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The letter of the Conference Committee on Baptist Union has been sent to pastors for their churches. For churches that are without pastors, the letter has been sent to their clerks. The result of the vote in each church should be reported to the undersigned. It is hoped that churches that have not voted will do so as soon as possible.
Jos. McLeod,
For the Com.

Fredericton, N. J.

A VALUABLE RING.

Combined with a real fund of inexhaustible humor, Rev. J. E. Stackhouse, Baptist missionary for the Northwest, possesses the feeling and magnetism that so often go with real humor. He was preaching recently in the Jarvis St. Baptist church at Toronto. His subject was consecration.

"A year ago, when I was in Aylmer," he said at the close, "I was speaking on the needs of missions in the Northwest, and met a motherless little deformed girl. Her father, in the West, was unable to support her, and, in spite of her deformity, she was making her own living. Moved by the appeal, she offered me her diamond ring—the gift of her dead mother. I refused to take it, but she insisted. Finally I took it, and went to a jeweller's with it. He offered me twenty dollars for the ring, but this I refused. No—" he broke in, suddenly, producing the ring in the pulpit and holding it up to the light, "I determined that, instead of selling this ring, I would raise \$2,000 with it for Western Missions. Already I have raised over \$1,900. Perhaps I shall get the balance of the \$2,000 here to-night."

And when the service was over donors came forward by the score, and the total amount put in the plate held by Mr. Stackhouse was \$288.

The ring was returned to the little girl the next day.

Verily, "How great a matter a little fire kindleth."—*January Canadian Magazine.*

—Lord Howard De Walden, one of the richest men in England, has bought a large tract of land in Central Africa and is going to raise zebras there.

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St. John, Jan. 14, 1905.

Marriages.

MACPHERSON - WRIGHT.—On November 26th, 1904, at the home of the groom's mother, Mrs. Anna I. MacPherson, 52 Atlantic Street, Portland, Maine, Miss Annie Wright, youngest daughter of Robert Wright, of Glasgow, Scotland, to Mr. Gilbert Roscoe MacPherson, only son of the late Capt. Edward MacPherson, of Port Mouton, Nova Scotia. Rev. Lewis Malvern, D. D., pastor of the first Free Baptist church, officiated.

GOODINE-NASON.—On January 11th, at the Free Baptist parsonage, Fredericton, by Rev. A. A. Rideout, Lawrence Goodine, of Kingsclear, to Miss Ella Nason, of New Maryland.

COLPITTS-COX.—At the residence of the bride's mother, Mrs. Margaret Cox, January 4th, by Rev. Abram Perry, Leonard M. Colpitts, of Mapleton, A. Co., and Evelyn J. Cox, of Corn Hill, K. Co.

Deaths.

DUNBAR.—At his home, Lower St. Marys, on the 6th inst., John Dunbar, aged 44 years. Death was caused by consumption. That he was a Christian is a source of great comfort to his wife, daughter, and two sons, who survive him.—J. CLEMENT WILSON.

CURRIE.—At his home, St. Marys, on December 29th, George Currie, at the

age of 78. His long-continued suffering was due to a complication of diseases. He followed the Lord all the way. A wife, two sons and six daughters are among the mourners.—J. CLEMENT WILSON.

THOMAS.—At North Head, Grand Manan, December 26th, Daniel Thomas, aged 88 years.

KING.—At Seal Cove, Grand Manan, December 30th, of pneumonia, Albert, in his 3rd year, son of Sydney and Emma King.—A. M. MCNINTCH.

TAYLOR.—At Taylor Village, W. Co., January 4th, inst., Catharine Taylor, aged 69 years. One brother and one sister survive her. The funeral services were conducted by the writer, assisted by Rev. B. H. Thomas (Baptist, Dorchester). Sister Taylor was baptized over 20 years ago by Rev. Aaron Kinney, and united with the Free Baptist Church. Her life has been her testimony. She will be missed from the pleasant home, as well as in the little church which she loved dearly.—B. H. NOBLES.

SIPPRELL.—At Somerville, Carleton Co., on the 9th January, Mr. Samuel Sipprell, in the 69th year of his age. Bro. Sipprell was the oldest son of the late Rev. Ezekiel Sipprell. He experienced religion when only a boy, and was baptized by his father. He was a faithful Christian and a good husband, father and citizen. He was twice married; his first wife was Miss Esther, daughter of Moses Boyer; they had two sons and two daughters. His surviving wife was Miss Moore, of Meductic. The funeral was attended by Rev. C. T. Phillips, Rev. T. S. Vanwart and Rev. S. A. Baker taking part in the services.—COM.

THORNE.—At Big Cove, Queens Co., December 30th, suddenly of apoplexy, Abigail, beloved wife of James T. Thorne, aged 80 years, leaving an aged husband, with whom for sixty-three years she had journeyed through life; also four sons—Jesse, of the United States, George, Elias and Adam, of St. John, and three daughters—Mrs. Eben Perry, Mrs. Solomon Perry, of Queens Co., and Mrs. R. E. Akerley, of St. John. She united with the Baptist church at Thornetown when quite young. Removing to Big Cove a number of years ago, she attended the Free Baptist church. She was a devoted Christian, and died trusting in the Saviour whom she loved. She was buried in the Free Baptist burying ground near her home. The funeral service was conducted by Rev. A. B. McDonald, who preached from Hebrews 6: 12.

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