

FIFTH DISTRICT SOCIETY.

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the Kongo people knew nothing of theirs. There was patient waiting and great suffering, but by degrees they passed town after town that blocked their progress, until they reached Stanley Pool. They have broken down the prejudice which met the white man on the first arrival, and by the power of the gospel of Christ they have built up the kingdom in the hope that in due course even the black continent of Africa will be as much in the light as we. They had many difficulties and hardships to endure. In those early pioneering days they were not planted in companies. They had to clear away the brush, build their houses, establish their station, and become friendly with the people. Natives came, threatening to burn down their station and drive them from the land. But they never found a native even among the cannibal tribe that then swarmed around that district, who did not respond to tender treatment and consideration. Some think there is nothing in the black man except cunning. The African responds to kindness, and through that they have established the Kongo mission. You hear a great deal against foreign missions. Do not listen to every silly criticism you hear. There are some people who delight to speak scathingly of "those fanatics." Anything not God-blessed, let us criticize it to death; but anything that God has put his mark on will live through all the fires of scorn and come out triumphant with the glory of God upon its brow. Methods are not missions. They are not everlasting, but mission work will be everlasting, until there is no need to say to any man, "Know ye the Lord." Then make a little sacrifice for missions. It is astonishing how deep your love will become if only it costs you something. The man who has paid some big price will always be willing to defend that which God has written in pain in his own heart. No doubt the reason, or at least the main reason, why the church of to-day is so spiritless and dull is that we have forgotten that her chief work is to preach the gospel to the whole world, and that in the meantime we have been luxuriating in our own gifts and consuming them upon ourselves. The prosperity of the church at home, and the measure of her power over her sons and daughters, must depend upon our activity in the work of what we call "foreign missions," but which ought more properly to be known as the "great mission of the church." Let us not forget that at the best, and most, we are but the great-grandchildren of heathen and barbarian ancestors, and that we owe all our superiority to the remaining heathen and barbarian nations of the world to this great fact, that the gospel was in an early day of Christianity brought to our fathers by Christian missionaries. Shall we for this reason assume an exclusive spiritual primacy over the Gentile world; and because we have earlier than they been rescued from heathenism, treat them with condescending patronage, and by an annual collection of our loose money, for the purpose of sending them now and again a missionary, fancy that we are discharging all our obligation to them and our duty to our great Master? The Jews lost their inheritance because of unbelief. We are in danger of losing ours because of disobedience. Let us not be high-minded in the enjoyment of our distinguishing privileges, but rather fearful; "for if God spared not the natural branches, take heed lest he also spare not thee."

S. J. CARPENTER.

The Cape Breton Coal, Iron and Railway Company has bonded a number of properties at Louisburg for the purpose of securing a suitable location for a shipping pier.

NEWS OF CHURCHES.

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of the place to be of Free Baptist sentiments, and on motion of C. W. Weyman a fund of \$25 was raised, which was to be supplemented with a grant from the Home Mission Executive, in order to give this church some care during the next year.

The committee on bye-laws for the S.S. Convention, submitted the following report:

(1). This Society shall be known as the Sixth District Sunday School Convention.

(2). The Convention shall be a constituent part of the District Meeting, but under its own officers and composed of its own delegates.

(3). The officers of the Convention shall be a President, Secretary and three additional executives.

(4). The Convention shall consist of the pastors, superintendents and two delegates from each Sunday School.

At the request of E. L. Perkins it was decided that the next yearly session of the District Meeting be held with the church at Norton.

A vote of thanks was extended to the people of Lewis' Mountain for their kind hospitality in entertaining the members of the District Meeting. On motion it was ordered that the District Executive be asked to select a minister to preach the next annual sermon.

The following resolution, submitted by Dr. McLeod, was passed, viz.:

Resolved, That the District Meeting Executive be instructed to arrange the division of time of next annual session between the next Sunday School Convention and District Meeting proper, and that a programme be prepared of the services, and printed in the INTELLIGENCER four weeks before the meeting of the District.

At the evening session the District Executive presented their report as follows: Rev. W. H. Perry to preach the next annual sermon. W. H. Heine to prepare a programme for the next District Meeting. The balance of the evening session was devoted to the Women's Missionary work.

