The brethren assembled in their annual meeting at Alberton, on June 18th. The reason for holding the District there was that the Superintendent of the Alberton circuit thought that it would give an impetus to our work if the brethren for oace would travel to that remote part of the Island. Though the selection of the place necessitated a great amount of travelling, yet for the good of the cause and remembering that the Conference was to be held in Charlottetown, consent was given to try Alberton for once. With the excep-tion of the two esteemed supernumeraries —brethren Smallwood and Jost, all the preachers were present at the opening of the session. The counsel and presence of these two ministers would have been greatly appreciated. The examination of character was perfectly satisfactory. No charges were preferred against any member of the District. Three probationers—Goldsmith, Woss and Steel—having completed their probation were recommended to Conference for ordination and reception into full connexion. Bro. Hagarty having travelled two years was recommended to Conference to be continued on probation. While the brethren Daniel D. Moore, B. A., J. Webster Wadman, B.A., and Artemas Bell were received as candidates for

ily the usual examinations. On Thursday morning brethren Wm. Heard, Wm. G. Strong, Matthew Hood, and G. M. Clarke joined the ministerial members. Doubtless the location of the meeting prevented other lay members from being present. The circuit reports showed that while the income of some of the circuits had increased-notably the one in which the District held its sittings, yet in other instances, by reason of the stringency of the times, the amounts raised on dependent circuits were not in advance of last year. All were gladdened to hear that Alberton had, during the year through the financial skill of its superintendent, risen to an independent condition.

After this it will not require any more

the ministry after undergoing satisfactor-

Sincere sympathy was expressed to the preachers on some of the mission stations whose stipends were greatly below the disciplinary allowance. The stringency of the times had affected the missionary income unfavorably. It had fallen off to the extent of \$300 in addition to a donation of \$500 which was received from the Charlottetown circuit. In view of the present claims of our mission cause this was felt to be a matter for regret, although it had been anticipated by most of the members. There was an increase in the Educational Fund, while the other connexional funds were somewhat below last year. The membership is about the same as reported last year. Substantial in-creases in the Bideford and Souris Missions were required to make up the unusually large number of removals, &c., on the other circuits. 35 Sabbath schools were reported with more than 2,800 officers and scholars, and a united library of nearly 4,000 books. Commodious and comfort able parsonages were being built on the Alberton and Little York Circuits, both to be occupied in the fall, During the year two churches had been built on the Bideford Mission, and churches on the Cornwall & Souris Circuits had been improved. Brother J. Seller was elected to the Stationing Committee, and brother J. F. Betts to the Sabbath School Committee. To the Missionary Committee brethren W. G. Strong and W. Hart were elected. The duty of the secretaries were discharged by Bro. H. Baker. The district pledged itself to support the Conference in any effort to relieve our Missionary Society and extend its operations. One brother on a dependent mission most generously promising for his own subscription, \$20. By a unanimous and rising vote the courteous and efficient services of the chairman (who is leaving for the Nova Scotia Conference) were ac-knowledged. Alberton friends were thanked for their hospitality in entertaining the district.

The public services held during the

sitting of the District were of an unusually interesting and profitable character.
With the exception of the morning trial
sermons they were all crowded. A useful and highly opportune discourse was de-livered by the Chairman from 1 Cor. 1 c. and 28 v. In eloquent terms he spoke of the apostles natural and acquired gifts. The subject of the apostles affirmation and glory, was Christ crucified—not glorified. Paul was a specialist in the science of salvation. Christ crucified should be the controlling influence of our life. Candidates and probitioners were exhorted to place themselves unreservedly at the dis posal of the church, without asking any questions about remuneration. A caution was uttered against attempting fine preaching. Sometimes the impression was made that a preacher was more anxious about his sermons than souls, After the sermon the members of the District and nearly 50 members on the Alberton Circuit participated in a blessed sacramental service. Trial sermons were preached by the brethren Bell and Woodman. The design of Christ's great love was the subject of the former, while the danger of neglecting the great salva-tion constituted the theme of the other. A most profitable fellowship meeting, pre-sided over by the chairman, and in which the following brethren Slackford, Lawson, Percival, Heard, Steel, Goldsmith, Hagarty, Strong, Berrie, Moore and Betts took part was held on Wednesday evening. Brother Berrie, on Thursday evening, preached a very useful and original sermon on the parable of the mustard seed. Every thing connected with the District passed off pleasantly and harmoniously.

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