

the reformation, and stand for liberty of conscience. We have several volunteers where two years ago we had one. We had a Conference last year.

FRANCE.—Paris has 13,000 students. But France has very few Protestants. The people are immoral and skeptical. We have a few volunteers.

SWITZERLAND.—We have had three student conferences, and have student volunteers. You have much received and should much give. There is no sacrifice in laboring for Christ. "So much you give to Him, so much you receive."

INDIANS.—A representative of the Carlisle school for Indians spoke for his nationality. The Indians are not dying out, he said; there are yet 250,000, as many as at the time of discovery. There are 72 tribes and 67 dialects. Some are civilized, while others are in ignorance, have the old customs, the war dances, the old systems of worshipping, and they live in the lower states of life. Dr. Eastman and many others were refutations that the Indians cannot be civilized. "If you bring an Indian through proper environment you make a man of him." We must use different methods with Indians. Just as when Rome gave the people free corn she encouraged laziness, so the free grant to the Indians has the same effect upon them. "Take the young Indians out of the wigwam, scatter them among the whites and care for them, the best will come out, and the bad will die out." "Place one of your little boys in the wigwam, and in ten years you have a white Indian."

W. C. KEIRSTEAD.

The Parting of the Ways.

Many temperance reformers are doing some hard thinking just now. They are earnestly questioning past methods of political action, and seriously thinking of a change—not a change of attitude towards the liquor traffic, but a change as to political method.

None can for a moment doubt that a hard, up-hill battle is still before prohibitionists. The plebiscite is by no means the goal!

Should it be granted in the form promised, and be carried safely through Parliament, and a fair majority in the Dominion says Yes, even then much will have to be done before a real prohibition measure is passed. In the dilly-dallying about the plebiscite we have an indication of the spirit and attitude of "the powers that be." It would appear that there is not in the present House of Commons a strong and deep interest in the question; at least, that is the impression made by the way the plebiscite question has been dealt with. Now, suppose it is taken up next session, and the bill passed, it will be late in 1898 before the people vote. Then suppose a Prohibitory bill has to be framed, it will be too near the end of this Parliament to hope for any success. This may be a wrong surmise, and we may hope it is, but it looks that way.

But, thinking the best, and assuming that this Parliament will pass a prohibitory bill, what then? Immense danger. Why? Because men soon get scared when party interests are in jeopardy. The trying time will be the afterward. So looking at what is on this side the hill, and what is on the other side, it is now a question of vast import, what should be the political action of real prohibitionists. Are we at the parting of the way? For the principle we cherish must we let go some things that we may obtain effectively that which is beyond question the greatest, most important issue before the people. In view of the considerations named, and of others that might be named, in what way can we best advance that which is first and foremost to us? We have Leagues, Divisions, Lodges, &c. and yet our power as prohibitionists is not manifest in electoral contests. Other issues come to the front, and men pledged to prohibition are voted for, but somehow the other issues seem often to drown the pledge. Is it not high time to make principles supreme? To do that does not mean to rail at partyism. Party government is good or bad, not because of a name but because of principles adopted. Loyalty to principle comes first, and party interests afterwards. That is "gall and wormwood" to the average politician. His cry is "stick to the party" and "get something." That "get something" is the bane of our political life. Let a fearless, determined member take a stand, and he is at once a marked man. Let a voter do the same, and he is looked upon as a political leper. So it goes all round. Mark Twain, was told out west, "that a man could do any amount of thinking, but he must not think loud." It is well for us to carefully think over the present conditions, find out where we are, and then determine what is best now to be done—what will most surely forward the great prohibition movement.

T. H. S.

General Religious News.

—The largest church in Great Britain is the Metropolitan Tabernacle, which has a membership of 4708. There are 28 Sunday schools connected with it, which have 718 teachers and 8800 scholars.

—A company of Christian Endeavorers from the Broadway Baptist church, Cambridgeport, Mass., held weekly meetings in a rescue mission in Boston, providing a free lunch for the men, in opposition to a free lunch saloon in the neighborhood. These meetings have resulted in many conversions and in several accessions to the church. The Endeavorers make it a practice to secure employment for the converts when possible.

—The ushers in a Cambridgeport, Mass., church are supplied with cards. After showing a stranger a seat the usher slyly hands a member of the church seated near by a card which reads: "The person I have just ushered into a pew near you is a stranger. Be sure to greet him (or her) at the close of the service with a cordial grasp of the hand and a warm invitation to come and worship with us again. By request of the pastor and church committee."

