

Cumberland County Conference.

The Cumberland County Conference met at Westchester Harbor on the 6th inst. Monday evening Pastor Bates delivered a stirring sermon from John 4:35. He dwelt upon the four points—the sight, the sickle, the sheaf, the shekel. The sermon was excellent throughout and will do good. Pastor McGregor led an interesting and profitable after-meeting. In the absence of Chairman McQuarrie, Pastor Bates was asked to act as chairman and Pastor Belyea was elected secretary for the year.

After a half hour spent at the throne of grace on Tuesday morning the reports from the churches were taken up. All the fields with the exception of the Linden group on the Amherst Shore are supplied with pastoral labor, and the reports showed that if few additions were being made yet the ground was being held and indications were to be seen of encouraging advance in the near future. Dr. Steel read a paper on Calvinism which was generally admitted to be the best that has been yet given the conference by our learned brother. On motion it was resolved that the conference express its high appreciation of Dr. Steel's paper and strongly approve of his purpose to publish the same in the MESSENGER AND VISITOR.

At the afternoon session a paper was read by Mrs. Smith of Amherst; subject, "The Ideal Sunday School Teacher." The paper was prepared by a teacher of the Amherst Baptist church. Pastor Haverstock gave some very practical and useful suggestions on "Hand to Hand Work." From 3 to 4.30 the sisters of the W. B. M. U. had their meeting, of which you will be furnished an account for the proper column.

At the evening session Pastor Richardson, of Ontario, gave an old time gospel sermon that had the right ring. At the after-meeting, led by Pastor McQuarrie, a large number took part.

The programme for the next meeting was adopted as follows: Sermon by Rev. M. S. Richardson. Tuesday morning—Reports from churches; paper, Conversion of Children, Pastor Bates; Training of Children in the Church and for the Church, Pastor J. G. A. Belyea. Afternoon—Paper, Individual Work, Pastor A. T. Robinson; paper, The Christian between Sundays, Pastor McQuarrie. Evening Session—Missionary meeting to be under the auspices of W. B. M. U. and in charge of the County Secretaries, Mrs. McQuarrie and Mrs. Steeves.

The next meeting will (D. V.) be held January 12 at Springhill. The present session was one of the best, if not the best, held in the county. All the pastors except two were present, and a number of the sisters met to discuss mission work.

J. G. A. BELYEA, Sec'y.

Personal.

The editor of this journal is off on a well earned and well deserved vacation. The constant grind of newspaper work is most taxing, and especially is this true of one who is so painstaking and thorough in all his work as is Dr. Black. We trust that his outing may be most refreshing and stimulating. The

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The death of Rev. S. C. Moore of Albert Co. at the advanced age of 79 was sudden and unexpected. He was away from home at the time. Bro. Moore had some pastorates in this province, but spent most of his ministerial life in Albert Co. He was honored by his brethren and held in high esteem by those who knew him best. Further reference will be made to this event by some of the brethren. We tender to the family our sympathy in this hour of sore bereavement.

Three of our active pastors in the Eastern association, viz., Brethren Brown of Havelock, MacNeil of Pettitcodiac, and Thomas of Dorchester have been on a hunt in the Canaan woods. They are doughty hunters and no doubt will get what they are after. The wife of one of these good ministers has been in St. John on a hunt too but she has been after very different game. Her presence at the Provincial S. S. convention will be of great benefit to the church and school in both of which she is such an enthusiastic worker. We trust that these pastors will be greatly rewarded in their hunt for souls during the coming year and their hearts greatly cheered by large accessions to their respective churches.

Rev. G. W. Schurman, late of the Tabernacle church, Halifax, preached for the Germain St. people last Lord's day with much acceptance. We hear that Mr. Schurman has calls from two churches under consideration, one of them in Massachusetts and the other in Nova Scotia. We trust he may be divinely guided.

Charlotte County Conference.

The Charlotte County Quarterly Conference convened with the Pennfield Baptist church on Tuesday, 7th inst., at 7.30 p. m. The only church represented besides Beaver Harbor and the convening church was Oak Bay. We have not as yet learned the reason of the absence of brethren, specially the pastors. Some conjectured one thing and some another, but the final conclusion reached was that they had all been killed, and hence needed the prayers of the anxious few, and the disappointed ones, that they might be again restored to their duties.

Pastor Worden, of Oak Bay, arrived just in time to save the audience from a serious collapse. His preaching and singing delighted and helped us all. He is surely a fine singer and a good preacher. We profess to be all good preachers in this county, but the trouble is there are few who know it.

The business of the conference consumed but little time, the most of which was spent in Christian communication. As to the minutes of the preceding meetings, they were minus. I think it would be just about as difficult to find them as it would the first robin that flitted across the garden of Eden.

