

METHODIST CONFERENCE NOTES.

The number of members authorized to attend the N. B. and P. E. I. Methodist Conference was 209—105 ministers and 104 laymen. The actual attendance was 125—93 ministers and 32 laymen.

The report on Sunday Schools showed a falling off in the number of schools and of scholars. This quite surprised the Conference, and there was considerable discussion. It is not likely that the brethren will permit a repetition of the decrease. The General Conference is to be asked to permit any Conference or group of Conferences to appoint a general Secretary to look after Sunday School interests.

One young man—Jacob Heaney—was ordained by the Conference.

The Conference, in the report on the state of the work, strongly urged the need of much pastoral work.

The Conference has now a super-numerary fund of \$110,581, nearly \$28,000 having been added during last year. \$12,072 were paid to super-numerary ministers last year. \$40,000 is needed to be added to the fund to enable all the yearly claims upon it to be paid in full.

DENOMINATIONAL NEWS

YARMOUTH, N. S.—Our Yarmouth church has had a gift of \$450.00 from Mr. and Mrs. Jas. E. Cushing, cancelling a loan.

E. CROWELL,

June 26th.

UPPER MILLSTREAM, K. Co.—Sunday, June 23rd, was a good day at Upper Millstream. Rev. B. H. Nobles and I exchanged services in the morning, and at the close of the service at Upper Millstream, four converts were baptized in the stream, a short distance from the church. Praise God for these, and my prayer is that many more may be willing to follow our Saviour in this blessed ordinance.

H. H. FERGUSON.

June 26th.

ST. JOHN, WEST.—Church life and work in the Carleton church are much as usual at this season of the year. During the summer there is always more or less scattering. Especially do we miss from the mid-week services brethren who are out of the city during the week, and other whose time is not always at their own disposal. But with the help of the faithful young people who can attend, our prayer and social meetings are very well attended and are enjoyable and helpful. A number of our young people who have been away studying in Seminaries, and hospitals are returning for the summer.

Amongst these is my daughter, who has just completed a very helpful school year at the Northfield, Mass. Seminary. Our Sabbath preaching congregations are good, and so far as the old pastor can judge he never had more attentive listeners. June completes his forty-third consecutive pastoral year with this church. At that time our Conferential year began with July. Though not so young as once I was, nor yet so strong physically, I am trying to feed the sheep and the lambs of the Shepherd's fold. Last Lord's day, June 23rd, I was forcibly and pleasantly reminded of years long since past. Some of our oldest ministers and church members through the country will remember a minister of our Conference of forty years ago, Rev. B. F. Rattray. He spent a few days in St. John and preached for us in the old Carleton church where he first became a Baptist. During the first year of my labor here he was supplying the Congregation church on Union St., St. John. He came to see, as he said, that he had never been Scripturally baptized, and asked me to administer the rite to him. He was received into our church, and subsequently was ordained a Free C. Baptist minister by the Conference. After preaching a number of years in N. B., thirty-three years ago he went West. He has spent the intervening years in California, Washington, and at other Western places. It was a pleasure to again see and hear the brother whom I had baptized, and married, and with whom I had enjoyed sweet brotherly friendship. Except that his hair is quite white, he is in appearance and vigor much as he was forty years ago. How time goes, and what changes the going of the years bring about. Bro. Rattray is coming east again and expects to settle in Boston, for a time at least.

All our services are fairly well sustained. The S. school is large and is doing good work. The Christian Endeavor Society is pushing its work for Christ and the church. Upon the whole, we "thank God and take courage."

G. A. HARTLEY.

June 27th 1901.

FROM REV. J. J. BARNES.—I have some things I would like to write for the Denominational News department, but have no opportunity now, nor have I had for a long time. We can see nothing but piled-up household effects. The carpenters and the masons, and the consequent litter and confusion, have charge of us. There is, also, the material cry once in a while, and the scarcity of workmen this busy season. Then the strain and anxiety of trying to take all we can, in our circumstances, of the building committee's burden—for they are busy men, as the most of us are, for that matter. But it is a pleasure to help others, when one feels it is real help he is giving. So the work on the new parsonage here moves slowly on. It is the second flat of the house we are working at now. The first flat was finished last fall. Four feet are added to the posts, which improves the appearance of the house greatly. The roof is new, with longer rafters than the old roof. Altogether, it will be a fine looking edifice when it is finished, and will reflect much credit on the people.

