

The Weekly Monitor

AND Western Annapolis Sentinel

VOL. 42

BRIDGETOWN, ANNAPOLIS COUNTY, NOVA SCOTIA, MARCH 17, 1915

NO 49

Annapolis District Meeting

The Third Quarterly Meeting of the Annapolis District was held in the Methodist Church at Lawrencetown, March 4th and 5th. The District Chairman, Rev. W. H. Langille of Annapolis Royal, presided, and there were present Revs. Robt. McArthur, H. J. Indoe, A. R. Reynolds, F. J. Armitage, Jos. Gaetz, Wm. Brown, J. A. Smith, H. Tucker, J. K. Curtis, Field Secretary of the Department of Sunday Schools and Young People's Work, and Messrs. F. A. Brown, G. M. Moore, Dr. J. B. Hall, Roy G. Bent and F. Pallrey, beside a number of visitors. A district meeting is always important and interesting to the people called Methodist at least, and this one proved no exception. Indeed it was one of the best we have ever attended. To a mere press reporter this local parliament of Methodism is something to rather inspire awe and reverence, and he is deeply interested in watching it get into action. At the very opening of it he begins to understand why these good people of the Wesleyan faith are called "Methodists." There is a method in everything they do. The meeting is run according to schedule, and there is no shunting or side-tracking. After the devotional exercises some necessary preliminary skirmishing, the Secretary, Rev. A. R. Reynolds of Bridgetown presented what seemed a carefully prepared and interesting programme for the sessions, which was at once adopted. We notice that the District seemed to go upon the Scriptural principle of giving to him that hath, for they at once made the secretary who doesn't look like a particularly robust individual, the official reporter, and named at least six different papers to which he was to make known their deliberations. We do not know if he appreciated fully the honor and labor thus thrust upon him, but by the look which we caught in his eye, he will probably do his duty or die trying. We noticed later on that this same individual, the secretary, was instructed by the District to prepare a digest of a couple of very excellent papers that were read, for publication in the official Church paper, the Wesleyan. And just in connection with this matter of reporting, it would seem as though the Methodist Church as a whole has not for some time been sounding the trumpet before it to proclaim its doings, and it would appear from a communication read, that it was felt in some quarters—headquarters to be exact—that a little more publicity of a modest type, would not be especially harmful to the cause generally. Apropos of this the Rev. H. J. Indoe of Granville Ferry, who while not a man of exceeding great physical stature, seems a man of some intellectual weight among his brethren, arose and outlined the proper activities of church publicity so clearly, that he was elected the permanent reporter for the District, almost before he had time to sit down. We didn't hear any mention of salary, but that will probably be decided after they see how he does his work. If he doesn't do it any better than the scribe who writes this they'll probably charge him something for the privilege.

But all this was before the start-out to run according to the programme. The District seemed fully alive to the importance of Sunday School and Young People's Work, which is at it should be. The first item on the programme had to do with this work. It looked a pretty big subject, "Can We Increase the Number and Efficiency of the Sunday Schools in the District?" Rev. H. J. Indoe, B. A., Dist. S. S. Secretary, was expected to give a long speech on that. But the Dist. Sunday School Secretary evidently doesn't believe in long speeches, though according to the schedule he had thirty minutes for his subject. And instead of a profound address on these matters, as we had rather expected, we conducted a sort of informal questionnaire or Round Table, and did it well, too. He knows how to get right at the facts. It looked as though he had ac-

complished more by this method of doing the thing, than he would have succeeded in doing by half-an-hour of straight-ahead talk.

Teacher Training in the Methodist Church; How it Works, and How it can be made to work. This subject was presented by Rev. W. K. Curtis, the Field Secretary. A Field Secretary is a little different from an ordinary kind of mortal. You conceive of him as a large, unselfish person, with a big crop of ideas. You expect more of him, than you do of just a common secretary, a kind of backyard one, and this man Curtis never disappoints you. He handled his subject in a clear and masterful manner, and made you realize the magnitude and importance of being what he termed "a qualified religious educator," and made you see that Teacher Training was the thing to qualify you.

His address was followed by a general discussion of the whole subject of religious education and training. A good number of the "brethren" took part, and talked well and to the point; indeed more of them seemed willing, but remained silent from lack of opportunity more than from want of something to say. Nor was the discussion confined to the ministers; the laymen had ideas on the subject and appeared willing and able to express them. We heard the voice of the veteran educationalist, Dr. J. B. Hall, as he enunciated his opinions about education, religious and otherwise.

