

News of the Churches.

**DEDICATION.**—The new church at mount Pleasant, C. Co., is to be dedicated to public worship on Sunday, July 26th. There will be three services.

**FIFTH DISTRICT MEETING.**—The church at Narrows, Queens Co., entertained the Fifth District Meeting, and, of course, did it well. The hearty hospitality of the people was equal to the large demands made upon it. The pastor, Rev. C. B. Lewis, and the entertainment committee looked well after the members and visitors, and nobody was neglected. The Meeting began Friday morning, 3rd inst., and closed Sunday evening. The ministers present during the session were Revs. T. W. Carpenter, J. McLeod, C. T. Phillips, J. A. Robertson, O. N. Mott, C. B. Lewis, H. A. Bonnell, S. J. Perry, D. Patterson and H. H. Ferguson, and licentiates L. G. Perry and J. J. Bonnell. The weather was fine throughout. There was preaching Thursday evening by Rev. C. T. Phillips, and it was an enjoyable service. The first meeting of the session, Friday morning, was a conference led by the pastor. There was a large attendance, and it was a season of much "refreshing from the presence of the Lord." And all the devotional meetings were marked by much of the Spirit's presence. . . . The first business meeting was at 2 p. m. Friday, Rev. S. J. Perry presiding. Reports were read from the churches. They were referred to a committee, brethren Isaac VanWart, H. Jones and J. G. Perry, to summarize. The Sunday schools reports were referred to brethren Patterson, Davis and Mott. The pastors of the district were appointed a committee on nominations; and brethren Bond, Robertson and Mott were appointed to locate the next annual session. After the reports had been read and committees appointed, there were speeches by Rev. C. T. Phillips and others on the work. Friday evening there was preaching by Rev. J. A. Robertson, followed by several testimonies. Saturday, at 8 a. m., business was resumed. After routine the election of chairman of the District for the ensuing year took place. Rev. C. B. Lewis was elected, with Rev. S. J. Perry assistant. Bro. Isaac VanWart, for the committee on church reports, presented a summary of their contents, and suggestions. The summary showed that fifteen churches sent reports and delegates. Seven churches failed to report. The additions by baptism were 41, the net gain being 31. Five pastors labored in the District during the year. The financial statements were, as usual, incomplete, showing only \$1,523.72. There are three Young People's Societies. Five churches report revivals. The following remarks and recommendations were adopted:

1. We suggest that the unreported churches be looked after.
2. We note the increase of spiritual activity and outpouring of the Spirit in our field, for which are grateful to the giver—God.
3. We advise that the churches take a deeper interest in Aged and Disabled Ministers' Fund.
4. We recommend that ordained pastors adopt the monthly system of administering the Lord's Supper, if possible. It is the richest service we engage in.
5. That the spiritual life of the churches be toned up by communion with God in the prayer-meetings.
6. That it is cause for regret that many of our members are depriving themselves of the richness of the literature, uplifting truths, and expositions of the doctrines of the New Testament as contained in our denominational paper. Our editor, as circumstances demand, ably defends us and our cause, for which he has claim on our most hearty and prompt and generous support.
7. That this District Meeting approves some such augmentation scheme as that submitted to Conference at the last session, and recorded on page 53 of the Year Book, 1902.

The report and its several recommendations were discussed by brethren Mott, McLeod, Phillips, Carpenter, Perry, Ferguson, Robertson and others, and many helpful suggestions were made.

On motion of Rev. S. J. Perry, seconded by Rev. C. T. Phillips, the following resolution was adopted:

*Whereas*, There has such a wrong and injustice done the Free Baptist denomination in taking the census.  
*And whereas*, Dr. McLeod has exposed the wrong and injustice;  
*Therefore resolved*, That this District Meeting highly appreciates his painstaking labor, and tenders him a unanimous vote of thanks;  
*And, also, resolved*, That the Clerk of the District Meeting send a copy of this resolution to the secular papers for publication.

Bro. McLeod made a statement about the census errors, especially as they concerned the Fifth District. At 11 a. m. the business meeting was adjourned, and there was a service of public worship, the sermon being by Rev. O. N. Mott. Business was taken up at 2 p. m. Brethren Dugan and Edgar were appointed delegates to Conference, with brethren E. Jones and J. R. Belyea as substitutes. . . . Rev. D. Patterson presented a summary of S. S. reports, showing that 15 schools had reported, with an enrollment of 538 scholars. Six of the schools are open all the year. The committee called attention to the need of a revision of the report form; suggested the encouragement of such ways and means as will give the S.S. work more and well qualified teachers; that the churches provide for the S. schools to take some part in raising the several denominational funds; that the quarterlies used in the S. schools be given a place only as helps in the preparation of the lessons, and that the Bible be the one S. S. textbook; that we appreciate most highly the S. S. help given by the Religious

