

not yet reached the shore. If the church is to retain its visibility, some steps must be taken by this Conference to aid it, or it will probably lose its place of worship. A committee was appointed by Quarterly Meeting to ascertain the exact amount of indebtedness on the meeting house, and report to this Conference at its present session. The church at Chebogue Point has enjoyed the labours of Rev. Wm. M. Knollin.

Pastorate No. 7, embraces Brooklyn, Session Hill and Sanford Churches. This pastorate has enjoyed the pastoral labours of Rev. F. Babcock up to this time, except Brooklyn Church; which received a portion of Rev. D. Oram's labours as its minister.

Pastorate No. 8, embracing Beaver River Church, and its outlying districts, has been presided over by the Rev. J. F. Smith, who has been blessed with a year of prosperity, and a goodly season of revival. He has baptized twenty-five, and added thirty to the church.

Pastorate No. 9, embraces Carleton, Kemptville and East River Churches and their surrounding preaching stations. This pastorate has been without a minister this year. Kemptville Church has torn down its old meeting house and is about to erect a new one on the old site. We hope this circuit may soon be supplied with an efficient pastor.

This is our second year's experience of the pastorate system, and while it is an improvement upon the old system, yet it is far from being perfect. The matter of making an improvement will come before this Conference during this session.

The Sabbath-school interest throughout this Quarterly Meeting is very good, and many of the schools are doing large and efficient work for the Master.

Very little has been done in Home Mission work, as we have had but little means owing to the stringency of the times and the scarcity of money.

The Womans' Aid Society has been working on steadily in the Foreign Mission work and is doing efficient service.

The cause of Temperance still holds a strong grasp upon the minds and consciences of our people.

The following items of business were referred by Quarterly Meeting to this Conference:

1st. *Resolved*, That we recommend the following suggestions to Yearly Meeting of Conference for their consideration, and adoption by the denomination after due consideration and acceptance by the churches, viz.:

(1.) That our entire denominational field be considered as one in all arrangements belonging to the Pastoral System; that is, that the two Quarterly Meetings be considered one in the arranging of Pastorates.

(2.) That it is the duty of General Conference to appoint to all Pastorate, pastors in keeping with the wishes of the churches composing each Pastorate, as far as it is possible and practicable.

That the Conference shall, through a Pastorate Committee of one from each church on the Pastorate, learn the financial position of the Pastorate, the amount that can be raised for support of the Gospel during the year, and the wishes of the people as to the engagement of a pastor, a change, or a continuance. That the Conference shall have power to allot help to poor Pastorates from funds to be raised by the Home Mission Society. That the Conference shall, during its sitting, complete their work, and each Conference shall ratify the appointments made and the allotments of help. That any changes of pastors on a Pastorate shall be