

## News of the Churches.

DOUGLAS, YORK Co.—On Sunday, July 12th, Rev. H. A. Bonnell baptized two persons at Douglas.

CALEDONIA, N. S.—The work holds its own here. The Sunday school is doing good work. The last session of the Queen's Co. Quarterly Meeting was held here, and stirred us up a little. Last month (June 28) I baptized two happy converts, and they were received into the church that day. I have held a few special meetings in Westfield. In Hibernia two have lately started for Christ. They expect to finish their church soon. God bless these people is our prayer.

ROSCOE HEINE.

FROM REV. J. NOBLE.—I have been thinking for some time about writing for the paper, and then I wonder what I can write, for I am not doing anything much. Yet I am all the time on the go. The month of June I kept up a regular appointment at Charleston and Connell and went also to South Wakefield, until the time came to attend the District Meetings. I was at the Second and the First District Meetings. Last Saturday and Sunday I was back again to Charleston and Connell. Next Sunday I expect to be in Hainesville and Staples Settlement. So I keep on the move, and I hope some little good is done in the Lord's name. Last Sunday afternoon old brother Perry was with me. He thinks we old men are so far out of date that we cannot do anything, the young men being in demand now-a-days. Brother Paul preached a good sermon at the First District Meeting at Bath. Things look much brighter I think for the upper part of the country. Brother Bell is, I believe, going to be a good help in that section. He and Brother Fenwick work well together. To all our young men I would like to give this word of counsel—visit all you can. It will do great good—good that cannot be done in any other way. Perhaps some of them think it would interfere with their studies and pulpit preparation. I often think of a remark made by the celebrated C. H. Spurgeon. A lady friend asked him how he got time to prepare his sermons; his answer was that when he went to see her he got an idea, when he went to see another he got another idea, and so by the time he got through the week, and put them all together, it made quite a sermon. Brother Doody and Brother Camber are much encouraged in their work; and Brother Fenwick and Brother Bell are much encouraged with them. This, in my judgment, brightens the prospect upon Tobique and around there. Brother Manzer is doing what he can in Sunday school work and otherwise. He gave a very excellent address Sunday morning of District Meeting, in the Sunday school; in fact Brother Barnes' address, the Sunday before, and Brother Manzer's

had an influence that was felt all through the day; at least I think so. I must now close or the editor will get tired correcting and the printer will tire spelling it out.

J. NOBLE.

Woodstock, July 14, 1903.

FIRST DISTRICT MEETING.—The fifty-third annual session of the First District Meeting convened at Bath, Carleton Co., on Friday, July 3rd, at 2.30 p. m. Rev. L. A. Fenwick was in the chair. The meeting was opened by singing and Scripture lesson and prayer, led by Rev. J. Noble, Rev. A. D. Paul and Rev. L. A. Fenwick. In the absence of the clerk, who had his shoulder dislocated the day before and was not able to attend, Ernest E. Bloodsworth was elected clerk pro tem. The first meeting was devoted to Sabbath school work. Four Sunday schools sent reports—Beechwood, Lower Perth, Rowena and Arthur-ette; two others were verbally reported. Rev. A. D. Paul, C. J. Green and T. D. Bell were appointed a committee to summarize the S.S. reports. Some time was spent in discussing Sunday school work by the brethren present. Friday evening there was a song and praise service, led by Rev. L. A. Fenwick; scripture lesson by Rev. J. Perry; prayer by Rev. J. N. Barnes. The meeting was addressed by Rev. J. N. Barnes, Licentiate Bell and Rev. A. D. Paul. Saturday morning there was a short business session.

Sunday at 10 a. m. was the Annual Conference Meeting, presided over by the pastor, Rev. L. A. Fenwick. The Lord's presence was felt, and nearly two hours were spent in testimony. At 2 p. m. met in business session. Prayer by Bro. Doody. Reports were received from six churches—Arthur-ette, Rowena, Ortonville, Lower Perth, Beechwood, and Bath. Four churches reported verbally—Riley Brook, Long Island, California and Mineral. The reports were handed to a summarizing committee.

Rev. L. A. Fenwick was elected chairman, and Bro. T. D. Bell assistant chairman. The location of the next District Meeting was left in the hands of the Executive. The committee appointed to nominate delegates to General Conference named C. J. Green and George Camber; substitutes, C. Tompkins and E. F. Shaw. Rev. J. Perry moved the following resolution, which was unanimously adopted:

*Whereas*, There has been such a wrong and injustice done the Free Baptists in taking the census of the dominion;

*And whereas*, Dr. McLeod has taken great pains to expose this fraud;

*Therefore resolved*, That this District Meeting highly appreciate his labors, and that a unanimous vote of thanks be tendered him;

*And further resolved*, That the Clerk of this District Meeting send a copy of this resolution to the secular papers for publication.

Rev. A. D. Paul for the committee on church reports submitted his report which was adopted.

