

and, with one exception, all of them reported by letter. This was partly at last the result of having previously provided the Clerks with forms of letters, agreeable to the action of the previous session.

Rev. Joseph Granville, formerly of the Free Will Baptists of the United States, and Rev. T. O. DeWitt, formerly of the Free Christian Baptists of New Brunswick, were present, and having previously (by letter) united—the one with the Church at Harmony, and the other with the Church at Canning—now expressed their desire to become members of the Quarterly Meeting Conference. After due examination, these brethren were unanimously received and welcomed to our ministerial ranks.

So then, while we, in our last Annual Report, had, with sadness of heart, to refer to the death of a dear and able fellow-labourer in the Gospel, and still with sorrow of heart cherish his memory and mourn his loss, we now are encouraged by the accession to our number of two Elders and two Licentiates.

The business of the session was all disposed of in christian love and harmony. The meeting for christian Conference on Saturday afternoon was one of special interest. The spirit of the Lord seemed indeed to flow from heart to heart, with its melting and happy influence.

The Sabbath was indeed a "high day in Zion." The weather was fine, the congregations were large, the preaching, prayer, and exhortations were earnest, the "Master of Assemblies" was evidently present, and we believe God's name was glorified in the building up of His children and the quickening of the careless.

We will now make a brief reference to each Church, in order, beginning with *Scott's Bay and Ellis Mountain*. From the last report of this Church, we learn that it is in a low and scattered condition for the want of ministerial help; but there are some still praying for the prosperity of Zion, and trying to hold up the prayer and Conference meetings. From report, there are now 18 members in good standing. A union Sabbath school is sustained during the year at Scott's Bay, with 15 teachers, and an average attendance of 60 scholars.

*Half's Harbour Church* is in quite a healthy condition. They have the labours of Rev. T. O. DeWitt one quarter of the time, monthly Conference, and prayer meeting on the Sabbath when no preaching. No Sabbath school. Membership about 100. One has been removed by death.

*Back Rock Church* is in good working order. They have some ministerial help from Rev. T. O. DeWitt; and early in the year enjoyed a few visits from Brother H. Lockhart. The Quarterly Meeting held with them in July was a source of strength and encouragement to them. Membership, 78. One has been removed by death. They sustain a Sabbath school six months of the year, with 4 teachers, an average attendance of 40 scholars, and a library of 100 volumes.

*Canning Church* has the pastoral labours of Rev. T. O. DeWitt one-half of the time. During the year there has been some revival interest, and the means of grace have been quite well sustained. Their new house of worship, commenced under discouraging circumstances, has been completed. It was dedicated to the service of God on the 14th of July. This Church has sustained a great loss in the death of Brother Beekman Cox, an aged and worthy member. Their present membership is 119. A Sabbath school is sustained about five months of the year, with 8 teachers, an average attendance of 50 scholars, and a library of 150 volumes.

*Amport Church* has been destitute of pastoral or ministerial labour for a long time, until early this summer, when Bro. John M. Lowden came to them. Then, he has preached to them every alternate Sabbath. Though this Church is small, it is doing well in sustaining the means of grace. Their present membership is 32. One has been removed by death. A union Sabbath school is sustained during the year, with 6 teachers, an average attendance of 40 scholars, and a library of 100 volumes.

*Mount Denison Church*. This little Church has been scattered and dispersed for some time. The March session of the Quarterly Meeting was held with them, in order that they might be strengthened and encouraged. We believe they were helped a little. We then concluded to continue holding meetings. Bros. Lowden and Lockhart remained with us quite a length of time. We had some very precious meetings, but had to contend with snow