

CHINESE CRISIS. From Northern China would indicate that the uprising of the Chinese has attained a proportionate present cause for the Chinese. There does not appear to be the bursting forth of a new century. Each succeeding century has seen the further encroachment of the foreigner into the great empire of the Chinese. With no exception for the rightful lords of the dominant nations have on occasion almost had internal complications over "spheres of influence" and such, in this Empire they seek to divide. It is not unlikely, that in the great teeming East, there should be found with the heroic stuff in them that will drive back the intruder from the East. This is the point of view of the Chinese patriot. There is a suspicion now that the Chinese Government has thrown in its lot with the West. In that case nothing can be done to save it against the united arms of Britain, Russia, Japan and the United States. Today the situation is serious. There has been no direct word from the Chinese in fourteen days. Admiral Kuroki in charge of 2000 men, advanced to the relief of Peking, was last seen from twelve days ago. At that time the 3000 foreigners are being held and fighting for their lives. A force which went to their aid was beaten back by the very numbers of the enemy. It will take 100,000 men to get the situation in shape. And then look out for international complications. England must stand by her great trading empire. Already Russia is making a settlement at Port Arthur, 300 miles from Peking, and a few days ago had an army of twenty thousand men there. The United States has commercial interests, and interests are so divided that it will be difficult to say whether her aid would be thrown with Britain or Russia in the casting of accounts. Many and Japan too are mixed in it, and there is in it all much that gives opportunity for war. It was a rather trite comparison made by Chinese Minister Wu the other day at Washington. It was suggested that he be held as a hostage for the safety of U. S. Minister Conger in Peking. "Was your government at Washington responsible," he asked, "for the Italian lynchings at Shanghai? No. Neither is the Chinese government responsible for the depositions of lawless natives, over whose movements it has no control."

DENOMINATIONAL NEWS. LOWER MILLSTREAM, K. Co.—Special meetings have been at Lower Millstream for some time, during which God has blessed the people. On Wednesday, 13th inst., seven converts were baptized, and in the evening they were welcomed into the church, together with the other, who came from another church. There are others here who would obey the Saviour in this ordinance. Pray for them, that they may be willing to obey the Lord. Rev. Gideon Swim administered the ordinance of baptism, and also gave the new members the hand of fellowship. His sermon in the evening was full of advice and encouragement to the new members. He also administered the Lord's Supper. I hope the blessings we have received here are but the beginning of ingathering all over the pastorate.

H. H. FERGUSON.

LANDSAY, C. Co.—The brethren at Landsay have arranged to repair their church building. A new wall is to be put under it, the outside is to be painted, the interior is to be sealed, the pews repainted, and new pulpit furniture put in. Mr. Chas. Cheney is the contractor. Rev. J. J. Barnes is the pastor of the church, and, as always, is actively interested in the work being done.

FROM REV. J. N. BARNES.—I am pleased to report through your columns that the special meetings at Cross Creek, York Co., have been a success. Rev. Joseph McLeod, D. D., and brother M. L. Gregg each spent a Sabbath and a few evenings in the week with us, and rendered valuable assistance. The church has been helped, and six precious souls have been blessed. The conference meeting last Saturday was the largest and best since I came to this pastorate. Last Sabbath was a good day. The congregations were good, and the spirit of the meetings excellent; and the sacrament of the Lord's Supper was the best I have ever witnessed here. The Lord was with us of a truth. There

has been no baptism yet, but there will be (D. V.) later. There have been three prayer meetings started—one at the church, Cross Creek, Sabbath morning, one at Williamsburg, and one at Maple Grove. It looks now as if the hard place is gotten over. Thank God.

J. N. BARNES

June 18th, 1900.

SECOND DISTRICT MEETING.—MOUNT PLEASANT, C. Co., entertained the Second District Meeting this year, and did it well. The meeting began Friday afternoon, 15th inst., and closed Monday morning 18th inst. The weather throughout was fine. A slight shower just before Sunday evening service laid the dust nicely. The Friday meetings were devoted chiefly to Sunday school work. Reports of schools were presented; addresses were made by Rev. L. A. Fenwick on District Work, and by Rev. J. W. Clark on the Relation of the Home to the Sunday school; brief speeches were made by other brethren and the condition of Sunday School work in the District was considered as carefully as was possible with the information in hand. Rev. J. J. Barnes presided over these meetings and E. L. West was secretary. Each meeting was preceded by a half-hour devotional service, one being led by bro. Barnes and the other by bro. Clarke.

