

including flour, bread, eggs, chickens, kids, rice, meat, curry-powder, green vegetables, cloth, etc. At the Moravian mission station at Witte Klei Bosch, South Africa, the native Christians collected £1 11s., and it is pathetic to read how these converts rose up one after another and testified to their gratitude for the scriptures. The teachers and children of the C. M. S. Orphanage at Nazareth forwarded £4 as a centenary birthday offering. A few members of the Somaliland Field Force sent £15. "A collection made prior to March 6th (Bible Sunday) as by that day we shall be again on trek after the Mullah."

News of the Churches.

SECOND DISTRICT MEETING.—The annual meeting of the churches of the Second District convened at Knowlesville, C. Co., on Friday, June 24th. The ministers present, during the session were Revs. J. Perry, T. S. Vanwart, Jos. McLeod, H. Hartt, H. A. Bonnell, E. S. Parker and A. J. Prosser. The first meeting opened at 10 a. m. In the absence of Rev. A. W. Currie, the chairman of last year, Rev. H. A. Bonnell, pastor of the church, occupied the chair. After devotional exercises, reports from the churches were read. They were referred to a committee (Brethren Prosser, Turner and McGee) to summarize their contents. In the afternoon meeting the committee on church reports presented their report, the substance of which was as follows: Seventeen churches reported; they have 1,763 members; additions by baptism 26, by letter 10; eleven churches report pastoral care; money (partial) \$4,314.14; three Young People's Societies. The condition of the churches was discussed, and regret expressed that in many cases the attendance at the mid-week prayer-meeting and monthly conference is not so large as it should be. Brookville, Somerville and River Bank churches, which were never large, and now have but few members, were advised to unite with the Free Baptist church nearest them. Neither of them has a house of worship. The East Bridgewater church, which is located in Maine, was advised to unite with the Aroostook Quarterly Meeting. Rev. D. Fiske, Presbyterian, being present, was invited to a seat. Committee on Public Services and to nominate delegates to Conference were appointed.

At the 7.30 p. m. meeting Sunday-school work was considered. Bro. E. L. West presented the report on Sunday-schools. Thirteen schools had sent reports, showing very good work being done. The adoption of the report was moved and seconded by brethren West and Miller in short speeches, and there were addresses by Revs. D. Fiske, J. Perry and T. S. Vanwart.

At 8.30 a. m. Saturday, business was resumed. After devotions, led by Bro. Hartt, and routine, the officers for the year were elected: Rev. H. A. Bonnell, chairman, and Rev. A. J. Prosser, assistant chairman. Delegates to Conference were appointed as follows: Brethren E. Alexander, G. A. Turner, H. Doucette, W. Margeson and C. Hall; substitutes — brethren W. McGee, F. Page, J. N. Perry, H. Briggs and E.

Morgan. The reports of the churches were further considered. The importance of keeping in communication, so far as possible, with absent members was urged. The worth of the INTELLIGENCER to the families of the denomination was spoken of by brethren Bonnell, Prosser, Turner, Underhill, Davis and others.

At 10 a. m. the Conference meeting began, continuing till noon, led by the pastor. The scripture lesson was read by Rev. H. Hartt, and prayer offered by Rev. E. S. Parker. The pastor spoke warm words of welcome on behalf of the church and community. There were many testimonies, and it was a pleasant and profitable meeting.

At 2 p. m. business was taken up again. Pastorates and other matters concerning the churches received some consideration. The District executive was elected: Revs. A. J. Prosser and T. S. Vanwart and Bro. E. L. West. The chairman and clerk are members *ex officio*. Rev. T. S. Vanwart spoke of the enfeebled condition of Rev. W. DeWare, and suggested an offering, and a generous contribution was made. A hearty vote of thanks to the people of Knowlesville was passed.

The evening meeting was a missionary meeting under direction of District W. M. Society. The society's business meeting was held in the afternoon. At the public meeting the president, Mrs. McFarlane, presided. Prayer by Rev. H. A. Bonnell. Mrs. Dr. Secord, secretary-treasurer, read her report, the adoption of which was moved by Mrs. B. Shaw, seconded by Mrs. Parker. The report will be published in the W. M. Society department of the INTELLIGENCER. There were readings by Miss Richardson, Mrs. Prosser and Mrs. Slipp, and a paper on Christian Missions by Mrs. J. N. Perry. Revs. J. McLeod and A. J. Prosser spoke. Mrs. Slipp spoke also earnestly of the importance of temperance teaching in the Sunday-schools.

The Sunday services were as follows: Prayer-meeting at 9.30 a. m., led by Rev. H. Hartt; preaching at 10.30 a. m., by Rev. A. J. Prosser; at 2 p. m., by Rev. Jos. McLeod; at 7.30 p. m., by Rev. E. S. Parker; the Lord's Supper in the afternoon service. There was preaching also at Windsor, 10.30 a. m., by Rev. Dr. McLeod; 7.30 p. m., by Rev. J. Perry; at Mount Pleasant, 3 p. m., by Rev. A. J. Prosser; at Hartland, 7.30 p. m., by Rev. Dr. McLeod.