—Three Russian priests have been appointed to look after the spiritual wants of the workmen on the great Siberian Railway, as reports had reached the Holy Synod in St. Petersburg that many of the workmen were leading sad lives of immorality. On those portions of the railway over which it is already possible to run rough trains wagons have been fitted up as churches, and several of these travel along the line from place to place. They are crowded at service time, and the three priests already employed are crying out for helpers.

—The Church Army, connected with the Protestant Episcopal Church, is continuing its work. It has obtained the use for two years of the House of the Evangelist, formerly connected with the Church of the Holy Trinity, on Madison Avenue, as headquarters for the army in New York. It has also undertaken to reach suburban and country villages by means of vans constructed for the purpose and so arranged as to be a traveling house for four men, carrying a supply of tracts and publications, and a cabinet organ for use at services. The van is to go from village to village, seeking places where religious provision is inadequate or wholly lacking. A religious census is to be taken and night services of an informal character to be held.

Home Religious News.

—The membership of the Methodist church in Nova Scotia is 15,891. The increase last year was 1,658, due largely to the special work done by evangelists. The aggregate revenue for all purposes last year was \$139,585, of which \$11,333 was for missions.

—It is stated that Rev. G. O. Gates, of St. John, will receive a call to the North Baptist church, Halifax.

Denominational News.

SEVENTH DISTRICT MEETING.—The annual session of the Seventh District Meeting was held in the Waterloo St. church, St. John on the 24th-26th ult. The first meeting, Saturday morning, was very well attended, and was an interesting conference. It was led by the pastor, Rev. J. W. Clarke. At 2 p. m. the first business meeting was held. The Chairman of the District, Rev. W. H. Perry, being absent on account of illness in his family, the chair was taken by the assistant chairman, Deacon L. Dunphy. The long-time efficient Clerk, Bro. Wm. Peters, was in his place attending carefully to the duties of his office. Prayer by Rev. D. Patterson. Reports were received from twelve churches. The reports were referred to a committee to summarize the facts contained in them; the committee consisted of brethren Halse, Patterson and Milbury. Rev. W. J. Halse spoke of the death during the year, of bro. W. Whittaker, Treasurer of the District, and moved that bro. L. Dunphy be his successor in the office; the motion was carried. The committee on Sabbath arrangements reported. Adjourned. At 7:30 p. m. there was a public missionary meeting, under the auspices of the District W. M. Society. We do not give a report of it here, because it will doubtless, be reported in the W. M. Society department. Sunday was a fine day. The arrangement of services was as follows:

Prayer meeting 9:30 a. m.; preaching, at 11 a. m. by Rev. J. T. Parsons, at 7 p. m. by Rev. Dr. McLeod; S. School at 2:30; Lord's Supper at close of evening preaching. In the Victoria St. church there was preaching, at 11 a. m. by Rev. D. Patterson, at 7 p. m. by Rev. I. D. Harvey, in Carleton at 7 p. m. by Rev. J. T. Parsons; Portland St. Methodist, 11 a. m. by bro. S. J. Case; Main St. Baptist, morning and evening, by Rev. W. J. Halse. Monday at 9 a. m., business was resumed, Deacon Dunphy in the chair. Prayer by Rev. J. W. Clarke. After routine election of chairman was proceeded with; the ballot resulting in the choice of Rev. J.

W. Clarke, with Rev. I. D. Harvey as assistant. Rev. G. F. Currie and licentiate Case, Fenwick, Gregg and Milbury were, by vote, invited to seats. Rev. D. Patterson, for the committee on church reports, presented the following summary:

14 churches comprise this District, 12 of which have reported, from which reports the following facts are gleaned. While there have been 26 baptisms, there has been a decrease of 27, making a net decrease of one. The total membership reported is 2136, of whom 1441 are residents, and 695 non-residents. Each of the churches has had more or less pastoral care, eleven have mid-week prayer and social meetings; eleven have conference meetings; eleven have communion—some monthly, others occasionally. There are six Young People's societies.

Those attending prayer meeting averaged 404. The average attending conference meetings of the resident membership is 22½ per cent.

