

ST. JOHN DISTRICT.

DEAR EDITOR.—As I have been requested to write for the Wesleyan a notice of our late meeting, I send you the following lines for publication, hoping that they will prove of interest to your readers.

According to arrangement the members of the District convened in the Methodist Church, Sussex, on Wednesday, June 18th, at 10 o'clock, a. m. The day was cold and very wet, as several days previously had been. But the brethren, cheered by the sight of each other, and led to believe, by the warm reception accorded them by the Sussex friends, that their visit was to be filled with enjoyment, were in most buoyant spirits.

Under the able direction of the Chairman, the items of business were rapidly and well disposed of. The only instance of death to be recorded was that of Revd. G. M. Barratt, who, early after last Conference, went to his reward.

Suitable remarks were made by the brethren who knew Bro. Barratt best; and a very appropriate notice of his life and death was prepared by Dr. Pope, and inserted in the minutes.

A considerable part of the afternoon of the first day was spent in the examination of the young men—Bros. Knight and Kirby. On the doctrine of Perfection, as taught in our standards, a lengthened discussion was provoked, which proved interesting and full of suggestion.

In the evening an educational meeting was held, addressed by the Chairman, Bro. Phinney, and several others. This meeting was not largely attended, but was of excellent tone.

The success of the work of the second day was contributed to by the presence of the laymen, who took a marked interest in all the proceedings. The investigation of the financial affairs of the District disclosed some very saddening features. It was never before found that so large a proportion of the circuits suffered such heavy deficiencies.

One could not but be pleased with the liberal spirit of the lay members of the meeting—notably some of those from the St. John Circuits—who proposed the devising of liberal things in behalf of those who had suffered so severely from depleted salaries.

The discussion of such proposition was somewhat protracted and very fully controlled by the spirit of helpfulness; but it did not—as under the circumstances it could not—reach any practical issue.

On Thursday evening a public meeting in the S. S. interests was held, presided over by the Chairman, and addressed very effectively by Rev. Messrs. Chappell, LePage and Knight, and Messrs. Irving and Hagarty, Esqrs.

The meeting was an exceedingly interesting one, was well attended, and could not fail to leave good impressions. On Friday morning the brethren who had not got excused, assembled to complete the District business. Several items of importance were considered; but it being found impossible to complete the work, owing to the absence of certain needed data, the minutes were left unsigned, and the District adjourned to meet at Charlottetown early after opening of Conference.

The only instance of retirement from the active work recommended to Conference, is that of Bro. Prince, who having been seriously ill during the year, feels obliged to apply for a supernumerary relation.

At the close of the meeting votes of thanks, to the people of Sussex, who, irrespective of denomination, had welcomed, and so well entertained the members of the District, and to the Chairman, for the efficiency with which he had presided and directed all the affairs of the District, were passed unanimously. The former of these the minister of the Sussex Circuit was requested to express from the pulpit next Sabbath.

The brethren then dispersed, some returning to their circuits and some remaining here over Sunday; all feeling that a very profitable District Meeting had been held, and looking forward to a good Conference.

Yours, &c., C. W. H. Sussex, N.B., June 21, 79.

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