Just at this point it was announced that the good people of Lawrencetown had tea somewhere round about six o'clock. It lacked now, but a few brief and fleeting minutes of that hour, and we were curious to know if ministers could cease their deliberations to satisfy such material cravings as those of appetite, and we observed that they could. Even the secretary laid aside his many duties, and hastened considerably in the forefront to the home of his hostess, which was the next house to the church.

The evening service was called a "Young People's Rally" on the programme, and was a most inspiring service. The chairman led it and Mr. Curtis gave one of the finest addresses we have ever heard on his particular subject, which was the duty and relation of the church to the boy, especially the boy of the teen age. He dealt at some length with the Canadian Standard of Efficiency Test, as a method of work, and showed how it could be used to help the boy toward an all-around development, intellectually, physically, morally, and socially. Rev. A. R. Reynolds followed, but as the previous speaker had required a good deal of time in dealing with his subject, being a Field Secretary, the Bridgetown pastor spoke briefly. The meeting closed with a consecration service.

On Friday morning the District resumed its work, and after the opening exercises, addressed itself to what seemed a careful and comprehensive study of the Rural Problem. Two fine papers were submitted on the subject, one written by Rev. Jos. Hale, and in his absence read by the Secretary; and the other by Rev. F. J. Armitage. These papers presented a clear and concise outline of the Rural Problem, and indicated some very practical lines of activity by which the church can become an important factor in the solution of the problem. A discussion followed these papers, and we were interested in noting what a clear and practical grasp the clerical members of the District, and the lay members too, had of the whole subject. Surely it is a hopeful sign of the times when these religious leaders, get down to such a thorough and painstaking study of the Rural Problem, which on the face of it would seem to be a purely secular matter, but which was shown by the papers, and by those who spoke on the subject to be so vitally and intimately related to religion, or at least to the work of the church.

And now the hour for closing had

(Continued on page 2)

THE WEEK'S WAR NEWS

Germans are Fighting Hard to Retake Neuve Chapelle From British.

LONDON, March 15.—"The Dresden has been sunk," the British are holding the Germans in their efforts to retake Neuve Chapelle, and Epinette. Russians continue in possession of Przasnysz.

These were the headlines which attracted the attention of the English people today and tonight.

The announcement of the sinking of the German cruiser Dresden came after nightfall, but the news spread quickly through the theatres and restaurants, and there was much rejoicing that this commerce raider, whose whereabouts have been a mystery since her escape after the Falkland Island engagement in December, had at last been sent to the bottom.

In the region of Przasnysz, Russian Poland, the great battle has not yet been fought, and what fighting there has been each of the contenders maintains is turning in his favor. The Russians are claiming hard earned progress all along the line; the Germans just as stoutly assert that the Russian attacks have been repulsed.

In the West the Germans are not so optimistic regarding Neuve Chapelle, as they omit in their official statements any mention of the fighting there, although they have been bringing up reinforcements and are fighting desperately to retake the ground from which they were driven with such loss. There is no British statement to throw light on the present situation, but the French War Office says there has been no change.

It is believed that another sanguinary engagement will be fought near Neuve Chapelle. The Germans are trying to distract the British by their activity around Ypres, and probably the coming battle will necessitate reinforcements.

WAR BRIEFS

The Ottoman Bank and German Bank of Constantinople removed to Konick, Asia Minor, because warships of the Allies are backing their way to the Turkish Capital.

Canadian troops were recognized at the front, and the Germans greeted them with Hello Canadians.

Penny Belgian flags sold in France brought to the Belgian Relief Fund \$550,000.

France has decided to examine carefully all persons coming from Belgium because disguised German spies have come into France in that way.

Women are employed to replace men from the mines who have enlisted. The Lancashire collieries have 2000 pit-brow girls.

The Monte Carlo gambling places are now empty, and the people of the little Republic of Monaco are deprived of their means of living.

Belgium is calling to the colors every unmarried man between eighteen and thirty. This will increase the army to 250,000 men.

Twelve of the thirty-eight men in the Senior Class, of Dalhousie have volunteered for the front, or are now there.

A German reservist was arrested in Moncton last week and is now in the detention Camp, Halifax. He had in his possession plays of highway bridges and railway tracks and bridges in the Metapedia valley.