With the exception of a rain Saturday morning, the weather was pleasant. The Knowlesville people were as kind as any people could be, and every member and visitor was well cared for. There was a good attendance, though not so large as some years. We trust that much good will result from the meetings. The next annual session will be at Windsor. Bro. Bonnell, pastor of the church, is much liked by his people. He is now holding special meetings at Knowlesville, and we hope to hear of spiritual quickening and conversions.

FREDERICTON JUNCTION - TRACEY. — I certainly ought to report our work here. I have been intending to do so for several weeks, but I find procrastination is a subtle thief of time and opportunity. It becomes easy to put off for next

week that which ought to be put into this; so I have failed to write. Last December I began special meetings with the church at the Junction. There were splendid indications of revival, but I became ill and had to abandon the work. I was much disappointed, but committed it all to the Lord, and trusted and believed "all things would work together for good." In April the Home Mission Board held a session here, and when they understood the situation, offered Bro. Paul's help for a time. After due deliberation the offer was accepted. Bro. Paul came in May and remained with us seventeen days, during which time meetings were held every evening, with occasionally an afternoon service. The Holy Ghost was with us in much power. The church was in a very low condition, and had been so for a number of years, but it was apparent that a better day was at hand. Wanderers began to come home, many who had hung their harps upon the willows and by the waters of Babylon sat down, and had not attempted to sing the Lord's song, some of them for many years, took up the song again, and souls were turning to the Lord. Bro. Paul and myself baptized together, one going into the water as the other came out, altogether twenty-four. The baptisms were seasons of great joy and blessing to church and community. There were great struggles with some over the ordinance, but in nearly every case there was great victory.

After Bro. Paul left me, I opened meetings at Tracey. It was very apparent that the fire kindled at the Junction was being felt at Tracey. Although it was seeding time, and many of our men were away upon railroad work, the meetings were well attended, and great good was done. I have baptized eleven since beginning there, and there are others we hope to see going forward. Last Sabbath, 19th inst., I closed work with the baptism of four. On the same evening we had communion service at the Junction, when forty-three sat down to the Lord's table; it was a blessed season. One of the great evils I found, when coming to this pastorate, was the neglect of the communion. More than half of those who were actively engaged in church work would go away from the service. I have labored steadily and earnestly to help the people to see the serious error, verily the sin, of going away from the Lord's Supper. I have made it a matter of prayer, and am rejoiced to know that in both churches many of those who always went away, now regularly come in. I am fearful some of us pastors do not keep this Christian duty before the people as we ought. I am finding that it is a matter of misunderstanding with many. We should certainly do all in our power to correct this serious and growing weakness.

The brethren at Tracey are looking forward to the session of General Conference with much joy of welcoming the brethren to their community and homes.

While I often think of the dear brethren and sisters on my former pastorates, and sometimes have a homesick feeling to see them, this people are becoming very dear to me. It has not been easy work here by any means, but God has been with us and is helping us, and

from our hearts we frequently sing, "Blest be the tie which binds our hearts." We are trusting God and going forward, and, we trust, upward, each seeking to plant our feet on higher ground. J. B. DAGGETT.

SEVENTH DISTRICT.—The attention of churches in the Seventh District is directed to the change of date of holding the District Meeting—from the fourth Saturday in August to the second Saturday. The District Executive has made this change after consultation with the Fair Haven church, where the meeting is to be held.

YARMOUTH, N. S.—A beautiful Children's Day service was held at the Free Baptist church on Sunday evening 26th ult. The programme included flower exercises and recitations by the little children, responsive reading and carols by the Sunday-school and Junior Society, and an address by the pastor, Rev. Edwin Crowell. The music was excellent and was under the direction of Mr. Ehrgot. The pulpit platform was profusely decorated with flowers and plants. —*Yarmouth Times*.

FROM REV. T. O. DEWITT.—I go regularly to Geary and Waterville, S. Co., every Sabbath. They are gaining in spiritual strength, though still weak. There are two good Sunday-schools, in which there is a good interest. I have been to Upper Gagetown, but will cease my visits there. T. O. DEWITT.

MINISTERS.—Rev. Jos. Noble has been confined to his home for the past fortnight, and to his bed most of the time. He took a slight cold, and having over-exerted himself, he became very weak in his limbs. We called on him a week ago, and found him free from suffering, but very weak. He is gaining strength slowly, he thinks, and expects to be able to be about again, and hopes he may get to Conference, in which hope his brethren all share. He is tenderly cared for. The Lord gives him great peace, and he is joyful in the love of Christ.

Rev. Dr. Ford, General Secretary of the United States Free Baptist Conference, visited some of the Nova Scotia churches recently.

Rev. A. J. Prosser is now holding special meetings at Lower Brighton.

Rev. F. A. Currier went to Nova Scotia last week.

Rev. B. H. Nobles spent a recent Sunday in Houlton, Me.

Lord Roberts and Cigarettes.

England's great military hero has been widely quoted recently by those interested as favorable to the cigarette. Some ladies of the W. C. T. U. in Montreal wrote to Lord Roberts: Last week a very courteous reply came, in which the following sentence occurs: "My opinion is that every one would be better without smoking, and that, so far as boys are concerned, it is a pernicious and injurious habit." The ladies now intend printing this statement of conviction upon a card with Lord Roberts' portrait, and circulating it broadcast throughout the country.