

District Sunday-school Convention.

The third semi-annual session of Sunday-school convention, District No. 1, Queens Co., including the schools of Waterborough, Chipman, Northfield and Canning, was held with the Ironbound Cove school, Copeland's Corner, November 4th. The session opened with reading of scripture and prayer by Pastor A. Freeman of Newcastle.

The following schools are included in this convention:

- Newcastle Field--
- (1) Sypher's Cove, Supt. Chas. Chapman.
 - (2) Lower Newcastle, " James Bailey.
 - (3) Upper Newcastle, " Rev. A. Freeman.
 - (4) New Zion, " Luke Flowers.
 - (5) Northfield, " A. Miller.
 - (6) Ironbound Cove, " Wm. McAllister.

- Chipman Field--
- (1) Upper Salmon Creek, Supt. George Wilson
 - (2) Lower " " John Briggs.
 - (3) Chipman Station, " E. E. Crandall.
 - (4) Gaspereaux, " A. L. Fleming.

- Waterborough Field--
- (1) Range, Supt.
 - (2) Pennlyn, "
 - (3) Cumberland Bay, "
 - (4) Lower Cumberland Bay, "

Nearly all of these schools were represented by delegates and presented interesting reports of work done.

At the evening session the executive committee had arranged for the following addresses, which were interspersed with gospel songs: (1) Bro. John P. Yeamans, on the Best Methods of Quickening the Interest in the School; (2) Rev. A. Freeman, on the Relation of Parents to the Sunday-school; (3) Rev. W. E. McIntyre, on the Organization and Objects of the Baptist Sunday-school Convention.

As this was the annual meeting of the convention, officers were elected as follows for the ensuing year: president, Bro. J. P. Yeamans; secretary-treasurer, Miss Leonora Barton; executive committee, Bro. Harry King, E. A. Branscombe, Chas. Allbright, D. J. Bailey, Wm. McAllister.

An invitation having been received from Lower Newcastle to hold the next session there in May, 1899, it was unanimously accepted.

The collections, amounting to \$3.94, were forwarded to the treasurer of the Provincial convention, Pastor S. H. Cornwall, St. Martins.

A good representation of the Sunday-school workers, both of our own and other denominations, was present, and all felt that the session was a most interesting and profitable one.

Chipman, Nov. 5th.

SECRETARY.

Rev. Dr. Augustus H. Strong, president of the Rochester Theological Seminary, who has been opposed to co-education in the University of Rochester, announces that he has changed his views on that question and will co-operate with those who are trying to raise \$100,000 for the purpose of making co-education a fact in the university.

N. B. HOME MISSIONS.

The Board of the N. B. Baptist Convention met in the parlor of the Brussels St. Baptist Church on the 1st inst. Letters and reports were presented from various fields, some of quite an interesting character. By request of the Board, the secretary read a historical sketch of the formation of the New Brunswick Baptist Convention, which was ordered to be published in the Annual of the present year. A committee on Colportage reported that they had engaged Bro. D. A. Branscombe, who had previously been connected with the British-American Society, to serve as colporteur for us. Pastors and churches are urged to encourage our denominational colporteur, who will be fully equipped with the best Christian literature obtainable. We desire to circulate largely the productions of our own authors, especially those which give prominence to our distinctive principles. The colporteur will also have on hand approved works of other authors of the best class. A publishing committee was appointed to have charge of issuing a semi-monthly sheet in the interests of missionary, colportage and Sabbath school work. It will be issued at a low rate, so as to be within the reach of all. A prospectus will shortly be given out, and it is proposed to publish regular numbers, beginning with January 1st, 1899. Our funds are coming in very slowly at this time of the year. Can not our churches and Sabbath schools send us their offerings without delay? We want to pay our missionaries promptly and regularly. Please forward contributions direct to our treasurer, Bro. J. S. Titus, St. Martins.

W. E. MCINTYRE,
Secretary of N. B. Convention.

REVIEWS.

"History of the Baptists in South Dakota," by Dr. T. M. Shanafelt, general missionary for ten years in that state. An interesting sketch of missionary effort in South Dakota from 1864 to present date, containing 250 well-written pages.

"The Blindman's World, and other Stories," by the late Edward Bellamy. 1898; Houghton, Mifflin & Co., Boston. Price, \$1.50. Mr. Bellamy, who, it will be remembered, died last May, was the son of Rev. R. K. Bellamy, a Baptist pastor at Chicopee Falls, Mass. He is better known through his famous work, "Looking Backward," which was published in 1888.

"The Making of the Sermon," by Dr. T. Harwood Pattison, of Rochester, N. Y., will prove a companion volume to Dr. Broadus's "Treatise on the Preparation and Delivery of Sermons." These are standard works by Baptist writers, which must prove of incalculable benefit to the rising ministry. Dr. Pattison's work is published by the American Baptist Publication Society. Price, \$1.50.

"Baptism and Communion," by Rev. J. R. Jackson, of Kenmore, Ontario, contains our well-known views on these topics. It is a pamphlet of 72 pages; price 10 cents. The second edition has just been issued.

QUARTERLY MEETING.

The St. John and Kings Counties Quarterly Meeting was held with the Greenwich Hill Baptist church, Nov. 4th. Opening sermon preached by Elder W. W. McGregor from Matt. i, 21, which proved to be both instructive and inspiring. A very interesting testimony service followed the sermon.

On Saturday a. m., the Quarterly organized for business by the election of officers for the ensuing year. Deacon J. W. Toole was chosen president, and Deacon Joseph McBay, vice-president, and S. D. Ervine secretary-treasurer.

The conference meeting in the afternoon was led by Deacon H. A. Brown and was one of great power and blessing.

At seven o'clock a very appropriate sermon was preached from Acts i: 8 by pastor W. J. Gordon. On Sunday a. m. the Quarterly sermon was delivered by the secretary from Matt. v: 16. The afternoon and evening sessions were very thinly attended on account of the heavy rain storm that prevailed. Yet good seasons were enjoyed and we trust good was accomplished. The offerings of the meeting amounted to \$3.25, to be divided between home and foreign missions.

The following brethren were appointed to preach, etc., at the next meeting: To preach the opening sermon, Pastor J. D. Wetmore; to preach the Quarterly sermon, Pastor W. J. Gordon; to preach a missionary sermon, Pastor N. A. McNeil; to prepare and present for discussion a sketch of sermon, Pastor E. K. Ganong; to prepare paper on How to Conduct a Prayer-meeting, Pastor W. J. Gordon.

The location of next meeting is left to the president and secretary.

S. D. ERVINE,
Secretary-Treasurer.

The Growth of the Baptists in America from 1780 to 1880.

In 1781, our membership in this country was, in numbers, 25,000. In the next twenty years, we had reached 340,000, an increase of 275,000. In the next twenty years we had reached 690,000; or an increase of 350,000. In the next twenty years, we numbered 1,400,000; an increase of 700,000. In the next ten years (from 1870 to 1881), we grew to 2,300,000—i. e., an increase in a single decade of 900,000! or an average of 90,000 a year!

But what pace have we kept, as a denomination, with the growth of the country?

I answer, in 1810, there were forty-four persons for each Baptist. In 1830, there were thirty-eight persons for each Baptist. In 1850, there were thirty-three for each Baptist. In 1870, there was one Baptist for every twenty-seven of the population; and in 1880, one Baptist for every twenty-two of the population. So we have not only doubled our membership every twenty years, but reduced the proportion of our membership to the population from one to forty-four to one to twenty-two and a half in seventy years.—Exchange.

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