At 10 a. m. Saturday there was a large congregation assembled at the conference. The pastor (Rev. J. Perry) and the Chairman of the District (Rev. J. B. Daggett) had charge of the meeting. The pastor spoke hearty words of welcome in behalf of the church and community. He told of some of his earlier experiences in the work, and thanked God that after 58 years faith and love were strong. The meeting was one of much spiritual comfort, a large number uniting in the testimonies and praises. At 2 p. m. the business of the District began. Rev. J. B. Daggett presiding. Prayer by Rev. H. Hart. After routine reports from the churches were presented and read. Brethren Fenwick, Barnes and Nevers were appointed a committee to summarize the reports. Their contents will appear in the summary given below. Following the reports speeches were made by brethren Clarke, Shea, G. McLeod, Orser, Boyer, Watson and others. The meeting went into committee on Licentiates. The committee recommended that license be granted bro. Allan Rideout, which was done. At 7.30 p. m. there was a public missionary meeting. The first part of it was under the auspices of the District W. M. Society, whose president, Mrs. H. Hart occupied the chair. The Scripture lesson was read by Mrs. Johnson, and prayer was offered by Mrs. Rideout. A brief address was made by the President followed by a solo by Mrs. Slipp. The Sec. Treas., Mrs. Dr. Secord, presented her report, showing the receipts larger than in any previous year. This was followed by a reading, "The First Free Baptist Station in India," by Mrs. Johnson, a paper on "Our Corner in India," by Mrs. Slipp, and a recitation "Marching Orders," by Mrs. McKimney. The meeting was then taken charge of by the Chairman of the District, and addresses were made by Revs. J. W. Clarke and Dr. McLeod.

Sunday was a beautiful day, and very large congregations were present at all the services. A very helpful prayer-meeting was held at 9 a. m. At 10.30 a. m. there was preaching by Rev. Dr. McLeod, at 2.30 p. m. by Rev. J. J. Barnes, and at 7.30 p. m. by Rev. J. W. Clarke. Morning and afternoon there were overflow services in the Orange Hall near by, bro. Rideout preaching on both occasions. The Rockland Baptist church was supplied in the evening by Dr. McLeod. The Lord's Supper was administered in the afternoon, at the close of the sermon by bro. Barnes, and was a season of spiritual joy. Rev. J. Perry and J. McLeod administered the ordinance. It was a good day, from which it is hoped much permanent good will result.

Monday at 8 a. m. business was taken up, Rev. J. B. Daggett in the chair. Prayer by Rev. J. Perry. After routine the election of Chairman took place, resulting in the choice of Rev. J. W. Clarke, with Rev. J. Perry as assistant. The report of the summary committee was presented by Rev. L. A. Fenwick, as follows:

1. Membership of reported churches 1628; additions by baptism 26; by experience, 6 by letter 8, total 40; net gain 18.
2. Amount raised for ministry, \$2682.00; current expenses, \$424.84;

value of church buildings \$29,800. There are four parsonages, one of them built during the year. Home Missions, \$35.82; foreign missions, \$35.82; Conference Fund, \$98.85; Woman's Mission Society, \$260.00; improvement of church buildings, 904.73; Aged and Sick Ministers Fund, 74.85; Ministerial Students Fund, \$26.90.

3. Weekly prayer meetings, 10;
- Sunday prayer meetings, 11; average attendance at prayer meeting, 255; at conference, 233.
4. Three churches have not sent reports. The committee suggests that all churches be urged to report regularly.
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The various features received some attention. Brethren Noble and Perry, whose knowledge of the churches covers their whole history, spoke encouragingly. Forester church was reported verbally by bro. A. DeWitt. This interest evidently needs regular care. Brethren Daggett and Fenwick have undertaken to spend a few days there soon, holding meetings &c. The summary of the Sunday Schools reports was presented as follows:

Schools reported, 18; scholars enrolled, 879; average attendance, 667; teachers, 90; evergreen schools, 15; money raised, \$393.67; conversions, 24.

