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A SUGGESTION REPEATED.

When this reaches our readers the Free Baptist Conference of New Brunswick will be commenced. We hope it may be every respect be a good session. That it may be, much prayer should be offered to him who governs all hearts, and whose cause may be helped or hindered by the discussions and conclusions of the Conference.

The churches are all interested, and should, as such, pray that the Lord be with the brethren in Conference. Most of the churches will be without ministers on Sabbath, their pastors being in attendance at Conference. In the prayer meetings that will take place of regular Sabbath services, let the burden of the supplications be in behalf of the Conference. In every home and in every secret place of prayer also let continued prayer be made that the work of the Conference be wisely done, and such new measures adopted as shall give a great impetus to Christian work as carried on by the denomination.

PREPAYMENT OF POSTAGE.

With this issue we commence, as by law required, the prepayment of postage on the *Intelligencer*, to all subscribers. If any Post or Way Office keeps demand postage from subscribers they will decline to pay.

It may not be amiss for us to repeat the statement made some weeks ago, that being required to prepay postage, we are compelled to insist more imperatively than heretofore, on strict prepayment of all subscriptions. The system of advance payment is not only the proper and only safe system for publishers, but it is also by far the better way for the subscribers themselves. And then there are few, if any, subscribers so unreasonable as to suppose that we can pay postage every week on papers for which nothing has been received.

We ought, perhaps, at once strike from our list all whose subscriptions are unpaid. But believing that the great majority, if not all, are anxious to have the *Intelligencer* continue to visit them regularly; and believing they have been prevented from paying as promptly as they desire by the "hard times," we have concluded that we will not summarily discontinue them from our list, but will let the papers go on for the few weeks, giving all a chance to pay. Now that the harvest is well through, farmers will be getting some cash ready for their labour, and are in a position to pay their little bills—the newspaper bill included, and we shall expect to hear from them.

We shall be sorry if we have to part with any, but unless accounts are settled at once and the rule of advance payment is complied with, the course of names will have to take place, however much we may regret it.

EDITORIAL NOTES AND COMMENTS.

FULTON STREET PRAYER MEETING.—The eighteenth anniversary of this meeting, was held on the 23rd ult. The history of the meeting is quite remarkable; and after eighteen years existence, it has lost none of its interest. It has attracted all similar meetings commenced at about the same time. "Each returning day brings with it numerous petitions sent from far and near. A few days since, a request for prayers was presented by a person present for two churches in Haverstraw, who made quite a touching appeal in behalf of the Presbyterian and Methodist churches in that place. After the meeting he was asked, "To which of the two churches do you belong?" He replied, "To neither. I am a Roman Catholic—I believe in prayer, and know that Haverstraw sadly needs it, and the churches need a deeper sense of the work there is to do about them."

AN AMERICAN JEWISH COLLEGE.—Heretofore Jewish Rabhs have been all trained abroad. But after considerable discussion, the American Jews have organized a college at Cincinnati for the education of their Rabhs. In addition, all who are desirous of obtaining a substantial education for any avocation in after life, and to be well informed in Hebrew lore and history, are welcome to all the privileges and advantages it may offer. October 3 is the date for the formal opening of the institution, which, in the opinion of the *American Israelite*, will be an event full of importance in the history of the Jewish race in the United States, "where under the genial sun of freedom, in the centennial year of liberty, a new chapter of Israel's wonderful history shall be opened to the glory of God, and the fraternalization and elevation of the human family."

MONKS IN SYRIA.—An American Missionary, Dr. H. H. Jessop, who has been at work in Syria for seventeen years, gives the following description of "Monastic Conventual Institutions," as at present existing along a portion of the Mediterranean coast—"Between Tripoli and Beyrout there are about a hundred monasteries. The men who live in them are called monks, who make a vow never to marry, and spend their lives eating and drinking the fairs of other men's labours. They own almost all the valuable land in the range of mountains for fifty miles. When a man is lay or unfortunate, if he is not married, his first thought is to become a monk. They are the most corrupt and worthless vagabonds in the land, and the day must come before long, when the monasteries and convents will be abolished, and their property given back to the people to whom it justly belongs."

