

Notice.

The Provincial S. School association of N. B., will hold its annual convention this year at Woodstock, Oct. 11-13. The sessions will be held in the Reform Baptist Church. A most cordial invitation is extended to all pastors, superintendents, teachers and S. School workers, to be present at this convention. In connection with the convention there is to be held this year, for the first time, a pastor's conference on S. S. work. Some of the leading pastors of the different churches will give brief addresses followed by general discussion. The two phases of the work which will be discussed are:—The pastors' duty to the S. School, and how the pastor can promote the efficiency of officers and teachers.

Mr. W. C. Pearce of Chicago will preside at the discussion and render such aid as is possible. This will give the pastors of N. B. an opportunity for conference and will prove, we hope a means of blessing in arousing a greater interest in this work among the leaders of our churches. The conference opens on Tuesday at 11 a. m. and extends through the afternoon session.

The regular convention opens Tuesday evening, 7.30. Mr. W. C. Pearce, of Chicago, one of the most popular and powerful speakers on religious topics will deliver several addresses on the line of the teachers work. Mrs. Byner, lecturer on the leading American summer school of junior and primary work, will conduct a primary conference while the Pastors' conference is in session and giving four addresses. Mr. E. O. Excell of Chicago, regarded as the greatest leader of congregational singing in this country, will have charge of the music—one half hour of each session being given to this important subject. This will be one of the most helpful and inspiring conventions ever held in N. B., in connection with S. School work and we hope to see a great rally of all interested in this work.

The usual reduced rates on all railroads and boats, free entertainment to all delegates. Bring Bibles and note books. Delegates will kindly send their names to Mr. Andrew Miles, Woodstock, Ch. of Entertainment Com.

COLCHESTER AND PICTOU QUARTERLY MEETING.

The Quarterly Meeting of the Colchester and Pictou District will be held at Lower Economy, Monday and Tuesday Oct. 10th and 11th. First session Monday 7.30 p. m. Further announcements later. G. A. LAWSON, Sec'y.

The District Meeting of Guysboro East and Antigonish will be held at Guysboro, Oct. 7th. The morning session will open at 10 o'clock. The afternoon will be devoted to a conference on church life. A good Missionary Meeting is being arranged for the evening. A preliminary service will be held on Thursday evening consisting of an evangelistic sermon and conference.

F. H. BEALS, Dist. Chairman.

DIGBY COUNTY QUARTERLY.

The Digby County Quarterly meeting will meet at Smith's Cove on Oct. 10, and 11, next. A. J. ARCHIBALD, Sec.

YORK AND SUNBURY QUARTERLY.

The York and Sunbury Baptist Quarterly meeting will be held under the auspices of the New Maryland Baptist church on Wednesday and Thursday Oct. 5th and 6th. Supt. McIntyre of Home Missions will be present. Officers for the current year to be elected. Will pastors kindly attend and have churches send delegates. W. R. ROBINSON, Sec'y.

A NOTICE AND A REQUEST.

The Baptist Year Book of the Maritime Provinces will, it is expected, be issued before the end of October. By order of the Convention, all persons desiring copies will be required to pay ten cents per copy, except that a limited number will be sent free for the use of the several Boards of Convention and the several Associations when convened, and also a number of complimentary copies will be sent out as usual. Therefore all churches and individuals interested are advised to notify the editor at an early day how many copies of the Year Book they require, and to enclose with this notification a sum sufficient to pay for the books ordered at 10 cts. each. The amount may be forwarded in the form of notes, money orders,

postal note, express order, or postage stamps (2 cent or 5 cent).

Will ministers and others who can furnish corrections or additions to the list of Ordained Ministers and Licentiates (Year book of 1903, pages 230 to 237) kindly send the same to the editor without delay? Several brethren have already done so unasked. All such will merit thanks.

HERBERT C. CREED,
Editor of Year Book.

To the Editor of the MESSENGER AND VISITOR
Dear Sir,—May I be permitted a few lines for the purpose of calling attention to the Provincial Convention of the New Brunswick Sunday School Association which meets at Woodstock Oct. 11-13.

Among those whose valuable services have been secured may be mentioned the names of Mr. W. C. Pearce and Prof. E. O. Excell of Chicago and Mrs. Boyner one of the most noted Junior and Primary workers.

The first two sessions of the convention on Tuesday the 11th will be devoted to pastor Conferences when the subjects of the pastor's duty to the Sunday School, "How the pastor can promote the efficiency of officers and teachers will be respectively discussed."

The remainder of the Convention will doubtless prove a rich feast and offer a great stimulus to Sunday School workers in general which can only be fully appreciated by personal attendance.

As two delegates beside pastor and Superintendent can be appointed from each school and one railroad fare and full entertainment is offered, it is earnestly hoped that every possible school in the province will prayerfully seek representation.

CHRISTOPHER BURNETT
Leinster St. Baptist church, St. John.

HOME MISSION NOTES.

The H. M. Board of N. S. and P. E. I. held its first meeting for the present year in the parlor of the New Zion church, Yarmouth, on the 13th inst. Thirteen members were present. J. H. Saunders, D. D., was chosen as President, G. F. Allen, Esq., Vice-pres., Rev. E. J. Grant, Sec'y, and Treas. Revs. E. Crowell and Knowlan, members of the F. B., H. M. B., were present and invited to seats. These brethren submitted a proposal for a conference between this board and that which they represent, with a view to arranging some plan by which there might be a co-operation in H. M. work. A committee was appointed to meet a committee from their Board.