INTELLIGENCER; that S. S. work be extended to secure generally a deeper interest in and more faithful study of the Word among the people. The report was fully discussed by brethren Patterson, Phillips, VanWart, Jones, Atkinson and others. Rev. Mr. Atkinson, Baptist, was invited to a seat, and spoke a few fraternal words. Rev. O. N. Mott reported that the next annual session would be held at Bellisle Bay. Revs. C. B. Lewis, S. J. Perry and O. N. Mott were appointed a committee to look after the destitute churches. On motion of Rev. D. Patterson it was resolved to ask Conference to amend the constitution of District Meetings to give S. S. superintendents membership in them. Licentiate J. J. Bonnell was recommended to hold fortnightly service at Kingston and Holderville till next Conference. Brethren Isaac VanWart, S. Smith and O. N. Mott were elected members of the District Executive. The following resolution was adopted:

That this District Meeting heartily commends the work done by the RELIGIOUS INTELLIGENCER, and urges its claims for liberal support, in the widening of its circulation and prompt payments.

The resolution was spoken to in warm terms by brethren Lewis, Phillips, Perry, Worden, Jones, VanWart, Robertson, Atkinson and others. . . . A resolution, moved by Bro. G. M. McCready, seconded by Rev. D. Patterson, reaffirmed all former declarations in favor of individual total abstinence and legislative prohibition, and urged all members to forward these things. . . . Rev. D. Patterson was appointed to preach the next annual sermon. A resolution of thanks to the pastor and people of the community was adopted. . . . At 8 p. m. a missionary meeting was held by the District W. M. Society. It was an excellent meeting. We do not report it here, as a report will be furnished by the secretary, Miss Carpenter, for the W. M. department. . . . Sunday was a fine day, and large and interested congregations attended all the services. The day began with a prayer meeting at 9 a. m., led by Bro. J. G. Perry. It was a most helpful meeting. The preceding services were as follows: 10.30 a. m., Rev. Dr. McLeod; 3 p. m., Rev. C. T. Phillips; 8 p. m., Rev. S. J. Perry. Baptist church. 11 a. m., Rev. C. T. Phillips; 8 p. m., Rev. Dr. McLeod. McDonald's Corner, 3 p. m., licentiate Bonnell. At the close of the afternoon preaching the Lord's Supper was administered by the pastor, Rev. C. B. Lewis, assisted by Dr. McLeod. It was a season of spiritual joy. . . . The session from first to last was one of the best ever held in the District. It is hoped that this year will witness a good degree of progress in every department of the work.

**MINISTERS.**—Rev. O. N. Mott was in Fredericton a few days ago. The INTELLIGENCER office had a call from him. He will retire from the Wickham pastorate at the end of the Conference year.

Rev. S. J. Perry has resigned his charge of the Hampstead pastorate, to take effect Oct. 1st. He and Mrs. Perry called on the INTELLIGENCER Wednesday, being in town for a few hours.

OF OTHER DENOMINATIONS.

—There are 132 Christian Endeavor Societies in Manitoba, with a membership of 4,386.

—The Eastern Baptist Association of New Brunswick is to meet on Saturday of this week at Surrey, A. Co.

—At the Reformed Baptist Alliance, a young lady, Miss M. Morgan, was accepted for missionary work in South Africa.

—At the Southern Baptist Association, held in St. Stephen last week, the statistical statement showed that thirty churches reported by letter, showing 107 baptized and a total addition of 186 members. Twenty-six churches reported on Sunday school matters, showing 40 schools, from which 61 pupils had been added to the churches by baptism.

—The Church of England Synod of New Brunswick was in annual session at Woodstock last week. The reports of the committee on statistics and the state of the church showed an increase of 789 communicants in 1902, a decrease of 126 in the number confirmed, a slight increase in the number of baptisms and an increase in financial returns of \$3,495.68. Incomplete returns from many parishes rendered the report somewhat meagre. New work has been undertaken in Grand Manan, at Hampstead and Wickham, McAdam and Cambridge.

—Reports presented in the Presbyterian Assembly show that the Ministers' Widows and Orphans' Fund, Maritime Provinces, has a capital of \$134,448. The allowances to widows have been raised from \$85 to \$97.50 for class I., and from \$170 to \$195 for class II. There are 18 widows and several orphans receiving benefit. The Aged and Infirm Ministers' Fund, also, is in a fair way of doing well. Revenues are increasing. It will not be long before an annuity of \$300 or \$400 a year will be secured for these who serve long in the ministry.

—It is now announced that the Hillsboro church cannot entertain the Maritime Baptist Convention, as was expected. It is likely to be held in St. John.

—The re-arrangement of stations of several Methodist ministers, made necessary after the recent Conference because of the Newcastle church wishing Rev. Hammond Johnson as pastor, has brought about the sending of Rev. William Lawson to Andover church, and Rev. Mr. Hennegar to Tabusintac. Rev. Mr. Johnson has assumed charge at Newcastle.

**NEW CLOTHES.**—The Messenger and Visitor is out in a new dress of type, and is looking well.

The Baptist Argus, also, has donned a new suit, and is increasingly attractive.