THE DAY-BREAK.—Talmage gives good advice when he says it is high time that business men stop groaning about the times. The news in all directions in regard to crops, and the starting of factories, and the arousal of business ought to make us take heart. The chief obstacle in the way of fresh and prompt action is the chronic habit of grumbling. Business men have been doing so much of it the last three years that they cannot stop. Ask those whose voices are at the most dolorous pitch, and they will tell you that they are making a living. The chief trouble is that they are not making as much as they would like. Let the business men of the country talk cheerfully for two weeks, and the last ounce of financial pressure will be lifted. Let us change the mood, and instead of "Hark, from the tombs a doleful cry," let us give out "Praise God from whom all blessings flow."

NOVA SCOTIA CONFERENCE.—In another place will be found the report of the Nova Scotia Conference. We had thought to have it for publication last week, and would have had it if the mails had been so prompt in forwarding it as Bro. Porter was in starting it by way. Though mailed on the 17th it did not reach us till about the time last week's paper was going to press.

We rejoice with our brethren in the good time they had at Conference. They did a considerable amount of business, did it very promptly; and what is equally if not more encouraging they had most refreshing devotional sessions every day. Indeed attention to these last mentioned is what,

to our mind, accounts for the expedition and harmony that characterized the business sessions. We hope the physical health which the brethren now enter may be marked by still increasing prosperity. God bless them all.

HALIFAX.—Rev. Mr. Needham, the Evangelist, who has spent some days in St. John recently, has been conducting meetings in Halifax, and considerable blessing resulted. Meetings have been held in the Skating Rink attended by large audiences, and the ministers of the city generally have participated in the services. A Mr. Crawford, a fine singer, has, it is said, rendered good service by singing many of Mr. Sankey's hymns with much pathos and effect. A number have professed conversion, how many we have not seen stated. We trust the good work may increase and deepen.

THANKS.—Our thanks are hereby returned to those kind friends who sent in to this office the back numbers of the *Intelligencer* asked for in our issue of two weeks ago. We are glad to know there are families who think enough of the *Intelligencer* to keep it filed, and who are kind enough to answer any such request by forwarding them. We hope they will receive something more substantial than our verbal thanks.

THE GOVERNORS AT THE HORSE RACE.—We are sorry to see it stated that Gen. Haley, Administrator of the Dominion Government, and Governor Archibald of Nova Scotia, accepted invitations to be present at the Moosepath Horse Races on Tuesday last. The Director of the Racing Association, took good care to have the fact advertised, and no doubt many were induced to go who would not have gone but for the presence of the Governors. When those highest in authority give such countenance to disreputable sports, the work of reform is made more difficult than it would otherwise be.

We have no definite information touching the matter, but it is fair to presume that Governor Haley was also invited to be present at the race; and the absence of his name from the announcement leaves us to infer that he declined to attend. This is exceedingly gratifying, yet nothing more than we would expect from Mr. Haley. He is not a man to give countenance to any form of evil; and New Brunswick is fortunate in having such a Governor.

MINISTERS' RELIEF FUND.—The action of the Sixth district meeting with reference to the Ministers' Relief Fund is commendable, and we hope may be imitated by other districts at their next meetings. The recommendation to Conference is also good, and we trust will receive the favorable consideration of that body. The making provision for the assistance of ministers incapacitated for their own age or hard service, is a matter too much neglected by the majority of Christian denominations, or any one amongst the number. We have a Society whose object is to collect and disburse such relief, but it does little or nothing certainly does not what it might. We hope the movement of our brethren of the Sixth District Meeting may give new life to the Society.

THE CATTLE DISEASE.—The cattle disease is spreading throughout Great Britain with alarming rapidity. We see it stated that there is scarcely a farm in England, Scotland or Ireland in which it has not appeared. More than 6,000 cases have been reported in Devonshire alone, and during the past week the increase amounted to at least 2,000. In Warwickshire, and other places, public fairs have been prohibited, and a general feeling of alarm is growing up. The prospect, indeed, is gloomy, and it is high time something decisive was attempted remedially. Surely the nature of the disease can be discovered, and an effective remedy applied."

