

District Meeting.

The quarterly district meeting of the Baptist churches of Cape Breton Island convened with the church at Mira-Bay on Tuesday, Wednesday and Thursday, Feb. 21st-23rd. Rev. S. Spidle presided. In the absence of the sec'y, the undersigned was appointed sec'y, pro tem. On Tuesday evening a very practical sermon was preached by Rev. A. J. Vincent, of Sydney from Rev. 3:8. At 10 a. m. on Wednesday the first regular meeting was held. After a devotional service conducted by Bro. Spidle, the minutes of the previous district meeting were read and adopted, after which the following delegates were enrolled: Port Morien, Rev. S. Spidle, L. D. Spencer, Sister D. Phillips; Homeville, Rev. S. Spidle, A. Holmes, Sister L. Dixon; Mira Bay, Rev. S. Spidle, D. J. Martel, J. Nichol, W. Spencer, A. J. Spencer, A. Phillips, T. Spencer, F. Spencer, S. Martel, W. Nichol; Glace Bay, Rev. F. Beatty and wife, Mrs. Phillips; Sydney, Rev. A. J. Vincent, Miss Harrington; North Sydney, Rev. M. A. MacLean. After the enrollment of delegates a motion was adopted that the sec. pro tem. be appointed to communicate further with the Secretary of the Home Mission Board respecting the resolution drafted at our last district meeting with reference to the needs of the Gabarus, Forcheau and Grand Mira churches. Encouraging reports were then given by representatives of the different churches. The reports on the whole were very gratifying, showing faithful service rendered by pastors and people during the past three months. Tangible results were not lacking, and the work accomplished was such as to encourage us to press on to greater efforts and more worthy results in our Master's service. In the afternoon an address was given by Rev. A. J. Vincent on "The Work of the Spirit," Pro. 16, 7, 8. A very interesting and helpful discussion followed. The Wednesday evening session was devoted to a public platform meeting on the subject of missions, when the following addresses were given: Foreign Missions, M. A. MacLean; Grand Ligne, F. Beatty; Home Missions, S. Spidle. At the close of the meeting a collection was taken for missions. On Thursday morning a very interesting and instructive paper was read by Rev. F. Beatty on the subject, "The Supreme Importance of Bible Study in Christian Work." The afternoon session was devoted to the work of the W. M. A. societies. Four societies were represented, and an intensely interesting program carried out. The following numbers are worthy of special mention: Bible reading by Miss Harrington of Sydney, "What God can do through weak agencies;" paper by Mrs. Beatty of Glace Bay, "Hindrances to our work;" paper by Mrs. Charles Jefferson of North Sydney, "A history of the W. M. A. societies from their organization." Encouraging reports were given by each society represented, and by others which could not send delegates. Letters were also read from Mrs. Archibald and Mrs. Crowley, speaking encouragement to the societies, and eliciting their deeper interest and sympathy in the great missionary movement. The closing session on Thursday evening consisted of an evangelistic service, the sermon being preached by the undersigned from 11 Peter 1:5, 8. All the sessions were marked by the presence of the Holy Spirit, and we felt in closing that we had been greatly blessed and strengthened for further service for our Master. It was decided to meet again in May or June at Porcheau. M. A. MACLEAN, Sec. pro tem.

Quarterly Meeting.

The Lunenburg Co., district meeting was held at New Canada Feb. 27th and 28th. In the absence of the president and secretary, Bros. Blakeney and Churchill were requested to fill their positions respectively. On account of the storm, Monday evening's meeting was poorly attended. Bro. Blakeney led in a prayer service which was very helpful. The usual routine of business was gone through on Tuesday morning, the churches represented giving encouraging reports generally. Special meetings have been held at New Germany, New Canada, Bridgewater and Pleasantville with varied success. Conversions are reported from each field and a revival of interest among Christians. The Denominational funds are being raised according to the requirements notwithstanding the many things which have occurred in the county during the winter to make money scarce. The failure of fish and the losses by fire make the winter a hard season for the churches, financially. By an unanimous vote it was decided to ask the Home Mission board to grant to Tancook church the sum of fifty dollars (\$50.00) to aid in paying their pastor the first half year. The afternoon session was devoted to W. M. A. S. and B. Y. P. U. Each society occupied an hour and gave programmes of an especially interesting nature. Two addresses were delivered in the evening which were listened to with the marked attention which their excellence deserved: "The relation of Home Missions to Denominational progress" by Bro. Archibald, and "The influence of Acadia University upon our Denomination" by Bro. Smith. E. P. CHURCHILL, Sec'y.

News Summary.

