

see and converse with him in the presence of witnesses, and her last visit was only two days before his death. He was very weak, but in his usual happy frame of mind, full of faith, and breathing nothing but charity towards his persecutors. *Church Magazine.*

THE RELIGIOUS INTELLIGENCER.

SAINT JOHN, N. B., MARCH 1, 1853.

DISTRICT MEETING.

THE FIFTH DISTRICT MEETING OF FREE C. BAPTISTS commenced its Session in the meeting house in the Parish of Kingston, on Saturday the 19th ult., at 10, A. M., and closed on Monday evening following. We have attended a number of D. Meetings, and General Conferences; but we think we never attended one where so general an interest was manifested for the real good of the cause of God, and we are quite certain we never attended one where such substantial proof was afforded by our brethren that they FEEL an interest in this cause, and that they are determined to labour for its support and advancement. For the encouragement of our Churches and brethren scattered abroad, and the information of our readers, we will give a brief relation of our meetings on this occasion.

As early as 10 o'clock on Saturday morning, notwithstanding the severity of the weather, quite an assemblage were in attendance, and by 11 o'clock a large congregation was gathered together. The Elders present were as follows:

E. Wayman, J. G. Flanders,
E. McLeod, John Perry,
I. Wallace.

Also, Elder Samuel Cox, a member of the Nova-Scotia Conference, who has been labouring latterly at St. Stephens; and Elder A. Taylor, Free-Will Baptist Minister from Linneus, Maine.

After singing, and Prayer by Bro. Wayman, a season of much more than usual interest was enjoyed in Christian Conference. God's goodness and mercy were spoken of by brethren from different locations, and His presence was with us. Seldom have we heard as many offerings in one meeting, in which there was so little to regret. This meeting closed at about half-past one; and we think all felt that God was there.

Met again at 4 o'clock, A. M., for the purpose of hearing the Reports from the Churches, by their messengers. After singing God's praise, and supplicating His throne, the District Clerk, (Bro. B. J. Underhill,) nominated Elder E. McLeod as Moderator of the meeting, which being unanimously approved, the messengers proceeded to present their Reports. These were of an interesting nature; and by comparing with the former reports, we find the churches in this District are in a more promising condition now than last year. And although there have been no special revivals, yet there is a gradual increase; and in eight churches that made returns of their statistics, we find an addition of twenty-seven members. Ten churches in all were represented, shewing a total number of Four Hundred and Forty-Six. The three from whom no messengers were in attendance, numbered last year Forty-Six, and the church in St. Stephens, now added to the District, contains Thirty-Four; making a total of Five Hundred and Twenty-Six Members belonging to the Fifth District Meeting. This is in some churches, if not all, exclusive of those who have removed beyond the limits of their respective churches. We observed particularly that the churches that have had regular pastoral labour were in a more healthy condition than the others; but we regret that only three have Sabbath Schools in connection with them. We trust however that S. Schools will be established throughout the District in the ensuing year.

The following Christian Letter from the Church in Saint Stephens, and which was read before the congregation, we cannot withhold from our readers:—

TO THE ELDERS AND BRETHREN IN DISTRICT MEETING AT KINGSTON ASSEMBLED:—

Dear Brethren in the Bonds of Christian Love.—The Lord, in His infinite goodness and mercy, was pleased to send brother S. Cox here in the beginning of November last. He has laboured with us faithfully until the present time; and the Lord has blessed his labours to the salvation of many souls. On the 23rd of November he organized a church of eleven members, on the Free C. Baptist principle, which now numbers thirty four, and the work is still going forward, and there is a prospect of a more copious shower of divine grace. It is our wish to unite with your Conference, and for this purpose we send Bro. Cox, who will represent our case. We feel ourselves unworthy to ask this great privilege of you; but we cannot bear the thought of living without a house. We hope you will remember us in your prayers. We remain yours in the bonds of Christian Love.

In behalf of the Church,
SAMUEL CRAFT, Deacon.

ALEXANDER RIDEOUT, Deacon.
St. Stephens, Feb. 7, 1853.

Brother Cox gave a verbal relation of his labours. His place of residence is at present in Chelsea, near Boston. God however directed his way to St. Stephens, and the result is before us. Oh, may that people be as an handful of corn in the earth upon the top of the mountains; the fruit thereof shake like Lebanon; and they of the City flourish like the grass of the earth.

