

News of the Churches

MONCTON. — The Knowlesville friends of Rev. H. A. Bonnell made him a donation of \$34.00 on the 10th inst., for which he wishes to express his hearty thanks.

THIRD DISTRICT MEETING.—The Third District Meeting held its annual session at Mouth Keswick. It began on Friday, September 2nd, at 2 p. m., and opened with a business meeting. The ministers present were Revs. F. C. Hartley, chairman; Jos. Noble, John Perry, Dr. McLeod, John Henderson, Henry Hartt, A. D. Paul, H. H. Ferguson, J. C. Wilson and M. L. Gregg. The reports from the churches were read and handed to a Summary Committee composed of Rev. A. D. Paul, and Bros. G. A. Tapley, Geo. M. Slip and Jared W. Smith; Committee on Sabbath Schools was J. C. Wilson, W. Brewer, B. Pond and P. Smith; Devotional Committee, Rev. R. Heine and Bros. Hallett and W. Shephard; Committee on Delegates to General Conference, Revs. H. H. Ferguson, A. D. Paul and Henry Hartt. The Committee on Devotion reported that Rev. M. L. Gregg preach Friday evening. The congregation was not large, but seemed deeply interested. Bro. Gregg spoke from the text "And I, if I be lifted up, will draw all men unto me."

A business session was held Saturday morning beginning at 9 o'clock. Rev. A. D. Paul was elected chairman of District and Rev. H. H. Ferguson assistant. Revs. R. Heine and H. H. Ferguson and Bro. P. Smith were elected members of the District Executive. The Committee on Delegates to General Conference reported that Bros. Elias White, Ludlow Yerxa, Josiah Hallett and William Seymore be delegates, and Bros. Geo. Tapley, W. Brewer, George Slipp and J. Smith substitutes.

The social conference of the District was held at 10.30 o'clock, and was a good meeting. Although it was not as largely attended as usual, probably on account of the heavy rain, the spirit of the meeting was good, and everyone present took part. The afternoon business session began at 2.30, with a fairly good attendance considering the weather. The Women's Mission Society held their meeting at the same hour. The report of the Summary Committee showed ten churches reported by delegates and five others sent reports but no delegates. The churches reported show a membership of 1,430, an increase of 31. Some of these churches report no pastor, while others have preaching only occasionally. The committee on Sabbath Schools reported that 12 schools have been heard from, having 784 scholars enrolled, with an average attendance of 559. The number of teachers is 72, with an average attendance of 61, while 23 is the number reported as being converted during the year. The total amount of money raised by the schools the past year is \$472.00. Bros. Brewer, G. Tapley and B. Pond were appointed Sabbath school executive. It is hoped that their presence in the schools will give a new impetus to Sabbath school work throughout the District.

The invitation from Upper Hains-

ville for the next session of District Meeting was accepted. Rev. H. H. Ferguson was appointed to preach the annual sermon. The Woman's Missionary meeting held in the evening was interesting, though the storm prevented a large attendance. A prayer meeting was held at 9 o'clock, Sunday, led by Rev. J. N. Barnes, and was a good meeting, although a gloom was upon the people when word was brought about the fire in Douglas, and awful results, especially as the Jewett family were neighbors and highly respected, having but recently moved from the vicinity of Mouth of Keswick.

The congregation which met to hear the annual sermon was not large, but seemed deeply impressed as Bro. Paul spoke from Col. 3:15. Rev. Dr. McLeod preached in the afternoon, text, John 17:21. His theme was Christian Union, and it was evident from the expressions of opinion at the close of the session that the people were thinking deeply on the subject. The evening service was by Rev. John Perry, and was largely attended, the house being full to overflowing. Bro. Perry's text was 1st Thess. 7:5. It was a good sermon, and was listened to with deep interest. The offerings during the day for the Ministers' Relief Fund amounted to about \$17.00. Quite a large number sat down to communion at the close of the afternoon service.

W. SHEPARD, Clerk.

FOURTH DISTRICT MEETING.—The annual session of the Fourth District Meeting was held at Blissville, Sunbury Co., Sept. 9-11. The attendance was not as large as usual. The ministers present were Rev. J. B. Daggett (Chairman), G. W. Foster (pastor), Jos. McLeod, John Henderson and A. D. Paul, and Licentiate Cochrane. Reports were received from thirteen churches; four churches not reporting. The committees appointed in the first meeting were: Nominating—Brethren Hoyt, Smith and Smith; Devotional—the pastor and —; Summary of Church reports—Brethren Foster, Cochrane, and Nevers. In the afternoon meeting the nominating committee reported brethren Jarvis Hayward and H. Webb, delegates to Conference, with brethren Adolphus Smith and A. Hoyt their substitutes. Bros. Thos. L. Alexander was appointed Sunday school secretary for the District. Friday evening was devoted to the consideration of Sunday school work. Bro. Alexander presented the report, and addresses were made by brethren Foster, Cochrane, Paul and Washburn.

