

employed, never be triflingly employed. Neither spend any more time at any place than is strictly necessary." We fear there is altogether a fault in this matter and that few of us are clear. Which of us spend as many hours a day in God's work as we did formerly in man's work? We talk, talk or read what comes next to hand. We must, absolutely must cure this evil or betray the cause of God. But how? Read the most useful books and that regularly and constantly. (2) Steadily spend all the morning in this employment, or at least five hours in the four and twenty. But I have no taste for reading. Contract a taste for it by use, or return to your former employment. But I have no books. Be diligent to spread the books and you will have the use of them. There, however, is not the same opportunity afforded the preacher today that existed formerly for the sale and distribution of valuable books. This work has largely gone out of his hands and it is my opinion that the pastor no longer needs an extensive and expensive library, cumbersome at moving times, in view of the fact of large free public libraries being accessible in almost all our towns and cities and the increase in school and Sunday School libraries. Yet every pastor and preacher needs a few carefully and conscientiously selected books he is free to mark and has at hand for immediate and convenient reference. It might be helpful to some to relate an experience a District Elder of some years service told the speaker, had been a benefit to him. He said he was assigned his first charge under an able preacher as his District Elder, but who was a very quiet and non-communicative man in his private life. He went to the Elder's room and knocked; he heard a call, "Come in." He opened the door and found the Elder reading a book, from which he looked up and spoke, and I am not sure whether he had the young preacher to be seated or just inquired his errand. At any rate the young man told him he was inexperienced and had been assigned work under him, and had come to ask him if he could not give him advice and direction how to start in and how to manage his work. The Elder asked, "Do you have a Bible?" and the young preacher said, "Yes." Then he looked at his book for a time, and looked up again and inquired, "Do you have a hymn book?" to which an affirmative answer was given, and the Elder further inquired, "Do you have a Free Methodist Discipline?" and when the young man said he did, the Elder said, "Well then, if you have a Bible, a hymn book and a Discipline study them and govern yourself accordingly," and turned his eyes on his book. The young man left the room feeling somewhat slighted and a little grieved that the reception was not more cordial and advice more extended. But as he thought on it he felt it was what was needed and really covered the ground. The Bible, hymn book and Discipline furnish a good foundation, when one has had enough preparation to be put into the pastorate, and after years of study and taking other courses of study some of the older pastors do well to very largely come back to these, with the church periodicals and Sunday School quarterlies added. Surely every pastor should take and read his denominational paper. The late Rev. C. W. Stamp told me he once asked Rev. B. T. Roberts, our first General Superintendent, why he did not prepare a course of reading or study to suggest and recommend to our preachers, after they had completed their regular four years' travelling preachers' course? He said he had sometimes thought of doing so. Brother Stamp then inquired what he would suggest for a young man to study after he had gone through this course. His answer was, "Binney's Theological Compend," and when the in-

quirer made plain he meant, subsequent to having passed his usual course in which Binney was included. Brother Roberts repeated, "Binney's Theological Compend," adding, "I would recommend a life long study of Binney. Without disregarding or discrediting numerous other excellent works, ancient and modern, let me put in along with Binney, *Robert's Fishers of Men.*" When you get weary studying Binney, read again "Fisher's of men." Now we come to our second division.

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**SUNDAY SCHOOL CONVENTION OF DISTRICT NO. 1**

The eighth quarterly Sunday School Convention of District No. 1 convened with the Church at Gordonsville on Friday night, Sept. 5th.

Rev. L. T. Sabine acted as president pro tem. The devotional service was in charge of Sister Bessie Watson, who read Psalm 119:9-24, commenting especially on 9th and 10th verses, speaking with earnestness and inspiration.

The address of welcome was given by Mrs. James Lloyd and was a welcome indeed. This was responded to by Sister P. W. Briggs, accepting the welcome.

The following delegates registered: Fort Fairfield by Mrs. P. W. Briggs, Miss Ella Slipp.

Gordonsville—Mrs. Bert Clair.

Royalton—Arthur Owens.

Hartland—Ziba Orser.

Woodstock—Bessie Watson.

