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Seventh District Meeting, the second Saturday in August, at Fair Haven, Deer Island. Rev. R. W. Ferguson to preach the opening sermon.  
Recommended that Rev. J. McLeod, D. D., Rev. A. D. Paul, Rev. John Henderson and Rev. John Perry be requested to attend all the District Meetings.

**NOTICE.**

The Shelburne Co. Free Baptist Quarterly meeting will convene with the church at Doctor's Cove, August 5-7. The first session will begin Friday at 2.30 p. m.  
J. E. GOSLINE, Secretary.  
Barrington, N. S., July 9, 1904.

**Free Baptist Conference of Nova Scotia.**

**YEARLY MEETING NOTICE.**

The yearly meeting of the Free Baptist Conference of Nova Scotia will be held at the Free Baptist church at Kemptville, Yarmouth County, at ten o'clock a. m. on Thursday, August 25th, 1904.

EDWIN CROWELL,  
Clerk of Free Baptist Conference of Nova Scotia.  
Yarmouth, N. S., July 21, 1904.

**THE MAGAZINES.**

The August *Canadian Magazine* has three features. The first is five excellent short stories by well-known writers. The second is some splendid Japanese portraits and scenes. The third is a collection of pictures taken at Annapolis and St. John during the recent Champlain-De Monts celebrations. In fact, the number is an excellent one, from the colored frontispiece to the last department.

The August *Century* is in fact as well as in name a Midsummer Holiday Number, being pervaded with the holiday and outdoor spirit. Eight colored insets present Italian villas, Bermuda submarine life, and a newly discovered natural bridge. The last of these illustrates a great "find," being one of three pictures of colossal natural bridges accompanying an account of a recent discovery in Southeastern Utah which has excited a sensation.

The *Methodist Magazine* for August has a comprehensive illustrated article on "The Morocco Crisis," with map and engravings. Another illustrated article is on "Pioneering in British Columbia." An article on "Church Union," by the late Principal Grant, is re-printed. "Canada's Opportunity and Duty," "A Friendly Microbe," and other articles, make up an attractive number. Toronto: William Briggs. \$2 a year; \$1 for six months.

The August *St. Nicholas* has a promising new serial, "Elinor Arden Royalist." The tale deals with a little maid and her adventures in the time of the Cavaliers and Roundheads. The number, too, has the second instalment of the unique Japanese serial, "Kibun Daizin, or From Shark-Boy to Merchant Prince." The number seems unusually rich in verse. The departments keep up to an advancing standard. The Letter-Box, the Riddle-Box, and the Stamp Page give good measure, and the number is one to hold attention.

A cousin of the President's, Maude Roosevelt, is, in the matter of strenuousness, evidently a disciple of her distinguished relative. She contributes to the August *Lippincott's Magazine*, "Social Logic." The short stories have variety and life. There is much and varied verse.

**RECENT TESTIMONIES.**

Some striking testimonies as to the value of foreign missions have recently been given by men of prominence in Great Britain, including Lord Selbourne and the Marquis of Salisbury. Lord Selbourne has been connected for many years with the Colonial Office and the Admiralty, and having been in closest communication with people in all parts of the world, he has learned much as to missionaries and their work. In speaking of the testimony he had received from all kinds of witnesses, willing and unwilling, friendly and hostile, he declared that there was left on his mind "a profound contempt, which he had no desire to disguise, for those who sneered at missions." He declared that, judged by any reasonable standard, the work of the missionaries, though not perfect, as little on earth is perfect, was yet abundantly successful. The Marquis of Salisbury rebuked the supporters of missions at home for expecting too much from those whom they sent abroad. They were required, in the midst of difficulties and obstacles which sometimes seemed almost insurmountable, to report a rate of progress which could not be expected except by miracle. The Marquis protested against this "unholy thirst for statistics." "It was perfectly impossible to put in statistics the result of mission work." These thoughts are well worth considering by the supporters of missions.

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