

FRIDAY MORNING, 10 o'clock.

Prayer by Rev. C. Knowles.

This was a reporting meeting.

The Report of the Yarmouth and Shelburne Q. M. was called for, and read, as follows :

The Yarmouth and Shelburne Quarterly Meeting, to the Annual Conference assembled at Canning, King's County, sendeth greeting:

BELOVED BRETHREN IN CHRIST—Through the Divine blessing, we are permitted to assemble in another Annual Conference. How cheering is the exchange of christian friendship—to grasp the hand, and behold the face, of those we love in Christ, lightens our burdens, and inspires us in the work of the Lord.

During the last year, our Q. M. has held, as usual, its four sessions; all of which, we trust, have been profitable, as well as interesting. A good interest has been enjoyed in some localities, although not so extensive and wide-spread as desirable. We have not been as successful in developing the system of pastorates as was anticipated last year; nevertheless, something has been done. The pastorate at Beaver River has been constructed, and Brother Royal invited to that field of labour, where, with good success, he has been at work for the Lord, since the first of last winter.

The Q. M. is composed of twenty Churches,—all of which were reported at our last session. A large majority reported in favour of pastorates. Only one objected. A few had taken no action. We hope the cause which has prevented further success in this work during the last year, may speedily give place to better principles, and enable the Q. M. to complete the work, that our Churches may be better cared for, their wants more fully met, and our ministers' labour more advantageously bestowed.

We have much pleasure in reporting the fact that there are no serious difficulties existing in any of the Churches of this Q. M. Religious services are ministered in all. All, except one, have more or less ministerial labour. The return of Bro. Oram to labour in this Q. M., and the addition of Bro. Royal to our staff of labourers, has partly met the want of faithful labourers in this field. But yet more ministers are needed. Does not some young men amongst us feel the "Woe to me if I preach not?" A considerable zeal has been manifested by some of our Churches in securing more comfortable and larger places of worship. The Church at Wood's Harbour has a very neat and commodious new Church nearly completed, and will be ready for use this fall. The Port-la-Tour Church has a very fine house of worship nearly completed, which will likewise be dedicated this fall. The Church at Beaver River is also repairing its house of worship. May these worthy examples be followed, until every place of worship within our Quarterly Meeting is what it should be.

The additions during the year have not been large; yet, in many of the Churches a good interest has existed. There have been added to the Church at Brooklin seven members. Nine have been added to the Church at Deerfield. The Church at Chebogue have had two added. The Church at Port-la-Tour one by baptism. The Session Hill Church enjoyed a very precious season of revival under the labours of Brother Royal, which resulted in the addition of twenty members. In all, thirty-nine.

A good interest is manifested in our Sunday school work in many places.

We look with hope and encouragement to those youthful fields of culture. In looking over our Quarterly Meeting field, the thought impresses itself upon the mind, Why have we not enjoyed more success? Considering the question from a scriptural point of view, we are led to the conclusion that there are several reasons. A wise man said, "They who sow sparingly, shall reap sparingly." When we consider the amount of wealth which abounds in this Quarterly Meeting, and yet how little we do for Education and Missions; or, in other words, how small our efforts to extend the benign reign of Christ, we are constrained to admit a lack of consecration to God; the want of a devoted