Our next conference will be at Bartlett's Mills in January. We concluded to get back in the old way of meeting on Friday and continuing the meetings over the Lord's Day. We hope all the pastors will fall in line.

T. M. MUNRO, Pres.

Dedicatory Service.

Dedicatory services will be held in the new Baptist church, Cavendish, Oct. 26, at 11 a. m., 3 p. m., and 7 p. m. These services will be full of interest. Visiting pastors will preach. We hope to see a large number of friends from our Island churches, as the Island conference convenes with us on the 27th.

C. P. WILSON.

Bay View, P. E. I., October 14.

RE-OPENING THE FOUNTAIN OF LIFE.

Rev. F. B. Meyer has recently told how, in olden days, amid the Roman Forum, there was a little brooklet called the Girl's Fountain, which sang merrily as it broke into the light and passed on its way toward the yellow Tiber. For centuries, however, it was lost sight of; not that it had ceased to exist, but that it had become covered and almost choked by tons of rubbish, accumulated thickly on the spot as the proud city was subjected to repeated and ruthless violence at the hands of many spoilers. But when, in recent years, the debris was removed, that fountain, so long choked and hindered, freed from all restraints, again took up its song and recommenced its useful ministry. Is not that a type of the work of the Mighty One within us? He has not left us; but his gracious power, which would have been put forth in us and for us, has been rendered almost inoperative and dead. What shall now hinder us ridding ourselves of all which has hindered him from doing his mighty works, so that he may do that which he so loves, and which we so much need?—Rz.

AN INTERESTING DOCUMENT.

The American Institute of the Sacred Literature issues for the first time this year a complete calendar of its work. This calendar presents the following table of contents:

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It is an interesting document, and together with the historical article on the same subject written by the late President Barrows and published by the Institute last March, presents a fine view of the history and work of the organization. Ministers and others having a serious interest in the growth of modern ideas and methods connected with Bible study should send for these pamphlets. They will be furnished free of charge by the office of the Institute, Hyde Park, Chicago, Ill.

FOOT-BALL ETHICS.

It seems strange that in this enlightened day a game of foot ball could not be played because one of the teams had as one of its members a gentleman of color. The game was to have been played in Wolfville, and the visiting team was on the ground. The Acadia men had selected as one of their number an under-graduate, and a colored gentleman—honored by his fellow students and respected by all who knew him, yet the color of his skin was a bar to his participating in the game. And none was played. All men are free and equal in this land. We say it—as Christians we preach it. And as citizens we should practice it. Better have no foot ball, no healthy sport than trample under foot such a fundamental principle of the rights of man. It will be a sorry day for us, if this conduct of the Truro footballists is to be upheld. "A man is a man for a that."

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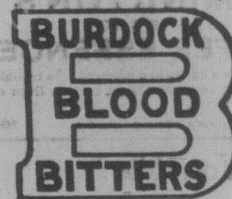
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All in Nova Scotia to Rev. H. R. Hatch, Wolfville, N. S.

The P. E. Island Baptist Quarterly Conference will convene with the Baptist church at Cavendish on the 27th and 28th of October. First session on Monday evening. The new church edifice will be dedicated on Sunday, 26th, and the meetings of the Quarterly will be held in the new church. A helpful programme has been prepared. Let all our churches be represented as our denominational interests are to be considered.

J. L. MINER, Sec'y.

Charlottetown, October 9.

The next session of the Digby Baptist District meeting will convene at Barton, Monday evening and Tuesday, Nov. 10-11. I. W. PORTER, Sec'y.

The annual Convention of the Nova Scotia Sunday School Association will be held in Wolfville, October 28-30. Prof. E. D. Excell, of Chicago, who directed the music at the great international convention at Denver, will lead the music at this convention. Prof. Excell is without question the greatest leader of sacred song on the continent, and he alone should draw a large number of Sunday School teachers to this convention. Those who attend will learn something about Sunday School music. General Secretary, Mr. Marion Laurance, will also be there to represent the International Association and will give addresses at almost every session. It will well repay every Sunday School in Nova Scotia to send at least one delegate. Free entertainment will be provided for all delegates by the people of Wolfville, and the railways will return free all who attend who buy a first-class ticket going and get a standard certificate. The complete programme will be published in the October number of the Sunday School Worker. Delegates must send their names to Mr. C. R. H. Starr, Wolfville, chairman of the entertaining committee, not later than October 21, to ensure entertainment. If you are going to stay with friends send names all the same and say with whom you will stay. In sending names do not omit titles Mr., Mrs. or Miss. It prevents confusion. All pastors and superintendents are members of the Association and are earnestly invited to attend. All Sunday Schools are entitled to send delegates and every one interested in Sunday School work is invited to attend and take part in the proceedings.

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