The reports being finished the meeting adjourned till 6 o'clock, at which time Elder Cox addressed the congregation from Hab. iii. 2. "O LORD, REVIVE THY WORK." The subject was well chosen, and judiciously applied; and was followed by warm appeals from Elder Taylor and others, which made the meeting one of real interest. To us the whole day was an encouraging one, and we are well persuaded there was bread cast upon the waters that will be found again.

SABBATH.—Three meetings were held on the Sabbath, at 10 A. M., at 3½ P. M., and at 6 P. M. The congregation was very large, and we think attentive and solemn through the day.

Elder Taylor occupied the morning, from Rom. vii. 4. The Lord was truly with him. Elder E. McLeod the afternoon, from Isaiah iii. 10, 11. And Elder E. Wayman the evening, from 2d Cor. xi. 2. We feel quite certain that the labour of this day was blessed of God, and that seed was sown from which fruit will be gathered unto eternal life.

MEETINGS FOR WORSHIP ON MONDAY.—Two meetings were held on Monday, at 10 A. M., and 6 P. M. for public worship. Congregations large and attentive. And while we bowed at the close of the evening meeting before the Lord our Maker, to thank him for his mercy, and to implore his blessing on our labours, and to beseech him to return with us to our homes, we felt that He heard us; and we would say to our brethren, that we anticipate increased prosperity, and a greater amount of special good.

BUSINESS MEETING ON MONDAY.

At 9 o'clock A. M., the following members of Conference assembled at the house of Bro. Seth Erbb:—

ELDERS. E. McLeod, Chairman, F. Wayman,
J. G. Flanders, John Perry,
John Wallace.

MESSENGERS. B. J. Underhill, Clerk, L. Slipp,
J. Brundage, J. Vanwart,
D. W. Clark, J. Toole,
F. Morrell, Alex. Machum,
T. Davis, S. Short,
G. Perry, Seth Erbb,
D. Jenkins, J. Henderson,
J. Clark.

Elders S. Cox and A. Taylor, and brother J. Lake, also present; the latter of whom took part in the business of the meeting.

After prayer by Elder Taylor, the following were among the subjects which occupied the attention of the Conference.

1st. The Church in St. Stephens received into union, and constituted a member of the Fifth D. Meeting.

2d. That those Churches who have not sent Messengers, are guilty of neglect, and are censurable by this Meeting.

3d. That whereas, THE BRITISH AND FOREIGN BIBLE SOCIETY is just entering its Jubilee year, and is making extra efforts to increase its funds, and extend its benefits; and for this purpose is calling upon "all Ministers throughout the Empire, friendly thereto, to present its objects and claims to their Congregations." Therefore, Resolved, That the Ministers of this D. Meeting bring this subject before the people where they labour; and further, That a BIBLE ASSOCIATION be immediately organized among us, having for its object the circulation of the Word of God; and to co-operate with the NEW BRUNSWICK AUXILIARY BIBLE SOCIETY, according to the tenth and eleventh rules of that Institution.

The interest, harmony, and warm-heartedness with which this subject was taken up and discussed, we think exceeded any thing we ever before witnessed in our business meetings. We greatly regret that we did not take notes at the time, of the addresses made on the subject, for publication. All seemed to feel that they must aid in the glorious work of giving the Word of God to the world, and of responding to the Jubilee call of that Heaven-born Institution, THE BRITISH AND FOREIGN BIBLE SOCIETY. A subscription to the BIBLE ASSOCIATION was immediately opened, (the sum of five shillings constituting a member,) the result of which will be found in another column.

4th. The next subject which occupied the attention of the Meeting, was the want of Ministerial labour; not only in our churches, but throughout the Province. After some conversation on the subject, a subscription was opened in the Conference, for the support of a District Missionary; and the sum of about Thirty-five pounds was immediately subscrib-

ed, and a large portion of it paid down. Elder Alexander Taylor was employed for the ensuing year; and expects to commence his labors about the last of March. Brother Taylor is a Scotchman by birth; when quite young he resided in Portland, St. John where he lost his parents. An orphan boy he wandered into the U. States, where God converted him, and put him into the Ministry. During several visits to our Province since, he has commended himself as a workman that needeth not to be ashamed; and while he is now to labour with us constantly, we trust he will have the prayers, and co-operation of all who love God. The following brethren are appointed a Committee to consult with Bro. Taylor, in relation to his labour: Elders E. Wayman, J. G. Flanders, John Perry & E. McLeod. While he is employed more particularly, as a District Missionary, he will when necessary, visit other places. The subscriptions to this District Mission will be found in another part of this paper.

RELIGIOUS INTELLIGENCER.