REM.—"The death of Alex. McKinnon was caused by the excessive use of liquors." So the coroner's jury said, after having heard the statement of his companion, and of Dr. Fisher, who was called in to see, and who also made a post mortem examination of his body. The deceased was a native of Pughaw, N. S., but had recently been living and doing some business at Spring Hill. He came to St. John on Tuesday of last week, being accompanied by a Pictou man, named John McLeod. Together they went from place to place, drinking heavily till the day and evening. Returning to the hotel, McKinnon complained of feeling badly. Next morning the doctor was called; but in spite of all his efforts to relieve him, the wretched man died in a few hours. He is only another victim of rum. It is a very respectable business to sell rum though; and it is highly proper for a Christian country to encourage its sale. What matters it how many human beings are sacrificed, so long as the bellish traffic is a source of revenue?

"THE SHELBRUNE HORROR."—The official report, as made to the Government, of an investigation into the "Shelbrune Horror," noticed some weeks ago in these columns, has been made public. Of the *Washington Post* says—"Enough has been elicited to set the public mind at rest upon the first horrible supposition that two passenger girls had been murdered at Shelbrune. The crime which a schooner's crew had committed against them. Our Fair Province is saved from a crime so dark and disgraceful. But were the girls drowned after superhuman efforts being made to save them, our sailors—the brave men of whom we are always so proud—exhaust every means to rescue their passengers?"

The report sent in by W. F. McCoy, Esq., and approved by him by the Hon. Mr. Mackenzie, cannot satisfy the public. If that is implied in his statements be true, we have seven men leaping to a boat capable of holding fourteen persons, and while the appeals of two girls sound in their ears, turning the boat's bow to the land, in all haste to save their own lives, heedless of those they leave to perish. Life is ever precious; but life prolonged by acts of selfishness or cowardice would scarce be worth possessing. We shall still wait for light on this subject."

AN OMISSION.—The readers of last week's paper were no doubt surprised to find no local news in it. The editor was necessarily absent at the time the news column is prepared, but he had made arrangements with a gentleman to look after news matter, and supposed it would be all right. The party who was expected to do it, not being regularly in the newspaper business, must have forgotten it, hence the omission, which we greatly regret, and which our readers will pardon.

We have received from Mr. John Nugent, for publication, a report of a lecture on the Jewish and Foreign Bible Society, delivered recently in Little River Free Baptist Church, Hampstead, by Mr. Russell, the travelling agent of the New Brunswick Auxiliary Bible Society. The lecture was delivered extempore, but Mr. Nugent being an expert short-hand reporter, has reproduced it verbatim. For his kindness we are greatly obliged. We cannot find room for the lecture this week, but will give it place in our next issue.

The bazaar held last Thursday by the ladies of the Free Baptist Church and congregation at Mouth Oranoc was quite successful, the sale clearing about \$100. We congratulate the ladies on their zeal and success.

The friends of Rev. B. A. Sherwood are informed that he has changed his residence, and his Post Office address is from this date, Richmond, Maine.

A Church of England Temperance Society has been organized under the auspices of St. Luke's Church, Portland. Rev. Mr. Almon, the new Rector, being the prime mover. We wish it success.

The *New Dominion Monthly* for October is recently issued; good as usual, and containing a portrait of the sailors' friend, Mr. S. Pilsbry, M. P.

THE NOVA SCOTIA FREE BAPTIST CONFERENCE.

DEAR BROTHER MCLENNAN—I am again at home from the place of our General Conference, and take the earliest opportunity to send you my report. The Conference was held at Caledonia, a village, like centre of the northern district of Queen's County, a fine farm country. At this place there are four churches, a Hall, and School House, and such mechanical industries as the enterprising residents find necessary and profitable. Many fine residences, beautiful trees, and signs of wealth place the place a pleasing appearance. This is on the stage route between Liverpool and Annapolis, and has therefore the convenience of a daily mail.

THE CONFERENCE met in the Free Baptist Church, on Thursday, Sept. 9th, at 10 o'clock, a. m., and was called to order by the standing Clerk, Rev. J. I. Porter. Rev. W. M. Knollin, Moderator of last year, conducted the opening exercises, after which Rev. T. O. DeWitt, pastor of the Church, was chosen Moderator, and Rev. W. Downey, Assistant Moderator. In taking the list of members of Conference, it was found that all the ministers, excepting two, were present; also several deacons and delegates. Rev. W. H. Tarbox, delegate from the General Conference of Free Baptists in the United States, and also delegate of the Maine Central Yearly Meeting, and Rev. J. Noble, delegate of the F. C. Baptist Conference of N. B., were introduced, and received by the Conference, all the members rising to their feet.

