

than that of religious usefulness, and in no other way can we carry out the object for which we do exist so successfully as by having the mind that was in Christ Jesus, which will lead us to go about doing good. We need to cultivate and encourage an active and an intelligent religion, and at no price or gain sacrifice our humility or spirituality. May the Lord enable us to be faithful servants and disciples of so worthy a Master!

It is my duty at this time, and indeed the object for which this paper is prepared, to lay before you a report of the labours and success, under God, of our Ministers and Churches during the year. But I regret to say that, by our present system of reporting our Churches through our Districts, the Annual Meetings of which are held so long before this Conference, it is impossible for me to make my Report as full or as correct as I desire it to be.

That our Report may be as perfect as under the circumstances I can make it, I shall pursue the ordinary course of referring to each District separately.

Our *First District* lies the farthest North, and embraces twelve Churches, which are scattered over a large section of country, on both sides of the Saint John River. This District held its Annual Meeting in October, and reported that three of its present number of Churches were added at its last Session. More ministerial labour is much needed amongst these Churches. They are not large bodies, nor are they located conveniently to each other—hence their disadvantages in sustaining the ministry of God's Word as much as is needed for their life and enlargement.

Elder Taylor has laboured with the Churches at Andover, Perth, California Settlement, and the Gallop neighbourhood, where he has been strengthening the cause, and labouring for the extension of our interests. He baptized eleven at California Settlement, and three in the Gallop neighbourhood.

Brother Curry saw some revival under his labours at Holmes' Settlement, where he baptized eight. Elder Siprell also baptized seven in connection with this Church. This Church is in rather a prosperous state.

Elders McMullin and Curry have visited several of these Churches. At Middle Kent, their labours were made a blessing to the people. A number of persons were converted, and six were baptized.

Other brethren have made short visits to several of these Churches. Some of them are quite weak, and need help.

The *Second District* extends on down from Peel to Woodstock, embracing the Churches on both sides of the River. This is quite a large and influential District. More of our ministering brethren live within its limits than belong to any other District in the Conference. Several of these Churches have had regular pastoral labour during the year. Elder Hart has spent a portion of the year with the Churches in Wakefield and other parts of this District. He has spent the year in general care, and has baptized a number in different places.

Elder White has laboured with the first Church in Wakefield, and the Church at Presquille, where his labours have been profitable. The Church at Wakefield was blessed with quite a good revival influence at the time of the District Meeting, which was held there last Fall, in which Elder McLeod laboured with much profit. Seven were baptized by Elder Parsons. During the last Spring, the Church at Presquille was blessed with a gracious outpouring of saving mercy. The pastor, Elder White, assisted by Elder Parsons and others, held special services several weeks, and saw a powerful work. Elder Parsons baptized forty-three, and fifty-five were added to the Church. The Upper and Lower Woodstock Churches have had the constant pastoral care of Elder Parsons, and have enjoyed some prosperity. Some revival was experienced in both Churches, and eleven were baptized by the pastor. Bro. Parsons also had the pastoral care of the Church at Lower Wakefield. Bro. J. Shaw laboured considerably in this District, and saw some revival in Knowlesville. Eighteen were baptized by Elder Doucett. At the mouth of Presquille he also saw good done, where Elder Taylor baptized three. He and Bro. Gray spent some time at Windsor, where there