

the sending of the annual reports from the churches. So far as I am informed there are no dissensions among the members of those churches. There is a large degree of friendship and union existing between the ministers of this Quarterly meeting. "How good it is for brethren to dwell together in unity."

We hope that it may please the great and glorious Head of the Church to direct the deliberations of this Christian Assembly that a higher degree of efficiency and success in the Lord's work may be attained.

WM. M. KNOLLIN, Q. M. Clerk.

Resolved, That the Report be adopted, and engrossed in the Minutes.

The Report of the Harmony Quarterly Meeting was called for, when Rev. T. O. DeWitt, Clerk of the Quarterly Meeting, brought forward his Report, which was read by the Assistant Clerk of Conference, as follows:

The Harmony Quarterly Meeting to the Free Baptist Conference of Nova Scotia, assembled at Port Medway, Queens County, sendeth Christian salutation.

DEAR BRETHREN—We have reason to praise Almighty God, the Father of all mercies, that while wonderful and important changes have taken place in the world in Church and State, political, commercial, natural, and social, during the short year that has passed since you last assembled, and we last reported, our Denomination has been so preserved from disorder and so prospered; and that though war rages in other lands, with its devastating influence, destroying thousands of our fellow-creatures and desolating so many happy homes, we, in this land, enjoy peace and prosperity. You, the representative body of our much loved, growing, and heaven-honored Denomination, are permitted to assemble in your Annual Meeting under favorable circumstances, and we can report ourselves as enjoying a good degree of prosperity, and still with you in sympathy and labor for the advancement of the cause of Christ.

In order to give you a report of our progress during the year, we will refer first to the Quarterly Meeting seasons, and then to the churches in order. Owing to the scattered position of our churches, and the seeming lack of denominational interest, we have only been enabled to hold two seasons this year.

The first was held with the Church at Port Matoon, commencing January 7th. There were very few visiting brethren from abroad, and one very discouraging feature was a lack on the part of the Churches to report their standing.

The second was held with the Church at Caledonia, commencing July 7th. The meetings of this session—business and religious—were quite interesting, and we hope something was accomplished for the Master.

We will now make a brief reference to each Church in order, beginning with—

1st Half-fox.—This Church was organized November 1873. Its membership was six. They have had the earnest labors of Rev. J. M. Lowden during the year. Present membership, 46; males, 19; females, 27; added by baptism, 14; by letter, 4. They have a flourishing and interesting Sabbath School of about 60 scholars. Conference and prayer meetings are regularly sustained; so far as I am able to learn they are doing a good work.

Canning.—This Church has been greatly blessed under the efficient labors of Rev. S. N. Royal, who preaches first and third Sabbath mornings, first and second Sabbath evenings. Conference, first Saturday of each month; prayer meeting Wednesday evening of each week; young people's prayer meeting Friday evening of each week. Added by baptism since Yearly Conference, 18; by letter, 2. Decrease since Yearly Conference: removed, 20; by death, 12.