This Session was devoted to the appointment of the Committees, and such other matters as would lead to a ready doing of the work.

At 2 o'clock quite a large congregation assembled to hear the reports of corresponding delegates. Rev. J. Noble, delegate from the N. B. Conference of F. C. Baptists, gave a cheering report of the cause and work of the Lord with them. He spoke of the pleasure this visit afforded him, his relations to this Conference at different times, when reading in this Province, a working member of it, again returning to his own Province, and now visiting this Conference as a delegate. He was much pleased to see the improvement in every respect. Glad the Lord had spared our ministers, and is raising up others to aid in his work. He spoke of quite large additions to the New Brunswick Churches, and of their new method for raising Foreign Mission money. Changes were taking place, but all for the better. He explained the reasons which led to the dismissal of one of their aged ministers, and the results. He also spoke of the high spiritual tone of their late gatherings, concluding by requesting a continuance of the delegation.

Rev. W. H. Tarbox conveyed the greetings of the Maine Central Yearly Meeting, and expressed his pleasure in being with us. His Yearly Meeting was held in the city of Portland, Maine, and six thousand Sabbath school communicants, and an account of the Maine State Mission, and the great help this secured to the weak churches. Spoke of the large revivals in some of the city churches; and also referred to the special care of the country churches. They feel the need of evangelists to go and preach and save souls. He also represented the General Conference, a body numbering 75 to 80 thousand, and more generally, in all its associations, three hundred thousand. He spoke with much feeling of the loss of some of their ablest ministers; gave an interesting account of the Freedmen's Mission, and of the influence of religious gatherings on the mind and heart of the Southern people. He said the reason the people in the States had learned to love us because we were so much like them. He made some excellent remarks on the subject of temperance, the different orders of the ministry, education, &c., and desired a continuance of the delegation.

Rev. W. M. Knollin, delegate to the N. B. Conference, spoke of the warm reception which brethren gave him, &c., making a few appropriate remarks, but declined saying much as the delegate for that Conference had gone over that ground.

Rev. J. I. Porter, delegate to the General Conference in the United States, spoke of the great pleasure it gave him to have the honor to represent our Conference at Providence last fall, his very cordial reception, the importance of the Conference, and the magnitude of its work.

Rev. F. Babcock, delegate to the Maine Central Yearly Meeting, spoke of his great pleasure while attending the meeting, how they received him very cordially, of several important items of business, such as the union of their Yearly Meetings, and resolutions on moral subjects. He also spoke of the cheerful success of our young men who were studying for the work of the ministry; said they were a standing credit to the churches and the denomination. He hoped the ladies would work the ladies were doing in connection with the Yearly Meetings in the States.

Rev. W. M. Knollin, Clerk of the Yarmouth and Shelburne Quarterly Meetings, read an excellent report, showing the past year to have been one of prospering property. Gracious revivals have been enjoyed; the churches are full; and many have been added to the churches of the Quarterly Meeting. Excellent work is being done in the Sabbath Schools, and what is large and flourishing.

Rev. T. O. DeWitt, Clerk of the Harmony Quarterly Meeting, read the report, showing considerable prosperity, and quite a large number added, considering the few ministers laboring with the churches—90 have been added. Some of the churches are destitute, and need help. The above Q. M. reports were duly received and adopted. This was a highly interesting meeting.

At 7 o'clock a large congregation met for worship. Rev. J. Lower preached a good sermon; after which many good warm exhortations were given, and a profitable session was enjoyed.

FRIDAY. Friday morning, at 9 o'clock, quite a number met for prayer meeting. A gracious session was enjoyed.

At 10 o'clock the Conference resumed business. The committees on Temperance, the Sabbath, Sabbath Schools, Education, and Missions, reported. The discussion of these subjects was spirited, and interesting. All persons must have been much benefited by the reports were unanimously and heartily adopted.