The District Executive was elected, and is as follows: The Chairman and Clerk ex-officio, and brethren G. McLeod, L. A. Fenwick and S. Crandall. The following delegates to General Conference were appointed,—brethren John Shea, Chas. White, J. N. Perry, S. Crandall and W. McGee; substitutes—brethren C. R. Watson, E. L. West, S. Grant, S. M. Boyer and H. Nevers.

Rev. J. B. Daggett gave notice of motion to change the time of holding the District Meeting to Friday. He explained that his object was to make it possible to complete the business of the session on Saturday. A vote of thanks to the church and community for great hospitality was passed. The ministers present during the session were Rev. Jos. Noble, J. Perry, Jos. McLeod, H. Hart, J. J. Barnes, J. W. Clarke, J. B. Daggett and L. A. Fenwick, and Licen. A. Rideout. Rev. J. H. Wetmore (Baptist) was at the Saturday morning meeting, and spoke with good effect.

Rev. Wm. DeWare, who was last year named to preach the annual sermon this year, was not able to be present, his health having failed. His absence was regretted by the brethren. Rev. J. Noble was slightly unwell, and was not able to be at any of the Saturday meetings, but was about again Sunday afternoon and Monday. The death of Rev. E. B. Gray was fittingly referred to, and a resolution expressive of the brethren's appreciation of his christian character and the value of his services during the many years of his connection with the District, and expressing sympathy with Mrs. Gray, was adopted.

Rev. J. Perry, who has been pastor of the church for two years is intending to retire at the close of the present year. He spoke hopefully of the outlook. The brethren at Mount Pleasant are intending to build a new church, the present building having served its day and being too small.

PUBLIC HEAD N. S.—June 13th. The work on this pastorate is moving along pleasantly. At Argyle Sound a fine set of pulpit chairs has been placed on the platform, which are ornamental and durable. To the right of the pulpit a costly and handsome church organ has lately been put in position. These useful articles were not secured and paid for without much persistent effort. This church (Argyle Sound) has invited the Yarmouth County Quarterly Meeting to convene with them next session. At East Pubnico a new bell, costing one hundred and twenty-nine dollars has been purchased and will be placed in the belfry immediately. It has a pleasant and inviting tone, which none we hope will refuse to heed. A number of the friends from this church came to the pastor's home on a recent Wednesday afternoon, bringing with them baskets laden with presents and refreshments. After supper the friends returned home when all regretted that the pleasant occasion must be interrupted. But they hope to come again. Here, at Public Head, we were also favored with a like visit by friends of this place on the 8th inst. Many useful articles of clothing and groceries were handed in. A large quilt in the frame afforded plenty amusement for the afternoon. The tea was much enjoyed. For these tokens of kindness we felt to exclaim surely goodness and mercy have followed us all the days of our life. May our heavenly Father abundantly bless all those thoughtful friends who wish of their pastor and wife.

G. M. WILSON.

MINISTERS.—Rev. Gideon Swim is open to correspondence with churches needing a pastor. His address is

Apoahqui, N. B. Bro. Swim is a faithful worker, and has been successful. We hope he will be kept in this Province. He is needed.

Licentiate Ferguson was in Moncton Sabbath 17th inst.

Rev. G. Swim preached at Millstream, K. Co. on the 17th inst.

Rev. G. Swim is to spend two weeks at Clark's Harbour, N. S., during the absence of the pastor, Rev. A. M. McNitch. It is an old home of bro. Swim, and he and his friends will enjoy meeting.

Rev. W. DeWare is, we regret to learn, in poor health. His physician has ordered rest, and his churches (Tracey Mills and Knoxford) have given him two months vacation, which he will spend at Grand Manan. His brethren and many friends hope the change and rest may make him strong enough to go on with his work.

The Tracey Mills church will be glad for a visit from any of the ministers who may have a Sabbath or two to spare.

Rev. J. N. Barnes was in the city a few days ago. He is in very good health and feeling encouraged, as his letter in this issue shows. Mrs. Barnes has gone to Grand Manan to spend a few weeks amongst old friends.

Licentiate Allan Rideout who is appointed by the Home Mission Executive to spend the Summer at Moncton and Dover, will begin his work there next Sunday.