The Conference meeting was held at 10 a. m. Saturday, the pastor presiding. It was a good meeting. Saturday afternoon the officers for the year were elected: Rev. G. W. Foster, chairman; Rev. J. B. Daggett, assistant; brethren A. Hoyt, H. Webb, and T. L. Alexander members of executive. It was voted to request the H. M. Executive to make a grant to the Otnabog pastor. Bro. Cochrane presented a summary of the reports of churches. It showed 13 churches reported in regular form, and 2 verbally; thirty-three baptisms; money raised, 1,365.00; all the churches under pastoral care; eight churches had revival. The report regretted that so few

churches observe the Lord's Supper, and that there are not more mid-week prayer meetings. The report was carefully considered and adopted. The location of the next annual meeting was put in the hands of the executive. The union of Geary and Victoria churches was advised, and the executive is to call a meeting of the two churches to effect their union. The executive is also empowered to hold quarterly meetings, where advisable, with a view to quickening spiritual life. The license of Bro. W. H. McCutcheon was renewed. The next District Meeting will begin at 2 p. m., the second Friday in September, 1905. The meeting voted approval of any church in the District giving its female members the right to vote in all church matters. A vote of thanks to the people of Blissville was passed. Saturday evening there was a well attended missionary meeting by the District W. M. Society. It will doubtless be reported in the proper department.

Sunday was a pleasant day. The services were as follows: 9.30 a. m., prayer meeting, led by Rev. John Henderson; preaching at 10.30 a. m., by Rev. A. D. Paul; at 2.30 p. m., by Rev. Jos. McLeod; at 7.30 p. m., by Licentiate Cochrane; the Lord's Supper was administered in the afternoon, brethren Daggett and McLeod presiding. The congregations were large, and there was a good interest in all the services.

MINISTERS.—Rev. David Long has been elected chairman for the year of the St. John Baptist Ministers' Meeting.

Rev. A. A. Rideout has accepted the call to Fredericton, and will enter upon his duties in October.

Rev. J. H. Erb is in the province for a few weeks. He is receiving a warm welcome from his brethren.

—Miss Agnes Mahony, a missionary who is to return to West Africa next month, will take with her a complete house, crated in sections, and ready to be set up in the wilds as a home for herself, a hospital for the sick, and a chapel for her converts. The house is of yellow pine, with a roof of corrugated iron. It is forty feet long, twenty feet wide, and eight feet to the eaves. It is to be set up near Cape Mount Sierra Leone. Miss Mahony has labored two years as a missionary among the natives there. She will be the only white person in the settlement, and her house will be a palace in comparison with the mud huts of the native chiefs.

—The statement is made in the Belfast *Witness* that since the work of preaching the Gospel in China was begun a hundred years ago, 207 Protestant missionaries have laid down their lives in that land for Christ's sake. A Martyrs' Memorial is now to be erected in Shanghai to cost £50,000; it is to be in the form of a hall and Christian institute for general religious purposes; it is expected to be ready for use in 1907, the centennial of Chinese missions. Thus in the most difficult and dangerous places the great commission is being executed, "Make disciples of all nations." This promises to be a great missionary century.

What Others Say.

How It Works.

He who will never do anything that he is not paid for will soon reach the place where no one will pay for anything that he does.—*Chris. Register.*

BE ALWAYS CAREFUL.

We should watch against the power of the world and its encroachments. We are left here by our Lord to do a definite work and to make ourselves positively felt. The enemy of our souls is seeking to lead us astray, to prevent our usefulness and to keep us from doing the Lord's will. We may never cease in our vigilance against his wiles.—*Herald and Presbyterian.*

THE FURNACE.

Man is good for naught who cannot stand the furnace. Fire purifies gold. The church to-day owes everything to prisons, fagots and the cross. If we were called to suffer more for our faith we would be worth more to the world. The spirit of self-denial has to a large measure died out of the church and ministry. The modern Christian and the average preacher know but little about it.—*Northern Christian Advocate.*

Marriages.

MCLEOD-SMITH.—In the Free Baptist Church, St. John west, on the 14th inst., by Rev. Dr. McLeod, assisted by Rev. R. W. Ferguson, Norman P. McLeod, of Fredericton, younger son of Dr. McLeod, and Sarah E. Smith, of St. John, daughter of the late Mr. Albert C. Smith.

DAY-DAY.—At the Free Baptist parsonage, Hartland, on the 14th inst., H. Elbert Day and Mrs. Etta Day, both of Upper Brighton, by A. J. Prosser.

SCOTT-HAYWARD.—At the Free Baptist parsonage, Hartland, on the 5th inst., by Rev. A. J. Prosser, Jerry F. Scott, of Milltown, Maine, and Lulu Hayward, of Victoria Corner, N. B.

Deaths.

SINNOTT.—At Granite Hill, York Co., on the 29th ult., David Sinnott, in his 72nd year. Bro. Sinnott's illness was short; it began shortly after midnight and ended in death at 3 a. m. During those three hours his wife was alone with him, the family being from home. He said to her, "I know the end is near, and I am going fast, but all is well." A sorrowing widow, five sons and one daughter (Mrs. Wesley Flemming, of Millville), survive him. The funeral services were conducted by Rev. J. J. Barnes in his late home, in the presence of a large assembly of people, who occupied the house and the large lawn. The remains were laid to rest in the Bear Island cemetery. J. J. B.

STICKNEY.—At his daughter's, (Mrs. Nixon), home, Brighton, on the 26th of May, George Stickney, Esq., 85 years old, leaving two daughters and one son to mourn their loss. Brother Stickney professed religion in the 18th year of his age and was baptized by Rev. Samuel Hartt and joined the Free Baptist Church, in which he lived until he went up higher. Bro. Stickney was a very enterprising man. He taught school many years, but all the time was busied in other things. After he ceased teaching he went into milling and accumulated considerable property. He was an earnest Christian, and his end was a peaceful one. J. NOBLE.