2 o'clock, p. m., being the regular time of holding the Sabbath School Convention, in connection with the Conference, quite a large congregation, although the weather was stormy, enjoyed the interesting exercises of the Convention. After the opening exercises, and routine business, Mr. Cleveland of Caledonia, read an admirable address on Sabbath work, for which a vote of thanks was tendered by the Convention. Several good speeches, singing by the children of the Union Sabbath School of the place, led by their zealous Superintendent, a recitation by a young lady, a member of the School, rendered the session both profitable and pleasing.

At 5 o'clock, p. m., was held our

EDUCATION MEETING. More than usual interest and success were manifested at this meeting. The work of this Society is getting stronger here upon the sympathies of our people. It is expected that much more will be done this year than before.

SATURDAY. Saturday morning met for business at 8 o'clock. A letter from the Port Medway Church, of which Bro. J. M. Lowden is a member, requesting his ordination, was read. It was resolved that the request be complied with so far as to appoint a committee to examine him and report.

It was resolved that the next Conference be held at Port Medway. Delegates were appointed as follows:—Rev. S. N. Royal to be Corresponding Delegate to the N. B. F. C. Baptist General Conference, and that Rev.

W. Downey be his substitute; that Rev. C. Knowles be Corresponding Delegate to the Maine Central Yearly Meeting, and Rev. T. H. Crowell be his substitute.

From 9 to 10 o'clock was devoted to devotional exercises, and a good season was enjoyed.

At 10 o'clock business was resumed. The following resolutions were adopted: That this Conference recommend the third Thursday of November as a day of fasting and prayer for our young men at School, for our destitute and feeble churches, and to the Lord of the harvest that he send forth laborers into the harvest."

The committee appointed to examine Bro. Lowden reported—their report being highly satisfactory; and in accordance with the recommendation of the report, it was resolved that he be ordained at this Conference, and a committee was appointed to arrange for the ordination.

Rev. J. I. Phillips and sister, having been expected to attend our Conference, but having been unavoidably prevented getting here at the beginning, arrived at about 11 o'clock. They entered the church while the Conference was in session. They were met and introduced by the Moderator, when the Conference received them by standing. It was then resolved that we suspend business for a short time, so as to shake hands with our returned missionaries. A very warm greeting followed.

At this meeting the interests of the Halifax mission were considered. Rev. S. N. Royal gave a report of the past progress and present state of the cause, showing the spiritual condition of the church to be encouraging. Nine members had been added to the church within a few weeks.

The little church had done nobly in raising funds, and while it still required more, it was believed the time was not far distant when it would be self-sustaining. He had resigned his pastoral charge before coming to the Yearly Meeting. Bro. Lowden had visited them, and received, and accepted a call to become their pastor, and would enter upon his labors immediately. Rev. J. I. Porter reported his visit to Halifax last summer, as sent by the Halifax Conference, showing that he had arranged the business in a satisfactory manner. He had faith in the success of the Halifax mission, and believed if the Conference would provide for the payment of the interest and insurance for a while, all would go well. We are glad to state in this connection that the Conference arranged for extending the above aid to the Halifax church, in the following manner:—Resolved, that this Conference recommend that the sum of \$320.00 (three hundred and twenty dollars) each, be raised by shares of \$4.00 (four dollars) each, to be paid previous to February 20th and July 20th of 1876." About two thirds of the shares were at once taken by those present, some of the ladies taking shares. Rev. S. N. Royal, who was approved by Conference to go out as an evangelist and help the destitute churches, was appointed to get the balance of the shares taken. Rev. J. I. Porter, of Barrington, was appointed to receive the money, and forward to Halifax as the business may require.

At 2 o'clock, p. m., met in Christian Social Conference.

This was a very refreshing and comforting session. The time was much too short for all to tell their love to Jesus and his people, and cause. Here the children of God met from different centers, Provinces, nationalities, even some from far-off lands, to greet each other, and to tell the story of their faith. How good and pleasant it is for brethren to dwell together in unity."