The following applications were received and grants made.—Kempt, Queens Co., \$100, Stewiacke and Masquodibolt, \$175, Homeville, Mira Bay and Louisburg, C. B., \$150. The above grants are made for one year.

Our general missionary, Rev. A. F. Baker, having resigned work with us to take up work in Conn., U. S., it was deemed advisable to secure another man to take his place. It was resolved that an invitation be extended to Bro. C. W. Waldron to become our general missionary.

Rev. A. H. McCabe has taken up work on Tanook Island. May the Lord bless his labors on that field. Referring to Tanook leads me to say that Revs. C. E. Morse and W. F. Parker have set a good example to many of our pastors. Tanook had been pastorless from Jan. to July 1st, when Rev. M. P. Doeman went to them for a few weeks. The first of Sept. Bros. Morse and Parker went there, combining the Master's work with rest and pleasure. We have a number of small churches by the sea-side where our tired pastors might go and find rest and at the same time do good work for the Master. Their very presence among the people would be helpful. Their testimonies at the mid-week prayer meeting and on the Sabbath day would be a benediction and would not lose its reward. Bear this in mind brethren and next summer when you think of vacation, don't ask "where will I have myself go," but put the I out of the way and ask "Lord have you not some little spot where I can gain rest and do some little work for you?"

M. W. BROWN.

GRAND LIGNE MISSION SUNDAY.

To the Pastors and Superintendents of the Maritime Provinces.

Dear Brethren:—Owing to some extent, I suppose, to the special effort put forth during the past two years, by the Grand Ligne Board to secure money for building purposes and also to the various special efforts that being made for other pressing needs in the Maritime Provinces, as well as in Ontario and Quebec, the contributions for current expense have fallen sadly short of the amount necessary in order to defray the expense in connection with the greatly enlarged school and increased mission and colporture work.

It looks now as though the Board may have to face a deficit of over five thousand dollars at the close of this year. This would seriously imperil the past work so imperatively needed to be done.

The board through Mr. E. Bosworth the field Secretary is making strenuous efforts to secure two thousand dollars through the usual annual Sunday School collection, to be taken on the 25th inst.

Will the pastors and Superintendents for the sake of the Master whom we all love and serve and who would have us give the gospel in its purity and power to the million and a half French Canadian Catholic copatriots help in this matter by securing a generous contribution and forwarding it promptly.

Envelopes for this purpose and circulars containing full instructions have been sent to every Sunday School in the Provinces.

Yours cordially

J. A. GORDON.

President of Grande Ligne Mission.

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ENTRY.

Entry may be made personally at the local land office for the district in which the land to be taken is situated, or if the homesteader desires he may, on application to the Minister of the Interior, Ottawa, the Commissioner of Immigration, Winnipeg, or the local agent for the district in which the land is situated, receive authority for some one to make entry for him. A fee of \$10.00 is charged for a homestead entry.

HOMESTEAD DUTIES.

A settler who has been granted an entry for a homestead is required by the provisions of the Dominion Lands Act and the amendments thereto to perform the conditions connected therewith, under one of the following plans:

- (1) At least six months' residence upon and cultivation of the land in each year during the term of three years.
- (2) If the father (or mother, if the father is deceased) of any person who is eligible to make a homestead entry under the provisions of this Act, resides upon a farm in the vicinity of the land entered for by such person as a homestead, the requirements of this Act as to residence prior to obtaining patent may be satisfied by residence upon the first homestead, if the second homestead is in the vicinity of the first homestead.

(3) If a settler has obtained a patent for his homestead, or a certificate for the issue of such patent, countersigned in the manner prescribed by this Act, and has obtained entry for a second homestead, the requirements of this Act as to residence prior to obtaining patent may be satisfied by residence upon the first homestead, if the second homestead is in the vicinity of the first homestead.

(4) If the settler has his permanent residence upon farming land owned by him in the vicinity of his homestead, the requirements of this Act as to residence may be satisfied by residence upon the said land. The term "vicinity" used above is meant to indicate the same township, or an adjoining or cornering township.

A settler who avails himself of the provisions of clauses (3) or (4) must cultivate thirty acres of his homestead, or substitute twenty head of stock, with buildings for their accommodation, and have besides 80 acres substantially fenced.

Every homesteader, who fails to comply with the requirements of the homestead law is liable to have his entry cancelled, and the land may be again thrown open for entry.

APPLICATION FOR PATENT.

should be made at the end of the three years before the Local Agent, Sub-Agent, or the Homestead Inspector. Before making application for patent, the settler must give six months' notice in writing to the Commissioner of Dominion Lands at Ottawa of his intention to do so.

INFORMATION.

Newly arrived immigrants will receive at the Immigration Office in Winnipeg or at any Dominion Lands Office in Manitoba or the Northwest Territories, information as to the lands that are open for entry, and from the officers in charge, free of expense, advice and assistance in securing land to suit them. Full information respecting the land, timber, coal and mineral laws, as well as respecting Dominion Lands in the Railway Belt in British Columbia, may be obtained upon application to the Secretary of the Department of the Interior, Ottawa, the Commissioner of Immigration, Winnipeg, Manitoba, or to any of the Dominion Lands Agents in Manitoba or the Northwest Territories.

JAMES A. SMITH,

Deputy Minister of the Interior.

N. B.—In addition to Free Grant Lands to which the regulations above stated refer, thousands of acres of most desirable lands are available for lease or purchase from railroad and other corporations and private lands in various tracts.