The Manitoba Legislature has been summoned to meet of March 16. A case of smallpox has been discovered at Windsor, Ont. A large deposit of mica is said to have been located near St. Ann's, C. B. President McKinley has signed the bill creating the rank of admiral in the navy. The Massey-Harris Co., Toronto, owing to good times, has advanced the wages of all employees ten per cent. The failures in the Dominion this week numbered forty-seven, against thirty-two in the corresponding week last year. Winnipeg laborers are protesting against a reduction in wages caused by the cheap employment of Doukhobors. Mr. Rudyard Kipling is now making fair progress towards recovery, but two of his children are down with pneumonia. The Century, Cosmopolitan, Ladies' Home Journal, Harper's, Munsey's, Leslie's Magazines for March, are on sale at T. H. Hall's, King St., cor. Germain. The Cape Breton Copper Co. purposes soon resuming operations, and will send a cargo to the States for experimental purposes, as the market is good at present. Near Tupelo, on the Mobile and Ohio Railroad, six coaches loaded with soldiers were overturned and two were killed and six others seriously hurt. Attorney-General Longley has introduced a resolution in the Nova Scotia Legislative Assembly for a memorial to the Queen in favor of reforming the Dominion Senate. A Berwick correspondent writes that J. N. Parker, a highly respected citizen of that place is very seriously ill. Mr. Parker's son is now home from the States nursing him. The minister of inland revenue has decided that after July 1 all officers of his department engaged in the handling of public money must give guarantee bonds as security for the proper discharge of their official duties. By an act now before the Main Legislature it is feared that the Calais branch of the Bank of Nova Scotia will be compelled to close its business in that city. A very largely signed petition from the business men of Calais has been taken to Augusta in the interests of the bank. A young man of West Bay, C. B., named McDonald had a fierce hand-to-hand encounter the other day with an enormous wildcat, which sprang on him while passing a fallen tree. His face and arm were badly torn before he succeeded in despatching the brute. A few years ago wild-cats were believed to have become extinct in Cape Breton, but they are of late becoming alarmingly numerous.

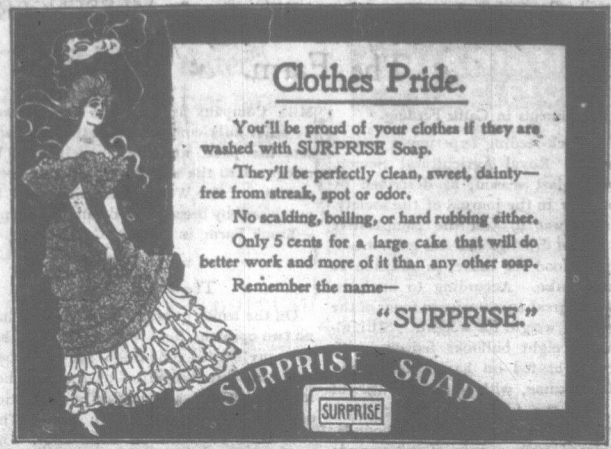
An Appeal For Relief.

The recent disastrous fire in Digby has left a number of people entirely destitute and in urgent need of help during the rest of the winter and spring, and until they are able to begin some business for the support of themselves and their families. At a public meeting held on Friday, February 17th, the undersigned were appointed a committee to solicit and receive contributions to a relief fund, and we would respectfully urge that anything your town, or individual citizens, are disposed to give, may be sent as soon as possible to Secretary-Treasurer or to any of the committee:

- T. C. Shreve, Mayor, Chairman.
- Rev. H. A. Harley, Rev. W. G. Evans,
- Rev. B. H. Thomas, John Daley,
- Rev. G. F. Johnson,
- Secretary-Treasurers.

Personal.

Rev. R. N. Bynon supplied the pulpit of the Tabernacle church, St. John, last Lord's Day. Rev. J. D. Freeman has been appointed chaplain to the New Brunswick Legislature. It is said the appointment is a popular one, as it certainly should be. The pulpit of the Leinster St. church was supplied last Sunday by Rev. Ira Smith, of London, Ont., and we understand that he was heard with much interest, though the very heavy rain prevented a large attendance in the evening. Mr. Smith is expected to occupy the pulpit again next Sunday. Rev. M. B. Shaw, formerly of our Telugu Mission, and for the last three years pastor at Fallbrook, Cal., has accepted a call to the church at San Bernardino. The Daily Sun of the latter place congratulates the church on its good judgment and speaks of Mr. Shaw as one of our choice men who combines in his spirit an unswerving fidelity to the Word of God and the Cross of Christ with a burning enthusiasm for world-wide missions. Mr. Shaw is a son of Mr. Isaac Shaw, of Weston, Cornwallis, and a brother of Rev. A. A. Shaw, of Windsor, N. S.



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