At 7 o'clock, p. m., held our

FOREIGN MISSIONS MEETING. The evening was fine, and more than ordinary interest was manifested by the people as they flocked to the place. After the opening exercises and routine business, Rev. J. I. Phillips, missionary of the New Brunswick Conference, now returned, was introduced and spoke in a most touching and interesting manner. Miss Phillips, the missionary of the Nova Scotia Society, was also introduced, and addressed the meeting in a very pleasing and highly interesting way. The many and good things they said touched and warmed our hearts. Good remarks were made by others. Good collections and subscriptions were realized. No doubt this meeting dates a new epoch in the history of our Foreign Mission work. All feel that the coming of these missionaries is made a blessing to us.

Miss Phillips desired to meet the ladies on Sunday morning at 9 o'clock in the church, so the 9 o'clock prayer meeting was continued, and a large number of ladies met and were addressed by Rev. Phillips on the subject of missions and their duty in mission work, and how they can organize for said work. Another meeting was appointed for Monday afternoon, when a Society was organized, contemplating the organizing of branch societies in all the churches. It is hoped that the sisters will do great things in the work of missions. We believe it is the Lord's will they should.

THE SABBATH.

On Lord's-day, at 10 o'clock, there was preaching in the Free Baptist Church by Rev. J. I. Phillips; in the C. Baptist Church by Rev. S. N. Royal; in the C. Baptist Church by Rev. C. Knowles; and in Brookfield C. Baptist Church by Rev. H. Lockhart. At 2 o'clock, p. m., preaching by Rev. W. H. Tarbox, delegate from the Maine Central Yearly Meeting, after which a large number of communicants sat down at the Lord's table. A very precious season was enjoyed. All hearts were moved as our esteemed brother, Rev. L. H. Crowell, rose and told, with feeble voice, of the Lord's dealings with him, and the pleasure he felt in meeting his brethren and sisters once more at the table of the Lord, and being able to come in and hear and see and hear our dear brother, and find that he was, though slowly, recovering from his long sickness, and to most heartily pray the Lord to spare him and allow him to be good, for good preaching is never poor. At the close of the afternoon service the Lord's Supper was administered to a goodly company of the Lord's disciples.

Monday morning at 8 o'clock, roll was called by Bro. Sharp, D. M. Clerk. Thirty delegates answered to their names. Bro. McKenzie was then elected to the chair for the ensuing year. The first volume was issued, and the following resolutions were adopted:—One on Licentiate, one to select General Conference delegates, and one composed of a delegate from each church to apportion to the several churches the amount of foreign missionary money to be raised by each church. The committee on Licentiate recommended that the licenses of Bros. Gorham and Robinson be renewed; and the recommendation was adopted. Bro. Kennedy, Dunphy and Lewis were chosen General Conference delegates.

There was quite an animated discussion relative to the property of arranging the churches in districts. It was finally resolved that a committee composed of the resident ministers of the District, and a delegate from each church, meet some time during the year and arrange a circuit plan, subject to the approval of next year's District Meeting.

Bro. motion, it was unanimously resolved that the Sabbath's collections be given to the "Ministers' Relief Fund." It was also resolved "that this District Meeting recommend the General Conference to give their Sabbath collections to the same fund." That the disposal of the collections in this way is right we have not the slightest doubt. Amounting only to a small sum when distributed among so many, a most important fund is made the richer by each District and the Conference accordingly appropriating their collections in this way. It is to be hoped that the General Conference, in its General Conference, will follow the example of the Sixth District Meeting in this respect. No minister, however poor, will feel the giving of the small sum he annually receives, while the aggregate of these small collections is a respectable amount, which would soon warrant the directors of the fund in giving a dividend to our elderly and disabled ministers.

After the adjournment of Conference, in accordance with previous arrangement, all the ministers and their wives and a number of the leading brethren, were invited to Bro. Samuel Cushing's residence, which is also the residence of his aged parents, Deacon C. Cushing and wife—to enjoy a dinner which Bro. Samuel and wife had prepared in honor of his parents, and to meet so many other persons entertained the people of the Lord, and especially the ministers of the gospel. Ample accommodation and provision had been made for the company. Rev. J. Noble was called upon to preside, when all sat down to the well-arranged tables. The chairman arose and made some very appropriate and touching remarks, referring to his long acquaintance with his aged friend, Deacon Cushing and his aged companion, how he had enjoyed their hospitality; and the probability that

