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APPOINTMENTS.

March 10th, at Grand Harbor,
Grand Manan.
The pastors will please announce that
there will be collections for missions
at all these appointments.
J. N. BARNES.
P. S.—I will (D. V.) spend a week
in each of these pastorates mentioned.
J. N. B.

QUARTERLY MEETING.

BARRINGTON, N.S., Feb. 17, 1903.
The Shelburne Co. Quarterly meet-
ing will convene with the Free Bap-
tist church, Newellton, Mar. 13-15th.
The first session will begin at 7:30
p. m. Friday.
J. E. GOSLINE,
Sec.

HOME MISSIONS.

Received from Rev. G. W. Foster:
For church at Rockland, \$ 1 25
Windsor, 1 57
Mount Pleasant, 1 06
Kwovlesville, 63
Gordonsville, 2 00
\$6 51
WM. PETERS,
Treasurer.

RESOLUTION OF APPROVAL.

At the last regular meeting of the
Fredericton Women's Christian Tem-
perance Union the following resolution
was unanimously passed:
Whereas, The Scott Act, which Fred-
ericton has hitherto nobly sustained in
three attempts to repeal, is now being
flagrantly and shamelessly violated;
Therefore resolved, That we place on
record our unqualified approval of the
Rev. J. J. Colter's untiring and fearless
effort, against great obstacles, to secure
the enforcement of this law, and to
assure him of our readiness to give him
any assistance in our power to do;
And further resolved, That a copy of
this resolution be sent to the *Daily
Gleaner*, the *RELIGIOUS INTELLIGENCER*
and the *Daily Sun*, St. John.

At the last regular meeting of No Sur-
render Council, No. 132, R. T. of T.,
Marysville, it was unanimously resolved
that we are in full sympathy with the
work of our brothers, Revs. J. J. Colter
and W. R. Robinson, in the prosecution
of the Scott Act, and that we give our
entire sympathy and approval of the let-
ter of Bro. J. J. Colter, as published in
the *Gleaner* of February 10th, and are
not in sympathy with the editorial com-
ment on Rev. J. J. Colter's letter; also
that a copy of this be sent to the
Gleaner, the *St. John Sun*, and *RELIGIOUS
INTELLIGENCER*, and the *Royal Tem-
plar of Canada*.

H. W. SMITH,
Recording Sec.

ABOUT COMPLIMENTS.

Words of approval should cheer, but
not inflate their recipient. Otherwise,
they are dangerous. One of the greatest
mistakes a young minister can make
is to take seriously every compliment
paid his sermons. A prominent church-
member said to a pioneer preacher, as
he was leaving the house, "You preach-
ed us a good sermon to-day." "Yes,"
was the quick reply, "the devil told me
that before I got out of the pulpit."
The Telescope.

THE GROWTH OF MORMONISM.

The Mormon population of the United
States has increased more rapidly dur-
ing the last two decades, according to
official statistics of the church, than in
any other similar period in its history.
The growth of Mormonism has never
before been so general as at the pres-
ent day.

Mormon converts are to be found to-
day practically in every State of the
Union and in every large city. Con-
siderable bodies of Mormons are be-
sides to be found in Mexico, in Canada
and in Japan, while many converts are
reported from England and European
countries.

The statistics of the Mormon popu-
lation in Utah are especially surpris-
ing. In 1870 the census gave the entire
population of Utah as 88,374, and of
this number some 80,000 were put down
as Mormons. In 1900 the population
was placed by the official census at
276,740, of which 220,000 were Mor-
mons. In other words, there was a
net increase of 140,000 in that State
alone in thirty years. In this period
about one-third of the entire number
had located in regions outside the State.

The increase is remarkable, but has
been far surpassed in the ten years fol-
lowing. In 1890 the Mormons claimed
exactly 144,352 adherents in the United
States. At the present day they claim
a membership of 320,000.

The rate of growth during this per-
iod and the extent of territory affected
were trifling when compared with the
world-wide missionary work of the pres-
ent day. In other words, Mormonism
has more than doubled the number of
its adherents during the last twelve
years. If the recent activity continues,
and everything indicates it will, the
next decade will witness an even more
amazing growth, not only in Utah, but
throughout the entire United States.

The statistics of membership for the
States other than Utah are equally sur-
prising. During the last year there have
been several thousand baptisms in the
Eastern and Southern States alone. The
present membership of the Eastern
States is 1,187, and the number is being
increased daily. There are at present
more than 200 Mormons in New York
city. In Boston and the surrounding
territory there are about 400.

These figures do not begin to indi-
cate, however, the entire story of Mor-
mon results of missionary work. As
soon as a sufficient number of Mormon
converts are collected it is a custom to
ship them West without delay to popu-
late the distinctly Mormon States, or to
colonize the far West and help build
up new Mormon communities.

There is a population, for example,
of 6,000 Mormons at Alberta, in North-
western Canada, while the Mormon
population of Mexico numbers more
than 3,000.

J. Fielding Smith, a man of great ex-
ecutive ability and of fine physique, is
the present head of the Mormon
church.—*Chicago Record-Herald*.

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