The following brethren were elected members of the executive: G. W. Perry, C. J. Green and Amos Giberson. The meeting went into committee on licentiates. Rev. A. D. Paul for the committee submitted the following report

Your committee on licentiates report that the District Meeting commends the labor of Bro. George Camber and recommends him to the churches of the District; also that the license of Bro. Doody be renewed.

Saturday evening there was a missionary meeting presided over by the pastor.

Sunday services were as follows: At 8 a. m., a short prayer meeting; at 9.30, Sunday school, led by Bro. H. M. Manzer; at 11 a. m., preaching by Rev. A. D. Paul; at 3 p. m., preaching by Rev. J. Perry; at the close of which the Lord's Supper was administered; at 7.30 preaching by Rev. H. Hartt.

The ministers present during the session were: Revs. J. Noble, J. Perry, J. Henderson, H. Hartt, J. N. Barnes, A. D. Paul and L. A. Fenwick, and licentiates T. D. Bell, H. Manzer, and Doody. The weather during the meetings was all that could be desired.

CLERK PRO TEM.

SIXTH DISTRICT MEETING.—The Free Baptists of the Sixth District held their fifty-fifth annual session at Lewis Mountain, W. Co., on Friday, the tenth day of July at two p. m. The following ministers were present, viz., Revs. F. G. Francis, Norton; B. H. Nobles, Sussex; H. H. Ferguson, Millstream; W. H. Perry, Salisbury; Abram Perry, Petitcodiac; Gideon Swim, Moncton; and Dr. McLeod, Fredericton.

The first business of the session was the Sabbath school convention. This was opened by the president, with a short devotional service, after which the reports were read. Fifteen schools reported. A number of schools in the District, being union schools, did not report. At the election of officers of the S.S. Asso., M. J. Steeves was re-elected president, and W. H. Heine, Sec. The president appointed John E. Slipp, Frank L. Steeves and R. C. Colpitts a committee to summarize the S.S. reports and to report at the evening session. The following were then elected as members of the S.S. Executive, viz., Gideon McLeod, John E. Slipp and Frank Steeves. These, with the Pres. and Sec., form the Executive for the present year. This closed the Sabbath school work till the evening session, and the regular work of the District was taken up.

The chairman of the District, Rev. H. H. Ferguson, opened with the singing of "I need thee every hour," followed by the reading of Scriptures and prayer by Rev. Gideon Swim. The following churches reported, viz., Penobsquis, Lower Ridge, Millstream Mt., Wheaton Settlement, Coverdale, Apohaqui, Snider Mountain, Moncton, Midland, Taylor Village, Norton, Millstream, Steeves Mt., Dover, Newtown, Petitcodiac, Steeves Set-

tlement, Portage, Sussex, Long Point, Lewis Mt., Corn Hill, Hill Grove, and Head of Millstream. All of these sent delegates, except five. Rev. F. G. Francis, C. W. Weyman and J. E. Price were appointed to summarize the church reports, and to report at the first session Saturday morning.

The evening session opened at 7.30 p. m., with a short devotional service, led by the president, after which the summarizing committee presented their report, of which the following is a synopsis: Schools reported, 18; schools in District, 23; schools open during year, 12; scholars in attendance, 898; average attendance, 608; teachers, 68; average attendance of teachers, 59; money raised, \$119.67; scholars joined churches, 27. The report showed a slight decrease along all lines. The report was taken up section by section, and after some discussion was adopted. The rest of the evening was taken up with addresses from Rev. A. Perry, Rev. Dr. McLeod, and M. J. Steeves.

Saturday, July 11th.—The session opened with devotional services, after which the minutes of the previous session were read and adopted. The first business was the election of officers. On motion Gideon McLeod was admitted as a member of this District as delegate from the church at Penobsquis. On the ballots being counted, Rev. W. H. Perry was declared chairman and Gideon McLeod assistant. Rev. F. G. Francis, from the committee to summarize the reports, submitted his report. Twenty-three out of twenty-eight churches reported. Membership of churches reporting, 1,478. Eighty-four members were added to these churches during the year, fifty-three by baptism and thirty-one by letter. The amount of money raised for church purposes was \$4,360.81, and the church property was valued at \$40,235.00. All the pastorates in the District had pastoral care, except the Penobsquis and Newtown pastorate. The committee made a number of recommendations which were freely discussed by the meeting. The hour for the annual conference having arrived, the further discussion of this report was laid over till the afternoon session.

At the conference the house was packed, and nearly every one in the house testified for the Master.

The afternoon session was devoted to the work of the District. On motion the report of the summarizing committee was adopted. The District executive was elected, and consists of the following members: Rev. W. H. Perry, W. H. Heine, Rev. Abram Perry, Rev. H. H. Ferguson and M. J. Steeves as committee to nominate delegates to General Conference. The committee reported and named the following delegates: E. L. Perkins, Geo. McLeod, J. E. Slipp, G. A. Taylor, N. Hughson; substitutes, J. E. Price, Z. Gaunce, A. H. Steeves, T. G. Perry and A. Lester.

Job McFarlane, from a committee appointed last year to ascertain the condition of the church at Victoria Road, submitted his report. They report the majority of the inhabitants

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