many of us should never meet there again. After the wants of the physical man had been satisfied, Rev. C. Knowles was called on and made some very appropriate remarks. He referred to his first visit to that country, the organization of the Free Baptist Church with seven members, of whom Father and Mother Cushing were two, of his subsequent visits, the growth of the church, its trials, Bro. Cushing's faithfulness in sustaining it, and the many tears we shed. Rev. J. L. Phillips was called on, and made some excellent remarks complimentary to aged Christians and ministers present. Dea. T. W. Wilson of Barrington, and Rev. W. M. Knollin also made a few remarks. Rev. C. Weston explained the motive of Bro. Samuel Cushing in preparing this dinner, and moved a vote of thanks to him, which was seconded by Rev. J. I. Porter, and heartily given by the company. Father Cushing responded in very appropriate remarks. Father Cushing then made some very touching remarks, which drew tears from many eyes; when the company scattered to the different rooms that the friendly, Christian home. This was one of the most enjoyable seasons it has ever been our privilege to enjoy.

The ladies met in the afternoon as above referred to, and the members of Conference in another place, to complete the unfinished business, when ended one of the most harmonious and successful Conferences it has been the privilege of the Free Baptists of Nova Scotia to hold and enjoy.

In the evening the church was filled to enjoy a parting devotional interview. The Lord was with us. Words of cheer, hope, and adieu came from many a warm heart. At the close the parting hand was given, all in hope of meeting in the better land. The devotional feeling, which had been deepened from the first, increased until it became very deep; it seemed as if the Lord would revive his work there, and bring souls to Christ. Some of the ministers remained to assist the pastor a few meetings.

The weather during the time of Conference was delightful, travelling to and from Conference most agreeable; and thankfulness of the work and worship upon our hearts most precious. Realizing the encouragements, and knowing the Lord is with us, we "thank God and take courage."

J. I. PORTER, Clerk of Conference.

Barrington, Sept. 17, 1875. Clerk of Conference.

SIXTH DISTRICT MEETING.

The churches of the Sixth District met in annual session with the Middleland church on Saturday the 18th inst. The ministers present were Elders W. McKenney, J. Grey, Shaw, and Phillips. Licentiate H. W. Wayman, N. L. Price, S. Gorham, J. Robinson, and visiting brethren, were French and Persons. The morning meeting was only of ordinary interest. A sensational reporter, or possibly a visitor from some less demonstrative denomination, would probably have written or spoken of our meeting as of unusual power and extraordinary interest.

On the other hand, Mr. Editor, that the occasional correspondent as well as the professional reporter is inclined to be a little "frumpy" in his expressions and descriptions? The most trivial event chronicled by the average reporter exhausts his strongest adjectives. The thunder-bolt, the earthquake, a revolution, can be described in no stronger words than those which described yesterday's brawl in the street. The two last paragraphs, if digressive, Mr. Editor, are for the benefit of the reader who is bored by dull, common-place lectures, which were reported as being so eloquent and original. It is not best to be as accurate as we can, and call a spade a spade? The credulous would not be imposed upon, and none would have allowed a wide margin for extravagance and coloring. "Frozen to death," "starved to death," "tired to death," would, if more accurate, be too strong expressions to use concerning those who are only cold, hungry, and tired. Do not imagine, then, that our conference meeting was dull and devoid of interest because we have used the words "of ordinary interest," for in this report we shall practice what we preach.

At 230 the business meeting was opened. The chairman being absent, Rev. C. T. Phillips was appointed to fill the vacancy, pro tem. Reports were received from eighteen churches, only two failing to report. All of the churches reported had received pastoral care; some had been favored with revivals; nearly all are engaged in Sabbath School work, and all report themselves in full sympathy with the denomination and its workings. Two churches, organized during the year, applied for admission, and were received into the District; and one which had been struck off the list of churches, applied for re-admission and care; the first request was granted, the latter we hope will be, for it our churches are not cared for by us, they will be by other denominations.

And so we called the one party for offering them care, the other party for receiving it. Our Eastern churches, which have been long neglected, have had the pastoral care of Elder Shaw and Licentiate N. L. Price, which is no doubt the reason why so many of them sent in reports this year. If this important Eastern field could only have the constant pastoral care of two or more resident ministers, the "solitary places" would soon be made glad, the "wilderness would blossom as the rose."