I shall try to say more about our work among the churches soon. Considering the circumstances in which we are working, considerable has been done, which we hope to be able to report soon. I trust you are praying for us in our work here. With best wishes for all the brethren.

J. J. BARNES

Middle Southampton, York Co.

MINISTERS.—Rev. H. A. Bonnell passed through this city last week enroute to Ar hurette, V. Co., to attend the First District Meeting. He was driving. He is in very good health, and reports the work in his pastorate as moving along in the usual way.

Rev. J. N. Barnes was in town last week. His health is better than it was a few weeks ago. He is busy, and has a degree of encouragement in his work.

Rev. D. Patterson, of Kemptonville, N. S., has been visiting his old home at Washdemaok.

Rev. C. T. Phillips went to the First District Meeting, last week. He was in this city Thursday night. His congregation recently gave him three week vacation.

Rev. J. B. Daggett is at Grand Manan, visiting his old home.

Licentiate Cochrane, who for some months has been in charge of the North Head church, was visiting his home at Cornhill, K. Co. last week.

Rev. Shirley J. Case has resigned his connection with the New Hampton, N. H. Seminary, intending to pursue his theological studies.

MISSION NEWS AND NOTES.

—The English Bible Christian Missionary Society has in the home circles, the colonies, and China 122 missionaries, 630 local preachers, 359 chapels, and 97 preaching stations. The report spoke of the dropping of the churches in South Australia through the consummation of Methodist union in the colony, the painful experiences of the missionaries in China, and an increase of 100 members in the home mission circuits. The receipts had been \$30,950, while, the expenditures being larger, the debt had grown to \$7,625.

—Christian England laughed much when Sydney Smith sneered at William Carey as a "consecrated cobbler," going on a fool's errand to convert the heathen. Carey died aged seventy-three years. He was visited on his death-bed by the Bishop of India, the head of the Church of England in that land, who bowed his head and invoked the blessing of the dying missionary. The British authorities had denied to Carey a landing place on his first arrival in Bengal; but when he died the government dropped all its claims to half mast, in honor of a man who had done more for India than any of her generals.

—The annual statistical tables of Protestant foreign Missions, published in "The Missionary Review of the World," give for American Missions: Income \$6,114,759; missionaries, including ordained and lay missionaries and women, 4,454; native helpers of all kinds, 16,100; stations and outstations, 9,787; communicants, 400,496; with \$1,681 additions last year; and schools, 6,252, with 240,263 pupils. The European Missions are credited with a total income of \$9,365,816, 11,765 missionaries, 56,266 native helpers, 15,321 stations and outstations, 969,929 communicants, with 62,881 added last year, and 13,944 schools, with 794,461 pupils. The sums represent an aggregate income of \$15,479,575, 16,219 missionaries, 72,366 native helpers (all constituting a total working force of 88,675 persons), 25,108 stations and outstations, 1,369,425 communicants, with 94,562 added last year, and 20,196 schools, with 1,035,724 pupils.

POLITICAL NEWS.—Hon. T. R. Black and Mr. J. H. Livingston are likely to be the Liberal candidates in Cumberland at the forthcoming provincial elections.

There are now six vacant seats in the Canadian House of Commons. One is caused by the resignation of a conservative member, one by the unseating of a conservative, one by the unseating of a liberal, and three by appointments to office. The three vacancies from the last cause are in Quebec.

Premier Farquharson, of the P. E. Island government, has been asked to accept a nomination for the vacancy that will be made by the expected appointment of Sir Lou S. Davis to the Bench, and he has consented.

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DENOMINATIONAL NOTICES

HOME MISSION FUND.

Received from Woodstock monthly missionary collection, \$11.61
J. W. CLARKE,
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Woodstock, June 21st, 1901.

