met again for business. The report on the condition of the churches was further considered. Bro. Puddington, for the committee, reported Bros. Washburn and Grass delegates to Conference, with Bros. Duplisea and Harper substitutes. The committee of the whole recommended the granting of licenses to brethren T. D. Bell and W. H. McCutcheon, and the recommendation was adopted. The place of holding the next District Meeting was left to the choice of the executive. A vote of thanks to the people of French Lake for their hospitable entertainment of the members of the meeting and visitors, was heartily adopted. The matter of the census errors, especially those in the Fourth District, having been mentioned, the following resolution was adopted:

Whereas, A grave injustice has been done the Free Baptists of New Brunswick by the gross errors of the census of 1901, some of which errors have been made in this district;

And whereas, Dr. McLeod, Cor. Secretary of the Conference, has pointed out to the Census Commissioner the many errors, involving the loss of several thousands of our people, and has endeavored to have the errors corrected;

Therefore resolved, That this District Meeting appreciates the work of Dr. McLeod, and thank him for it;

Also resolved, That we regard the unwillingness of the Census Commissioner to correct the proven errors a most reprehensible breach of public duty.

The meeting expressed its appreciation of the labours of Rev. J. B. Daggett in his endeavours to drive out the liquor traffic at Fredericton Junction in the following resolution:

Whereas, The members of the District Meeting have noticed with pleasure the endeavors of Bro. Daggett to suppress the liquor traffic at Fredericton Junction;

Therefore resolved, That we rejoice in the success of his efforts, and in the hearty co-operation given him by his church and congregation; and we assure them of our sympathy and prayers for continued and increasing success.

At 4 p. m., there was preaching by Bro. Perry. District meeting was then adjourned to meet the second Friday in September, 1904.

Saturday evening a missionary meeting, under the auspices of the District W. M. Society, was held. There was a very large audience, and it was a meeting of interest. Miss Gaunce and others addressed the meeting. A full report will, probably, appear in the W. M. Society department.

The Sunday services were as follows: 10 a. m., prayer meeting; preaching at 10.30, by Rev. Jos. Noble; at 3 p. m., by Rev. Dr. McLeod; at 7.30 p. m., by Rev. J. B. Daggett; at Geary: 10.30 p. m., by Rev. John Henderson; at Rusiagornis: 7.30 p. m., by Licentiate Perry. The day was fine, the congregations were very large, there was good interest, and it is hoped much good was done.

SUNDAY-SCHOOL CONVENTION.—The Provincial Sunday-school Convention will hold its nineteenth annual session in Chatham, October 13-15. Two U. S. Sunday-school workers of some note—Mrs. Pearce and Mrs. Petti—are to be present. The usual travel arrangements are announced. The names of delegates are to be sent to Mr. S. McLoon, Chatham, N. B., as early as October 5th.

Marriages.

INGALLS-MIDDLETON.—At the residence of the bride's parents, Castalia, Sept. 12, by the Rev. A. M. McNinch, Mr. A. LeRoy Ingalls, of Grand Harbour, to Miss Bertha B., daughter of Robert Middleton.

MERRITT-BOYER.—At Florenceville, N. B., Sept. 23rd, by Rev. A. H. Hayward, assisted by Rev. W. H. Smith, B.A., Ortniel R. Merritt, of Bristol, to Luella A., daughter of D. V. Boyer, of Bristol.

STEWART-JACKSON.—At the residence of the bride's father, Edward Jackson, Sept. 23rd, by Rev. Abram Perry, David R. Stewart, of Cole's Island, Queens Co., to Mary L. Jackson, of Springhill, Kings Co.

MILLS-SMITH.—On Sept. 18th, at the F. B. Parsonage, Wilson's Beach, N. B., Freeman Mills and Annie E. Smith, both of Eastport, Me.

HORSMAN-LEWIS.—At the F. B. Parsonage, Moncton, Sept. 23rd, by Rev. Gideon Swim, Weyman Horsman of Berry's Mills, N. B., and Annie Lewis, of Salisbury, N. B.

BELYEA-DAY.—At Greenwich, Kings Co., Sept. 23rd, at the residence of the bride's parents, by Rev. John A. Robertson, Mr. Otty W. Belyea to Miss Lilly M. Day, both of Greenwich.

Deaths.

WATT.—At Castalia, Grand Manan, on Sept. 9th, Nancy A. Watt, widow of the late John Watt, aged 66 years. Sister Watt was a great sufferer for some weeks. She was a member of the Free Baptist church at North Head. A. M. McN.