Monies raised for various purposes: Support of Ministry, \$3217.58; Current Church Expenses, \$1014.64; Buildings and Improvements, \$707.50; Home Missions, \$44.82; Foreign Missions, \$30.00; Educational Society, \$48.74; Conference Fund, \$140.95; by Young People's Societies, \$277.45; by Woman's Missionary Aid Society, \$137.03; other monies, \$613.05; total, \$6,231.76.

There are five parsonages in the District, the total value of which is \$3150.00; the value of the 12 churches reported, \$33,950.00; total value of church property, \$37,100.00.

This is not all the money which will appear in the Financial report of conference, because all the conference fund, and missionary money has not yet been received.

Your committee suggest that an effort be made to increase the average attendance at both prayer and conference meetings.

Your committee suggest, also, that some measures be adopted by which the weak churches in the District may be cared for.

The S. Schools report was presented showing this branch of the work in an encouraging condition. The licences of brethren F. S. Hartley and A. D. Paul were renewed. Rev. G. A. Hartley reported his relations to the H. M. Executive as the representative of the Seventh District, and was reappointed. The following delegates to General Conference were appointed, —brethren Jas. Thorne, Edw. Carroll, J. V. Morrill and John McNichol; brethren D. McDonald, E. Savage, W. S. Cody, and Geo. Simpson are substitutes. A vote of thanks to the Waterloo St. pastor and congregation for hospitable entertainment was passed. An invitation to hold the next annual session at North Head, Grand Manan, was accepted; and the next meeting will be held there beginning at 10 a. m., of the last Friday in July, 1898. The question of the payment of the expenses of delegates was mentioned, but did not seem to meet with the approval of the meeting. Of course any church may, if it desires, provide for the expenses of its delegates; but it was not thought wise to adopt any rule in the matter. There was some consideration of the non-resident members matter, the prevailing feeling being that the names of those being long absent and whose whereabouts is unknown should be kept in a separate list, in the hope that some time they may be heard from. A resolution commending the INTELLIGENCER was adopted. The question of caring for the isolated and weaker churches received consideration. A resolution expressing regret at the death of the late Treasurer Whittaker, and sympathy with his family, was passed. The ministers present during the session were, —Revs G. A. Hartley, J. T. Parsons, Jos. McLeod, J. W. Clarke, G. F. Currie, W. J. Halse, I. D. Harvey, D. Long and D. Patterson, and licentiate Case, Fenwick Gregg and Milbury; brethren Currie and Long were not present till Monday morning. The attendance of delegates was not as large as sometimes, of the reason assigned, being that it is very difficult for brethren on the islands to leave their business just now. Several sisters were present as delegates; but how well they could discharge the duties of representatives was not shown, for like some brethren often do, they left for home Monday morning. Another year they will, perhaps, remain to the close and take a more active part in the work of the session. The business was completed shortly after noon Monday, and the District Meeting formally adjourned. In the evening there was a meeting for worship, led by Rev. I. D. Harvey, in which many participated; it was a very enjoyable service.

MINISTERS.—Rev. D. Long has been called to the pastorate of the Victoria St. church, St. John. It is thought he will accept. Rev. B. H. Nobles and family are enjoying a holiday at Blislie, K. Co. Rev. J. W. Clarke and family passed through the city on Monday, en route to Carleton Co., where they will remain two or three weeks. Rev. E. S. Parker was in this city, and at Marysville and Woodstock last week in the interests of the Moncton church. He went home Friday. He feels quite encouraged, and hopes to accomplish what he has undertaken—the deliverance of the church from debt. We wish him his heart's desire. Rev. S. J. Perry has moved from Bath to Upper Kent, C. Co. His friends will please note the change in his P. O. address. Rev. J. B. Daggett spent last Sabbath on the Hartland-Brighton pastorate, with Rev. J. N. Barnes.

Union Picnic.

The Free Baptist Sabbath Schools between Moncton and Norton, inclusive, are to unite in a Picnic, to be held at Anagance next Saturday, 7th August. A good time is expected. A patriotic oration is to be delivered, and the children are to sing the national anthems "My Own Canadian Home" and "God Save the Queen." The Moncton school is to have control of the refreshment tables, and intend serving dinner to those who do not wish to be burdened with baskets. It is hoped to see many people there.—Com.

THE FIFTY-EIGHTH.—Last week

(26th ult.) Mr. and Mrs. Gladstone celebrated the fifty-eighth anniversary of their marriage. Both are still in excellent health.

