

the Sixth District Meeting in July, gave license to Bro. Fletcher Knollin.

Thirty of the ministers have complied with the rule of Conference (see Year Book, 1896, Resolution 38) requiring each minister each year to report his work to the Corresponding Secretary. The following are summaries of the reports received:

Rev. G. A. Hartley, D.D., has continued pastor of the Carleton, St. John, church, this being his forty-second year. Poor health has prevented him laboring as in former years. He says: "For nearly half the year I have done partial work only. Additions to the church have been few — one by baptism and two others. The spiritual condition of the church is fairly good and the temporal affairs rather better than usual." He also reports a visit to Lambert's Cove, Deer Island, where he went by invitation in October last. The people had erected a church building, and wished counsel as to their future denominational relation. "The result of the visit was that the house was given over to us." It was dedicated by Bro. Hartley, assisted by Bro. Paul, and they also organized a church of twelve members. "The accession of the church to the Deer Island pastorate makes it one of the best country pastorates in the Conference. The new church property is valued at \$1500, and is free from debt."

Rev. J. T. Parsons is now completing his eighth year as pastor at Marysville and Peniac. He has a fortnightly preaching service at Peniac. He is at Marysville every Sabbath. The various services of the church are well sustained, and the ordinances regularly administered. The year was a very good one; nine were baptized. There is an excellent Sunday-school and a good C. E. Society. The interest in all departments of the work is good and the outlook encouraging.

Rev. J. N. Barnes has been two years at Stanley, and will remain a third year. The pastorate consists of two churches (Stanley and Bloomfield) about thirty miles apart. At Bloomfield some revival was enjoyed, and three were baptized. The church raised considerably more money than last year. At Stanley the interest is somewhat improved; the people are more hopeful, and the pastor is too. He is expecting the new year to be better than its predecessors.

Rev. T. S. VanWart reports the churches of the Upper Hainesville pastorate, to which he has ministered part of the time, as but little changed from last year.

Rev. T. O. DeWitt spent November and December with the Wickham and Bald Hill churches. His labours were blessed; two were baptized. Since New Year he has been pastor of the

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