WILKINS.—At Woodland, York Co., Sept. 4, Mrs. Joseph Wilkins, aged 68 years. Mrs. Wilkins professed religion nearly thirty years ago under the labors of the writer, and was baptized by the late Elder Kinghorn. She lived a consistent life and entertained a good hope. Funeral services by the writer on the Sabbath following her death to a very large and sympathizing audience.

J. HENDERSON.

HARVEY.—Deacon Samuel Harvey died at his residence at Seal Cove on Sept. 2nd, 1903, at the age of 84 years. Deacon Harvey's grandfather was a subaltern in a Highland regiment—I think the 42nd Foot—and was killed during the American Revolution in the last battle of that war, fought in North Carolina. At the close of the revolutionary war the old soldier's widow, with her two sons, came to St. John, N. B., with the other Loyalists, landing there on the eventful 18th of May. One of these boys, George Harvey, grew up in St. John and learned the trade of a ship carpenter and became a master builder. He went to Granville, N. S., where he married Mary McCormick. There the late Deacon Samuel Harvey was born on the 4th of June, 1819. When but a boy his family moved to Lubec, Me., where his father was engaged in ship-building, there being much ship-building carried on on the island of Grand Manan. Mr. Harvey's father removed his family to Seal Cove, Grand Manan, in 1832, where he worked at ship-building till 1845. The subject of this notice, Samuel Harvey, grew to manhood there and was engaged in the occupation of fishing and farming, and when not yet twenty years of age went to sea, sailing out of the port of Eastport, Me., under the command of Capt. Mariner Small, a good seaman and a Christian gentleman, with whom the writer was personally acquainted, and has often heard him in the old Baptist church, on Washington street, giving his hearty and honest testimony to the comforts and hopes found in a Christian life.

At the age of 26 Mr. Harvey married Miss Ruth McCoy, a native of South Grand Manan, the wedding taking place on April 10th, 1845, with whom he lived happily for fifty-eight years. At the time of the marriage the writer was assistant keeper of Gannet Rock Light Station, N. B., and came on shore to attend Mr. Harvey's wedding. After Mr. Harvey's marriage he engaged in fishing, farming and ship-building, having learned the ship-carpenter's trade from his father. In the reformation which was started on Grand Manan in 1862, by the Rev. Joshua N. Barnes, and which spread from one end of the island to the other, with many others Deacon Harvey accepted Christ, was baptized on the 24th of August, 1862, by the Rev. J. N. Barnes, and was appointed one of the first deacons of the Free Baptist Church, organized there in that year. During those forty years Mr. Harvey has been a faithful and loyal Free Baptist, and closely identified with all the work and the growth of the Free Baptist denomination on the island. He was a kind and loving husband, an indulgent father, a good citizen, and a generous neighbor. He leaves, in the person of his widow, an excellent woman, a faithful and earnest Christian worker, in the church beloved. Four sons and one daughter mourn his death; they are all residents of this island. On the 6th of September I saw him carried up the aisle of the Free Baptist Church at Seal Cove, where his voice had been so often raised in prayer and thanksgiving by his most worthy brother, Deacon F. M. Gordon, and his brother in the church, Capt. James Ingersoll (a naval veteran), who placed him before the altar, when the Rev. A. M. McNinch preached an excellent sermon from the words, "I have fought a good fight; I have finished my course; I have kept the faith;" 2nd Tim. 4: 7. Then we laid him in the grave in the little rural graveyard near the Free Baptist Church, on the hill overlooking the sea where, with a number of his old comrades and many of his neighbors, young and old, "he sleeps well." "Requiescat in peace." W. B. McLAUGHLIN.

HOLDER.—At Victoria street, St. John, on Sept. 16th, Lilly B., in her 10th year, youngest daughter of J. A. and Amy J. Holder, leaving sorrowing parents, three brothers and four sisters to mourn their sad loss—"But of such is the kingdom of heaven." The funeral services were conducted by the writer, assisted by Rev. S. Howard (Methodist). The remains were interred in Cedar Hill cemetery.

REV. DAVID LONG.

MORRELL.—Ella Morrell, aged 20 years, who was drowned from the steamer David Weston, on Sept. 19th, leaving a sorrowing mother, stepfather, four brothers and one sister to mourn. The funeral was conducted by Rev. David Long, assisted by Rev. C. T. Phillips. Interment in Cedar Hill cemetery.

WALLACE.—At Middle Hainesville, York Co., on the 21st inst., James Wallace, aged 85 years. His death was caused by an accident. He was thrown from a load of oats, and his skull was fractured. He died two days after, not having recovered consciousness. About fourteen years ago he professed religion and was baptized by Rev. G. Swim. He was a good man, respected by those who knew him. The funeral was attended by Rev. J. J. Barnes.