Saturday evening Elder French preached an earnest, pointed sermon, to an attentive congregation. Sabbath morning, at 8 a. m., there was a prayer meeting. At 8 a. m., several of the ministers and a number of the delegates met with the Sabbath School. At 11 a. m., Elder Parsons preached, at 230 p. m., Licentiate Wayman, and at 730 p. m., Elder Phillips. Elder Parsons preached at North Station in the evening. The congregations at each place and service were large. The preaching was practical and of course good, for good preaching is never poor. At the close of the afternoon service the Lord's Supper was administered to a goodly company of the Lord's disciples.

Monday morning at 8 o'clock, roll was called by Bro. Sharp, D. M. Clerk. Thirty delegates answered to their names. Bro. McKenzie was then elected to the chair for the ensuing year. The first volume was issued, and the following resolutions were adopted:—One on Licentiate, one to select General Conference delegates, and one composed of a delegate from each church to apportion to the several churches the amount of foreign missionary money to be raised by each church. The committee on Licentiate recommended that the licenses of Bros. Gorham and Robinson be renewed; and the recommendation was adopted. Bro. Kennedy, Dunphy and Lewis were chosen General Conference delegates.

There was quite an animated discussion relative to the property of arranging the churches in districts. It was finally resolved that a committee composed of the resident ministers of the District, and a delegate from each church, meet some time during the year and arrange a circuit plan, subject to the approval of next year's District Meeting.

Bro. motion, it was unanimously resolved that the Sabbath's collections be given to the "Ministers' Relief Fund." It was also resolved "that this District Meeting recommend the General Conference to give their Sabbath collections to the same fund." That the disposal of the collections in this way is right we have not the slightest doubt. Amounting only to a small sum when distributed among so many, a most important fund is made the richer by each District and the Conference accordingly appropriating their collections in this way. It is to be hoped that the General Conference, in its General Conference, will follow the example of the Sixth District Meeting in this respect. No minister, however poor, will feel the giving of the small sum he annually receives, while the aggregate of these small collections is a respectable amount, which would soon warrant the directors of the fund in giving a dividend to our elderly and disabled ministers.

After the adjournment of Conference, in accordance with previous arrangement, all the ministers and their wives and a number of the leading brethren, were invited to Bro. Samuel Cushing's residence, which is also the residence of his aged parents, Deacon C. Cushing and wife—to enjoy a dinner which Bro. Samuel and wife had prepared in honor of his parents, and to meet so many other persons entertained the people of the Lord, and especially the ministers of the gospel. Ample accommodation and provision had been made for the company. Rev. J. Noble was called upon to preside, when all sat down to the well-arranged tables. The chairman arose and made some very appropriate and touching remarks, referring to his long acquaintance with his aged friend, Deacon Cushing and his aged companion, how he had enjoyed their hospitality; and the probability that

many of us should never meet there again. After the wants of the physical man had been satisfied, Rev. C. Knowles was called on and made some very appropriate remarks. He referred to his first visit to that country, the organization of the Free Baptist Church with seven members, of whom Father and Mother Cushing were two, of his subsequent visits, the growth of the church, its trials, Bro. Cushing's faithfulness in sustaining it, and the many tears we shed. Rev. J. L. Phillips was called on, and made some excellent remarks complimentary to aged Christians and ministers present. Dea. T. W. Wilson of Barrington, and Rev. W. M. Knollin also made a few remarks. Rev. C. Weston explained the motive of Bro. Samuel Cushing in preparing this dinner, and moved a vote of thanks to him, which was seconded by Rev. J. I. Porter, and heartily given by the company. Father Cushing responded in very appropriate remarks. Father Cushing then made some very touching remarks, which drew tears from many eyes; when the company scattered to the different rooms that the friendly, Christian home. This was one of the most enjoyable seasons it has ever been our privilege to enjoy.

The ladies met in the afternoon as above referred to, and the members of Conference in another place, to complete the unfinished business, when ended one of the most harmonious and successful Conferences it has been the privilege of the Free Baptists