5th. The following resolution was unanimously adopted:—

Resolved, That this District Meeting, highly approve of the Religious Intelligencer, published in St. John, by Elders McLeod and Noble; and we recommend it to our brethren, and the public generally. And further, that this Meeting recommend its enlargement; and its publication weekly, after the issue of twelve numbers.

[It is our intention to comply with the above recommendation, of which we shall soon give formal notice. May God grant us wise, and understanding hearts.]

6th. The Delegates from this D. Meeting to the General Conference to be held in Woodstock in July next, are, Brethren Foster Morrell, in case of his failure, James Lake, his substitute; and D. W. Clarke, in case of his failure, Leonard Slipp, his substitute.

7th. The next D. Meeting to be held in the Parish of Johnson, Q. C., commencing the third Saturday in February, 1854. Adjourned.

BIBLE ASSOCIATION.

The following persons have already become Members of this Association:—

NAMES.	RESIDENCE.	AM'T SUBS.
Elder E. Wayman,	St. John,	£0 5 0
" E. McLeod,	St. John,	0 5 0
" J. Perry,	Johnson,	0 5 0
" J. Wallace,	Coverdale,	0 5 0
" J. G. Flanders,	Springfield,	0 5 0
Mr. Leonard Slipp,	Long Island,	0 5 0
" Alex. Machum,	Jerusalem,	0 5 0
" Thos. Davis,	Springfield,	0 5 0
" B. J. Underhill,	St. John,	1 0 0
" D. W. Clark,	Do,	1 0 0
" James Toole,	Springfield,	0 5 0
" S. Short,	Greenwich,	0 5 0
" Seth Erbb,	Kingston,	1 0 0
" James Lake,	Springfield,	0 5 0
" G. Perry,	Johnson,	0 5 0
" D. Jenkins,	Do,	0 5 0
" J. Clark,	Henderson Settlement,	0 5 0
" F. Morrell,	Springfield,	0 5 0
" J. Vanwart,	Long Island,	0 5 0
" J. Brundage,	St. John,	0 5 0
" Levi Jones,	Springfield,	0 5 0
" John Logan,	Indian Town,	0 5 0
" Wm. Peters,	St. John,	0 5 0
Total,		£8 0 0

OFFICERS FOR THE ENSUING YEAR.

Elder E. McLeod, President,
" E. WAYMAN, Vice-President.
Mr. B. J. UNDERHILL, Treasurer.

COMMITTEE.

Elder J. Perry, Mr. D. W. Clark,
" J. Wallace, " J. Brundage,
" J. G. Flanders, " Leonard Slipp,
Mr. J. Lake, " J. Toole,
" F. Morrell, " A. Machum,
" Gilbert Perry, " S. Short,
" D. Jenkins, " Seth Erbb.

The following persons, not present, were also nominated, and are invited to become members of the Association, and act on the Committee:—Elders B. Merritt, and R. French; Messrs T. Conner, Peleg Smith, Michael Shaw, John Stone T. W. Carpenter, Joseph Vanwart, and Samuel Craft.

This Committee is selected from all the Churches comprising the District Meeting; and one of the duties devolving on them will be to bring the object of the association before their respective churches, and the public, and solicit subscriptions, donations, and collections. We shall report the amounts received in our paper; and we trust our brethren and the public will contribute liberally to this best of all causes, THE DISSEMINATION OF GOD'S HOLY WORD.

A notice for a meeting of the Committee may be seen in another column, after which we shall publish the rules of the Association, and such other information as may be necessary.

SUBSCRIPTIONS TO THE DISTRICT MISSION FUND.

Mr. B. J. Underhill,	£5 0 0	Brought up,	£27 10 0
" D. W. Clark,	5 0 0	Elder E. Wayman,	1 0 0
" Seth Erbb,	5 0 0	" J. Perry,	1 0 0
" James Lake,	1 5 0	" J. Wallace,	1 0 0
" James Toole,	1 5 0	Mr. J. Vanwart,	0 5 0
" A. Machum,	1 0 0	" J. Brundage,	0 10 0
" D. Jenkins,	1 0 0	" F. Morrell,	0 10 0
" Leonard Slipp,	5 0 0	" G. Perry,	0 10 0
" John Machum,	2 0 0	" T. Davis,	0 10 0
" R. Burnett,	1 0 0	" L. Jones,	1 15 0
		" John Logan,	1 0 0
Carried up,	£27 10 0	A Friend,	1 0 0
Total,			£35 10 0