

have had missionary care and the visits of other ministers more or less frequently.

*Ministers.*—The year began with forty-seven ordained ministers enrolled. None have died. During the year two—Revs. F. A. Carrier and A. H. McLeod—having become pastors, the first named in Lowell, Mass., and the second in Raymond, Me., were, at their own request, granted dismission by the Conference Executive. Two (Revs. Thos. Connor and J. S. Jones) have, owing to poor health, been unable to do any ministerial work. Four (Rev. J. H. Erb, C. F. Rideout, W. R. Reud, and W. C. Keirstead), are out of the province—the first two on account of poor health, and the last two pursuing their studies. Bro. Keirstead spent the summer at home, supplying the Carleton, St. John, church, during the illness of the pastor. Thirty-two of the ordained ministers have been pastors, viz.: Revs. John Perry, G. A. Hartley, D.D., J. T. Parsons, J. N. Barnes, T. S. VanWart, T. O. DeWitt, C. T. Phillips, W. DeWare, J. W. Clarke, J. A. Robertson, J. J. Barnes, O. N. Mott, G. W. Foster, G. F. Currie, B. H. Nobles, W. H. Perry, G. Swim, C. B. Lewis, F. C. Hartley, H. A. Bonnell, I. A. Cosman, D. Long, A. Perry, I. D. Harvey, S. J. Perry, J. B. Daggett, E. S. Parker, D. Patterson, F. G. Francis, L. A. Fenwick, A. J. Prosser, and A. D. Paul.

Those who have not been pastors have not been idle. Rev. J. Noble, the venerable senior minister of the Conference, now past four score and five years, has been almost continuously engaged in the work he loves, journeying from place to place, preaching the Word and ministering counsel and comfort to many. Rev. Jos. McLeod has been editor of the denominational paper, and has, also, been General Secretary by appointment of Conference. Revs. E. B. Gray, T. W. Carpenter, J. Henderson and H. Hartt have been engaged more or less regularly in the work of the ministry, and with good effect.

There were six licentiates at the beginning of the year—four licensed by Conference and two by District Meetings. Of the Conference licentiates, three (Bros. A. H. Williams, J. E. Puddington and M. L. Gregg), and one District licentiate (Bro. Chas. Stirling) have been pastors; one Conference licentiate (Bro. S. J. Case) has been teaching in a Free Baptist school in New Hampshire; and one District licentiate (Bro. W. Kirkpatrick) has been at school part of the year. District licentiate Stirling whose license would have expired the first of October, joined a Baptist church in September. The First District Meeting in June of this year, gave license to Bro. Z. Doody; and