Great Britain would gladly help Belgium with a money grant, but as long as Germany is squeezing \$8,000,000 a month from this impoverished country she cannot do so.

Germany has complained greatly because the Lusitania used a neutral flag, and yet she employed vessels with neutral flags to scatter mines.

Three German aeroplanes of the Taube type were brought down by French gunners, one in Northern France and one near Belford.

A Zeppelin was caught in a gale in the Adriatic and blown out to sea. Her crew of 26 were all drowned.

Deer in the English royal forests are being shot in large numbers and the venison sent for the use of wounded soldiers.

A Philadelphia hospital supply house is filling for the allies an order for five tons of bandages.

Society women in England are begging the authorities for permission to go to the front as nurses.

Widows of English soldiers killed in battle are getting a pension of five shillings per week.

Twelve Turkish freight boats have been sunk in the Black Sea by a Russian torpedo-boat destroyer.

Wild animals of all kinds, frightened by the cannon and rifle shots are fleeing from Germany to the Swiss forests and the Alps.

The wife of Count Zeppelin, the originator of "Zeppelin," was born in Canada. Her father lived in Petrolia Ont., afterward went to Anstria and became a millionaire in the oil wells there.

Every adult male has left St. Pierre and Miquelon, to join the army of France. The French Government pays 25cts a day to the wife of each soldier and 10 cts a day for each child.

The New York Tribune remarks that the whole German argument is simply an appeal to neutral nations to help her to overcome the disadvantage under which she labors from the inability of her fleets to keep the seas.

The British Government is asking 500 Ross Rifles a day from the factory in Quebec.

Monitor's Belgian Relief

The immortal bard of Avon has said the "quality of mercy is not strained," and a greater than Shakespeare has declared that it is "more blessed to give than to receive." Just now the Belgians give us the opportunity of showing the unstrained quality of our thrice-blessed mercy. We have the finest chance in the world of finding out whether or not the greater blessing consists in giving or receiving. We have been receiving through the long, unbroken years of our prosperity. Let us begin to give a little more generously, and learn how it feels.

It hardly seems necessary, now, to refer to the condition of the Belgians, and their urgent need of food.

That condition has become terribly patent to us all. We cannot get away from the awful fact of it. Millions of people on the verge of starvation! We may feel that we have done fairly well by them in what we have given thus far. But if we have done well in the past, we must do even better in the future. Food is something that a man must have at least twice in 24 hours, and the memory of what he has eaten day before yesterday won't fill his stomach today. We have taken up the burden of caring for those brave people, chased from their homes by the cruel Huns, and we can't lay it down.

The violation of the neutrality of Belgium, and the ruthless treatment meted out to her plucky inhabitants was one of the darkest crimes in all human history. But we can think of another almost as bad, and that is to preserve those brave people thus far, and then to grow lukewarm regarding their welfare, and leave them to the horrors of starvation. No! we can't and won't do that. We've undertaken to feed them, and we'll stick by the job till the end of the war, no matter what the sacrifice. The MONITOR's relief fund has averaged about \$100 a month since the war began, and we should at least keep to that amount as long as there is the need for our help. \$100 a month isn't much after all for the people this valley to face. But don't depend on your neighbor to give your share.

This week we acknowledge \$73.00, the proceeds of the tea held last week in the Methodist Church. This is not a denominational affair, but conducted by the good ladies of the town generally, and shows one method by which funds may be raised. The promoters of this laudible enterprise are entitled to much praise and credit for their efforts. We are glad the affair was so successful and entertain the hope that their success will encourage those who manage the affair in such a capable manner, to repeat the effort later on. Meantime, the opportunity is open for you to send along your individual contribution, and have it acknowledged in the MONITOR.

Previously acknowledged	\$669.14
Proceeds of Suppers held in the Methodist Church, Bridgetown,	73.50
Per Mrs. E. A. Hicks	73.50
	\$742.64

The K. K. Club Gives One of Its Members a Grand Send-Off

The K. K. Club which has been entertained weekly during the winter by Mr. and Mrs. A. F. Little, had an especially pleasant meeting last week in order to give a jolly "send-off" to their departing member, Mr. James W. Connell, of the Royal B'n's Staff and at the same time extend the right hand of good-fellowship to Mr. Bellevue the new appointee to the Staff.