The services on the Sabbath were well attended. The day being fine, numbers came from a long distance. Rev. H. H. Ferguson preached the annual sermon to a crowded house, from the text, "Sirs, we would see Jesus." The Lord was with him. A large number, being unable to hear the sermon of Rev. Mr. Ferguson, gathered on the grounds of Mr. Lounsbury where they listened to an impressive sermon by Rev. G. F. Francis.

Dr. McLeod preached at 3 o'clock to an attentive audience from the message of Jesus to John. Rev. B. H. Nobles preached in the evening from the text, "Who hath Believed our Report? The Spirit of the Lord was present throughout all the services and numbers were impressed with their need of salvation. An invitation was extended at the close of this service to any who desired to seek salvation to manifest it by rising; about twenty arose. The present seems a good time for some special work to be done in that section.

W. H. HEINE,
Clerk.

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MINISTERS.—Rev. A. J. Prosser has accepted a call to the Hartland-Brighton pastorate.

Rev. Gideon Swim writes: "I expect to remain in Moncton another year. We will have preaching in the church here morning and evening every Sunday next year."

A *Sun* correspondent says: The Tracey Mills Free Baptist church is now free from debt. This was accomplished by the efforts of Rev. Mr. Parker since he took charge less than a year ago.

Rev. F. G. Francis went to Halifax last week to visit his mother. He intended visiting Yarmouth before his return.

Rev. G. W. Foster, Coldstream, C. Co., and Rev. J. J. Barnes, Southampton, York Co., exchanged pulpits on a recent Sunday.

Rev. John Henderson has just returned from three or four weeks visit amongst relatives and old friends in Victoria County and Aroostook, Me. He was accompanied by Mrs. Henderson, and they enjoyed the trip much.

OF OTHER DENOMINATIONS.

—The Episcopal church at St. Marys, York Co., has called Rev. J. DeWolfe Cowie to be rector.

—The Maritime Baptist Convention will assemble on Saturday, Aug. 22nd. Leinster St. Church, St. John, is the place of meeting.

—Rev. J. T. Deinstadt is mentioned as the possible successor of the late Dr. Read in the pastorate of the Methodist Church, St. Stephen.

—The Baptist Foreign Mission Board received word Friday of the death of Mrs. Sanford, wife of Rev. R. Sanford, a missionary of the society in India. Mr. and Mrs. S. have been in mission work 30 years.

The stereotyped excuse with some men for not voting against the saloon is, "I don't want to lose my vote." Well, father, better lose your vote than lose your boy or your soul.

Notes and Gleanings.

The Australian death rate from cancer for every 10,000 living has risen in the last thirty years from 2.75 to 5.72. It has more than doubled for males and nearly doubled for females.

One thousand pounds were paid the other day by an orchid collector for a plant that originally cost the importer 1s. 6d. It had developed uncommon blood-red markings on white.

The slimmest skyscraper in the world is to be built in New York. It will be 17 stories high, and only 46 by 26 on the ground floor. Strangers in the city may mistake it for an obelisk.

In Japan, very thin, transparent paper is used instead of glass in windows—not that glass is not plentiful and cheap as in this country, but that the Japanese desire the paper to filter the air they breathe.

Irrigation by train has been resorted to by farmers living near Pottsville, Pa., in order to save their crops. Water in large quantities was brought down the mountain in railroad trains, and distributed over the farming lands in pipes temporarily laid.

During the year 1902 the net tonnage passing through the Suez Canal increased 424,573 tons over 1901, and 1,510,251 tons over 1900. The transit receipts amounted to \$20,744,004—the highest figure reached since the opening of the Canal. In 1902, 3,708 vessels passed through the Canal, of which number 2,165 carried the British flag.

The tyranny of fashion is to be found all over the world. The life of a Chinese girl is one long torture because of the horrible custom of foot-binding. "The women of Lake Nyassa insert a piece of stone in their upper lip, enlarging it from time to time till speaking and eating become most awkward and painful operations, and the very lip sometimes is torn away."

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