Rev. J. E. Gosline, pastor of the Free Baptist church at Tiverton, R. I., baptized nine converts on a recent Sabbath.

SUNDRIES.—Five hundred horseless cabs were placed on the streets of Paris last month. Over a year ago Frank Robinson, of Anderson, Ind., was divorced from his wife. Now she is suing him for \$5,000 for breach of promise, claiming that after their divorce Robinson wooed and won her again.

RUSSIA'S POPULATION.—The consul general of the United States at Saint Petersburg transmits to the State Department the results of the recent census of Russia. The population of the Russian Empire, according to this census, is 129,211,113 persons, of which number there are 54,616,280 males and 64,594,833 females. These figures show that the population of Russia has doubled in forty-five years, and that there has been an increase of twenty per cent during the last twelve years. About 150,000 persons were employed in taking this census, and the work was completed within three months, which is justly regarded as a great achievement when the vast extent of territory to be covered, the general illiteracy of the people, and the many other obstacles that impeded the progress of the census taker under even the most favorable conditions, are considered.

A CLERGYMAN'S LIFE.

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HOME MISSIONS.

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J. W. CLARKE, Treasurer
St. John, July 31st 1897.

Third District Meeting, with the Church at Campbell Settlement, York Co., the third Friday in September, 1897, at 2:30 o'clock, p. m. Ministers to attend—Revs G. W. Foster, F. A. Currie, J. J. Barnes, J. W. Clarke, O. N. Mott, C. T. Phillips, Dr. McLeod. Rev. J. T. Parsons to preach the annual sermon.

Fourth District Meeting, with the Church at Tracy Station, S. Co., the second Friday in September, 1897. Ministers to attend—Revs. F. C. Hartley, A. B. G. W. Foster, G. F. Currie, Joseph Noble, and John Henderson.

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Marriages.

NICE-AVERY.—In Carleton, St. John, on the 28th July, by Rev. G. A. Hartley, Nehemiah Nice of St. John, West, and Abbie Avery, of North Head, Grand Manan, N. B.

COLLINGS-WHITLOCK.—On the 28th ult., at the Free Baptist Parsonage, Marysville, by Rev. J. T. Parsons, Mr. John F. Collings, and Laura A. Whitlock, both of Marysville, N. B.

Deaths.

DEBRAH.—At Gordonsville, C. Co., on the 6th ult., Elizabeth, widow of the late deacon James Debrah, in the 81st year of her age. Deceased professed religion when a young woman, and was baptized by the late Rev. Charles McMullin. She became a member of the Gordonsville church at the time it was organized, and continued a faithful member until her death, which occurred at her son S. ephens', who, with his wife, tenderly ministered to her until the Master called her home. Her pastor, Rev. J. J. Barnes, being absent at the time of her funeral, Rev. J. N. Barnes conducted the services.

J. J. BARNES.

MCALPINE.—At Woodstock, on July 6th, of typhoid fever, Catherine, aged 49 years, beloved wife of Johnson McAlpine, and daughter of Deacon Garrett VanWart, of Wickham, Q. Co.

MCALPINE.—On the 28th July, of typhoid fever, Luella Mabel, aged 21 years, daughter of Johnson, and the late Catherine McAlpine. Much sympathy is felt for Mrs. McAlpine in her double affliction. Mrs. McAlpine had many friends, and Ella, who was a member of the Endeavour Society and of the Sabbath School, was a universal favorite.

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"All that certain piece or parcel of land and premises, situate, lying and being in the Parish of Ellenville and County aforesaid, and bounded as follows, viz: Commencing at a stake on the south side of the Mill Road so called and thence running a southerly course adjoining William E. Perley's lands and Abner Hoyt's to John Murphy's line; thence westerly course adjoining said John Murphy's and David W. Mesereau's to land formerly owned by Orlo Hoyt, now in possession of Wellington Y. Hoyt; thence northerly adjoining said land, formerly owned by Orlo Hoyt, to the aforementioned Mill Road, so called; and thence in an easterly direction following the various courses of the said Mill Road to the place of beginning, containing eighty one acres, more or less, and being all that lot of land transferred by John R. Webb to said Rhoda Mesereau by deed bearing date the twenty-third day of April, A. D. 1883" and being the lands and premises so described in the deed thereof from Rhoda Mesereau to the said J. Wilbur Webb, by deed, bearing date the twenty-second day of April, A. D. 1884.

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