After the usual entertainment consisting of games, music, etc., dainty refreshments were served and before parting, Mr. Little called the company to order, and in a most felicitous address expressed the regret of all that the first break in their Club would be made by Mr. Connell's removal to another sphere of action, but assured him that the best wishes of all would follow him. He then presented Mr. Connell (familiarly known as "Jim") with a set of Military Brushes, the gift of the Club.

Mr. Connell, though taken by surprise, responded eloquently, assuring the donors that their expressions of good-will were fully reciprocated, after which all joined in singing appropriate songs before saying "Good-bye till we meet again."

The Club gratefully acknowledges its indebtedness to Mr. and Mrs. Little for the many happy hours passed in their hospitable home.

Minard's Liniment Co., Limited.
Have used MINARD'S LINIMENT for 'Croup; found nothing equal to it; sure cure.

CHAS. E. SHARP,
Hawkeshaw, N. B., Sept. 1, 1906.

Value of sea fish caught in Yarmouth in January \$60,419; in Digby, \$48,244; in Shelburne, \$69,828.

Shipping Notes

PORT OF ANNAPOLIS ROYAL

ARRIVED

S.S. Granville, Collins, St. John, N. B.

Schr. Happy Home, Waddin, Eastport, Maine, Furniture.

DEPARTED

S.S. Granville, Collins, St. John, N. B.

Schr. Harry Miller, from Perth Amboy for St. John, arrived at City Island, March 7th, and came to anchor there.

Tern Schr. Lavonia, has been fixed to load potatoes for Cuba and is now being prepared for service.

Schr. Abbie Verna, has been chartered to load coal at Parrsboro for Windsor. This is the first charter effected for over the Bay for this season.

Schr. Mary Hendry, Captain Geldert arrived at Barbados from Liverpool, N. S., March 6th. She will load at Trinidad for Philadelphia.

Schr. B. B. Hardwick, cleared at Boston, March 5th, for St. John.

The tern schooner Maxwell, is taking on board a cargo of pulp at Weymouth for shipment.

Royal Bank of Canada

INCORPORATED 1869.

Capital Paid up - \$11,560,000
Reserve Funds - 13,575,000

Savings Department Accounts may be opened with an initial deposit of One Dollar. Interest is credited half yearly.

Joint Account An account in the name of two members of a family will be found convenient. Either person (or the survivor) may operate the account.

A. F. LITTLE MANAGER, Bridgetown
F. G. PALFREY MANAGER, Lawrencetown
E. B. McDANIEL MANAGER, Annapolis Royal.



Courteous Service

Customers of this bank appreciate the constant courtesy they meet in our office. There is no need for the inexperienced to fear "red tape," and women clients may feel assured of our willing attention to their banking requirements.

Opening a Savings Account is a simple matter. All you have to do is to bring your money; we are glad to do the rest, whether your deposit be large or small.

Capital - \$6,500,000
Surplus - 12,000,000
Total Resources over - 18,500,000

The Bank of Nova Scotia

BRIDGETOWN BRANCH
J. S. Lewis, Manager

Mr. Willett Easson Observes 87th Birthday Anniversary

On Saturday evening, February 27th the home of Mr. and Mrs. Willett Easson was the scene of a merry gathering, the occasion being Mr. Easson's eighty-seventh birthday anniversary.

The host and hostess were assisted in receiving the guests by Mrs. Charles A. Starratt and Mr. Philbrick of New Hampshire. Luncheon was served at seven o'clock and a goodly number sat down to a well filled table that would satisfy the most fastidious. During the evening some fine music was rendered and the event proved a most enjoyable one. Mr. Easson is still quite vigorous, despite the many years that have rolled into the past and enjoys the full possession of his mental faculties in a marked degree. The festivities were brought to a close by a prayer from the pastor Rev. A. Whitman.

Granville Centre Red Cross Society

The following articles were sent to Halifax, March 6th by the Red Cross Society at Granville Centre.

- For Red Cross Work.
- 1 dozen night-shirts.
- 1 dozen handkerchiefs.
- 1 dozen bandages.
- 6 pairs socks.
- 4 towels.

- For Belgian Relief.
- 6 quilts.
- 2 cloth suits for women.
- 7 shirt waists for women.
- 1 cloth skirt for women.
- 4 coats for children.
- 1 child's akirt.
- 1 girl's dress.
- 1 vest for boy.
- 1 cap for boy.
- 1 baby's jacket.

"Rough on Rats" clears out Rats, Mice, etc. Don't Die in the House. 15c. and 25c. at Drug and County Stores.

K O O D A K S A F E T Y