

and consecrated ministry; and last, but not least, the absence of a wisely adjusted system, by which to carry forward and develop the interests of religion committed to our care: we have no doubt these are among the causes why we have been left to reap so sparingly.

In conclusion, as this Report, in accordance with our usage, will find a place in the Minutes of this Annual Conference, and pass to the hands of our Church members and ministers, to be read at leisure, let me take this opportunity of urging upon all the members of our Zion, the necessity of securing more spiritual-mindedness, which will lead to a greater reliance on the Great Head of the Church, and a stronger determination to faithfully discharge the duties incumbent on us.

W. M. KNOLLIN, Q. M. Clerk.

*Resolved*, That the Report be received, and printed in the Minutes.

The Harmony Q. M. Report was called for, and read, as follows:

*The Harmony Quarterly Meeting, to the Free Baptist Conference of Nova Scotia, assembled at Canning, King's County, sendeth christian salutation:*

DEAR BRETHREN—In coming to you with our Annual Report, we must, first of all, acknowledge the goodness and hand of God, the Father of all mercies, in the preservation of our lives, our civil and religious privileges, and in permitting so many of us to assemble again in Conference. True, many in whose society we have mingled on other similar occasions, are not with us now; but we trust they have gone to be with Christ, which is far better than seeing each other here, and grasping the friendly hand in christian greeting, or even uniting in the delightful exercises of worship which we so much enjoy. Then let us look to God for His presence while together on this occasion, and for grace to do His will while we live. Let us engage heartily in the blessings and privileges which are given us, and use properly the blessings and privileges that are given us, so that at the last we too may join the glorified throng above.

We have had three Quarterly Meeting sessions this year. The first was held with the Church at Port Medway, Queen's County, commencing January 5th. We were greatly cheered by the presence of Rev. J. I. Porter, of the Yarmouth and Shelburne Quarterly Meeting; Rev. T. O. DeWitt, of the F. C. Baptist Conference of N. B.; and Rev. Joseph Granville, of the F. W. Baptists of the United States. These brethren came to us at a time when we were really needy. They brought cheering reports from the bodies to which they severally belonged, spoke words of comfort and encouragement for us, and assisted us greatly in our deliberations.

One of the most important transactions of this session, was the granting of a license to Brother J. McK. Lowden, a member of the Church at Port Medway, by request of said Church.

There were quite a number of brethren from abroad; and altogether, we had an interesting and, we believe, profitable time.

The second session was held with the Church at Mount Denison, Hants County, commencing March 1st. Owing to a failure in giving public notice of the time of holding this session, there were not as many present as there otherwise would have been. The weather, too, was unfavourable to the meetings of this session. But notwithstanding these drawbacks, we had an interesting season. The reports from the Churches were quite encouraging. The Lord was with us in our business and religious meetings, and harmony and christian zeal prevailed. By request of the Canning Church, Brother Hibbert Lockhart was licensed to preach the Gospel.

A committee was appointed to prepare a form of letter for the Churches to the Quarterly Meeting, that there might be more uniformity in that part of our work.

The third session was held with the Church at Black Rock, King's County, commencing July 5th. The Churches were quite well represented by delegates

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