SIXTH DISTRICT MEETING

The following is the list of homes for members of the Sixth District Meeting to be held at Covedale, beginning Friday, July 12th:

Norton delegates, with Ralph Mitton.
Lower Millstream 1 del., Miss Musgrove, Penobscusquis 1 del., Dr. McLeod, with Wallace Taylor.
R. v. J. Noble, Clerk, Treasurer, with A. W. Leman.
Rev. B. H. Nobles, Sussex del's., with James A. Steeves.
Steeves Settlement del's., with Mrs. Wm. Mollin.
Steeves Mountain del's., with Humphrey Mitton.
Lower Ridge del's., with Geo. C. Hopper.
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Lutz Mountain del's., with Wm. McPherson.
Upper Millstream del's with Enoch Mitton.
Victoria Road del's., with G. R. Chapman.
Mill-stream Mountain del's., with R. H. Chapman.
Lich. H. Ferguson, Lower Millstream 2 del's and Midland del's., with Judson E. Steeves.
Rev. G. Swm, Apohaqui & Erb Settlement del's., with A. H. Steeves.
Snid r Mountain del's., with Alfred Gaskie.
Wheaton Settlement del's., with William Steeves.
Lic. R. Ferguson, Dover del's with Lew s J. Steeves.
Corn Hill del's., with James Ayles.
Taylor Village del's., with James Steeves.
Graves Settlement del's., with Aylesford Mitton.
Rev. A. J. Prosser, Penobscusquis 1 del., and Dutch Valley del's with E. R. Harmer.
2nd., North River del's., with David O'Brien.
Portage del's., with C. L. H. Perry.
Long Point del's., with Rev. A. Perry.
Newtown del's., with Isaiah Duncan.
Rev. F. G. Francis and Petitcodiac and Monton del's., with Alfred Lister.

If any members or officers of the District meeting are not included in above list they will be provided for on arrival. The committee request that those who can drive their teams to meeting do so.

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NOTICE.

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Blank forms of church and Sabbath school reports have been sent to all churches. Will the clerks of the churches see that their reports are there for the first meeting as the reports are read at that session.

Arrangements have been made with the I. C. R. for free return of delegates. Purchase a single first class ticket to Salisbury, at the same time get a standard certificate. This will be filled out and signed by the clerk of the District, and on presentation of this certificate to the station agent at Salisbury, they will receive a first class ticket to return by.

W. H. HEINE, Clerk.

Norton, Kings Co.

June 15th, 1901.

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QUARTERLY MEETING

The Kings and Cumberland Quarterly Meeting will be held in the Free Baptist meeting house, Port Greville, N. S., on Saturday and Sunday, June 29th and 30th. First meeting on Saturday afternoon at 2.30.

THE YOUNG PEOPLES' LEAGUE.—In order that homes may be provided for those attending the Young Peoples' League, to be held at the Waterloo Street Church, St. John, N. B. August 6 & 8, the societies are requested to send in soon as possible, to the Corresponding Secretary, the names of the delegates, officers and pastors who will attend.

(MISS) ANNETTE FLOYD,
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Cor. Sec.

DISTRICT MEETINGS.

First District Meeting, at Arthur-et, Victoria County, the fourth Friday in June, 1901. To attend, Revs. C. T. Phillips, F. C. Hartley, H. Hartt, H. A. Bonnell, S. J. Perry.

Third District Meeting, at Prince William, York Co., the third Friday in September, 1901, Rev. F. C. Hartley, to preach the annual sermon.

Fourth District Meeting, at Lincoln, Sunbury Co., the second Friday in September, 1901.

Fifth District Meeting, at Lower Wickham (Sixth Church), Queens Co., on the first Friday in July, 1901. To attend, Rev. C. B. Lewis.

Sixth District Meeting, at Covedale, Albert Co., the second Friday in July, 1901. Annual sermon by Rev. B. H. Nobles. To attend Rev. A. J. Prosser.

Seventh District Meeting, at Wilson's Beach, Charlotte Co., the fourth Friday in August. To attend, Revs. B. H. Nobles, L. A. Fenwick.

Revs. Jos. Noble and Dr. McLeod are appointed to attend all the District Meetings.

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