POLITICAL NEWS.—Mr. Martin could not carry on the Government of British Columbia. He resigned. The Governor sent for Dunsinuir and asked him to form a Government. He has done so, and will, probably, be able to get through a session.

The Governor of British Columbia, Mr. McInnes, has been dismissed by the Dominion Government. He was asked to resign, but declined to do so. His dismissal followed. The failure of Mr. Martin to secure a majority in the recent general election is regarded as a condemnation of a Governor's course. A meeting of the majority of the members elect of the B. C. legislature on the 19th inst., asked for his removal.

Sir Henri Joly, Minister of Inland Revenue in the Dominion Government, is to succeed Dr. McInnes in the Governorship of British Columbia. Sir Henri is an honorable man, one whose integrity has never been questioned even by his political opponents. He has had much political experience, and will, doubtless, wisely fill the new position to which he is called. In religion Sir Henri is a Protestant.

The Liberals of Annapolis, N. S., have nominated F. B. Wade, of Halifax, as their candidate for Parliament. Information from British Columbia is that Dunsinuir has completed his cabinet. There will be three Liberals and three Conservatives, three mainlanders and three islanders. The cabinet is as follows:

J. A. Dunsinuir, premier and president of council.

Turner, minister of finance.

Elberts, attorney general.

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Mr. Dunsinuir says he is Liberal and Prentice and Wells are now to be Liberals. The other three are Conservatives.

How much force the church loses! It is appalling. In a church of one hundred members about ten do the work, bear the burdens. Where are the ninety? The ninety represent the lost force, inertia. And as a rule all the energy of the ten working members is exhausted in carrying the ninety.

DENOMINATIONAL NOTICES.

NOTICE.

The annual session of the Fifth District will convene with the church at Upper Hampstead, Q. Co., on the last Friday in June, at 10 o'clock a. m. The first meeting will be a social one.

DAVID PATTERSON,
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Woodstock,
June 19 h, 1900.

QUARTERLY MEETING.

The Kings and Cumberland Quarterly Meeting will be held in the Free Baptist meeting house, Canning N. S., on Saturday June 30th, and Sunday July 1st. First meeting, Saturday 2.30 p. m.

D. T. PORTER,
Convener.

Advocate, N. S.
June 16, 1900.

INDIA FAMINE FUND.

Rec'd from,
Lower Millstream church, \$6 00
Mrs. G. L. Slipp, Sussex, 2 00
A. B. Cox, Amherst, N. S., 2 50
Charles White, Tracey Mills, N. B. 5 00
E. W. SLIPP.

St John,
June 22nd, 1900.

REPORT FORMS.

Clerks of churches who do not receive forms of church reports should write to the Clerks of their respective Districts for them.

The names and P. O. addresses of the clerks are as follows:

First District—F. C. Blodsworth, Kilmuir, V. Co.
Second District—W. J. Owens, Tracey Mills, Q. Co.
Third District—W. Shepherd, Burt's Corner, York Co.
Fourth District—S. J. Kinney, Mouth Oromocto, S. Co.
Fifth District—J. W. Carpenter, Carpenter, Q. Co.
Sixth District—G. W. Sharp, Midland, K. Co.
Seventh District—Wm. Peters, St. John.

REQUEST.

Any clerks of Districts, or clerks of churches, or ministers, who have forms for church reports which they will not need this year will greatly oblige by sending them to the undersigned.

Jos. McLeod,
Cor. Sec'y
General Conference.
Fredericton, N. B.

DISTRICT MEETINGS.

Third District Meeting, at Stanley, York County, the third Friday in September, at 10 a. m. Annual sermon by Rev. G. W. Foster.

Fourth District Meeting, at Fredericton Junction, Sunbury County, on the second Friday in September, 1900. To attend, Rev. J. N. Barnes.

Fifth District Meeting, at Upper Hampstead, Q. Co. the last Friday in June, at 10 a. m. To attend, Rev. John A. Robertson, A. D. Paul, C. T. Phillips.

Sixth District Meeting, at Penobscus K Co., second Friday in July. Rev. F. G. Francis to preach annual sermon.

Seventh District Meeting, at Beaver Harbor, Charlotte Co., the third Friday in August.

Rev. J. Noble and Rev. J. McLeod are appointed to attend all District Meetings, as far as practicable.

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