Millville—Rev. S. G. Hilyard.

Marysville—Chester Cochrane.

Victoria—Mr. and Mrs. H. Elliott.

The election of officers resulted as follows: President—F. K. Brown.

Secretary Treasurer—Donald F. Tedlie.

Additional members of the Executive—Rev. E. W. Lester, John Thorne and Rev. L. T. Sabine.

Brother Arthur Owens was asked impromptu to give a talk on "The teacher preparing his or her lesson." He rose to the occasion nobly by saying in part, get acquainted with the lesson and facts, getting the spiritual applications in a way to interest the class by incidents, etc. Ask God's help.

This was followed by a very interesting discussion which drifted more to teaching than the preparation. Bros. Dow, Chester Cochrane, Ziba Orser, H. G. Hilyard and others took part.

Brother Dow was asked to give an explanation of Religious Education and said, you cannot educate into salvation, but must first become a Christian and then learn of the kingdom, for they must be spiritually discerned.

Brother L. T. Sabine was asked, should a teacher realize they have a mission? I say yes; called or sent of God to teach his truth and be able to pass it across.

This convention topped them all in interest and inspiration and seemed as much of the quarterly meeting as it possibly could for many received a real incentive and encouragement in Sunday School work. There was not a dull moment nor a dry speech in it.

There was enough said to fill three columns in the paper.

The next convention will be at Marysville, N. B., the time to be stated later.

B. M. COLPITTS, Secy.

**MARRIED**

Woodward-Beal

At the residence of Mr. and Mrs. George E. Beal, Jonesport, Me., on Aug. 20th, their daughter, Ola Belle, was united in marriage to Erroll R. Woodward, of Beals, Me. Rev. H. C. Archer performed the ceremony in the presence of the immediate relatives of the contracting parties. They will reside at Beals.

Rushton-Flemming

A quiet but pretty marriage took place at the home of the bride's mother, Mrs. Bertha Flemming, Westchester, N. S., at noon Wednesday, Sept. 10, when her second daughter, Minnie L., was united in marriage to Victor N. Rushton, of Westchester, N. S. The ceremony was performed by Rev. P. J. Trafton, of Moncton, N. B., the bride and groom standing under a white bell in the centre of an arch of maple leaves, fern and golden rod. Immediately after the ceremony the happy couple left by auto for a ten day honeymoon trip through Prince Edward Island and the eastern part of Nova Scotia. The bride is a registered nurse and has been practising her profession the last few years in New York. The groom is a trackman on the C. N. R.; they will reside at Westchester. The good wishes of a host of friends follow them.

**SUNDAY SCHOOL CONVENTION**

The public meetings of the Sunday School Association of District No. 3 met in quarterly convention at Jonesport, Me., on Wednesday evening, Aug. 27th at 7.30.

In the absence of the President, Rev. H. C. Archer opened the convention by reading Matt. 5:1-16, and offered prayer. He then gave a short address on "Some features of successful Sunday School Work."

Then followed a solo by Mrs. Vinton Beal. Mr. A. G. Good, of Moncton, then addressed the convention on "The Importance of the Sunday School."

The meting was not largely attended and yet was interesting and helpful.

Thursday, 7.30 p. m.

The workers' conference was held at this time. Good congregation present.

The meeting was opened by Rev. H. C. Archer, who suggested that Mrs. Leola Barnes act as secretary pro tem.

The minutes of last meeting were read and approved. Reports were read from the school at Jonesport, Beals, North Head, Seal Cove and Wood Island, which revealed good interest taken in the work.

Rev. H. C. Archer gave some interesting facts and figures in reference to the work of the Sunday School throughout the world.

Mr. A. G. Good also spoke of the good work being done through the Sunday School.

A committee was appointed to express to Mrs. S. H. Clark the sympathy of the members of the Association to her in her recent bereavement.

The constitution of the Association was then read. Although no delegates were present besides those from Jonesport and Beals, yet the meetings were helpful and enjoyed by all who attended.

MRS. LEOLA BARNES,

Secy. pro tem

There is no coldness, sourness, formality, prejudice or bigotry in religion. The religion of Jesus is love.