

To the Rev. J. P. Beel.

We the undersigned members of the Gaysborough Tonic Sol-fa Singing Class feel to a certain extent your very great claims upon us in return for time spent and labor bestowed upon us, and moreover, conscious that the musical talent of the class was, before your instructions, lying dormant, acknowledge that by your perseverance alone, you have developed a musical taste that has resulted in a progress far exceeding our most sanguine expectations. And now upon the eve of your departure from among us we feel that we are losing not only a kind instructor, but a friend who has endeared himself to every member of the class by his friendship, kindness, and christian influence.

In return for all this we beg you to accept our very hearty thanks, and this purse (a well filled one) as a very slight token of our appreciation of the interest and kind feelings ever manifested towards us. And be assured that the good wishes and respect of this class will ever follow you in whatever land it may please the Divine Master to place you.

ISAAC McDOWALL, Hon. Sec'y.
J. MCG. CUNNINGHAM, Treas.
and all the class.

For the Christian Messenger.

RESIGNATION OF REV. A. E. INGRAM, PASTOR OF NORTH WEST CHURCH, LUNENBURG COUNTY.

To the Baptist Church of Jesus Christ at North West,—
Dear Brethren and Sisters in Christ,—
Twelve months ago I arrived in this Province from Great Britain, and, by direction of the Home Missionary Union, came to this place, and you were pleased to give me—what appeared to be—a unanimous invitation to become your Pastor, which invitation I cheerfully accepted. The advisory Council, called by you having unanimously agreed, proceeded with my ordination, since which I have sought to fulfil those sacred and solemn duties devolving on me with pleasure to myself, and I trust, not without some profit to you as a church.

During my pastoral stay I have received very many touching proofs of your kindness and Christian love toward my family and myself.

I rejoice as I remember the very many gracious seasons of refreshing from the Divine presence we have had together, seasons, of which memory will not fail to remind us when we are separated from each other in the flesh, although I trust we shall often meet and present our prayers for each other at that mercy seat,—

"Where spirits blend,
And friend holds fellowship with friend."

In the providence of God, I have for some months been laid aside from my labours by serious and protracted illness, and now finding that my accustomed health and strength has not fully recovered, and after considering the extent of this field in which your Pastor is called to labour, and the necessity of continual, and arduous work in the various portions thereof, I have after due thought and consideration, come to the conclusion that it will be for the interest of this Church and the Kingdom of our Lord Jesus Christ for me to tender, and for you to accept, this my letter of resignation. And in so doing I trust that we shall each of us feel that however painful the thought of separation may be—and I confess that the separation from you will be painful indeed to myself—it will we trust tend to the glory of God and the good of His church. And while I shall seek a more compact field as the scene of my labours, I shall not forget you, who have been so kind to me and mine.

Trusting that the Divine presence may still be with you in the future as it has been in the past, especially since the dedication of your beautiful sanctuary at Mahone Bay,—that those still seeking may soon find that peace which Jesus alone can give, and that others may be brought into the fold by the Great Shepherd of the sheep.

I remain yours in the Gospel of Christ,
A. E. INGRAM.
Mahone Bay, April 24th, 1875.

REPLY.

Dear Brother,—As you have resolved to learn us, in accepting your resignation—at your earnest request—we wish to convey an expression of our love and esteem.

In the year that has passed since you came to us, as a stranger among a strange people, yet members of the same household of faith, we have together enjoyed

many moments of solemn rejoicing. How pleasant to recal the sacred seasons when our hearts were refreshed and glowed with holy desire and heavenly love, seasons that memory will recall with pleasure.

Remembering your protracted illness we wish to assure you of our sympathy; and having been urged to accept your resignation, our prayer is, that, by the hand of the Master you may be directed to a field of labour that will require less physical labour than this, and yet more abundant blessings may crown your efforts in the Master's service than even here, where, surely you have not laboured in vain, nor spent your strength for naught.

Trusting that the presence and blessing of the Master may be your abiding portion—asking you to rest assured that we shall not cease to remember you, and Sister Ingram, and your family,—knowing that our separation here at longest is brief, and confidently expecting to meet in that better land where the inhabitants never say, "I'm sick"—and where our friends, "gone before," whose hand you pressed, as their feet passed through the chilling waves, and to whom you whispered words of consolation in the silent hour, wait to greet us,—parting we say, The hand of the Shepherd guide, guard and protect.

In behalf of the Baptist Church of Christ at North West.

H. EVERETT S. MAIDER, Clerk.

IN MEMORIAM.

DEACON SAMUEL L. CHIPMAN.

of Nictaux, was the youngest son of the late Rev. Thomas H. Chipman, the first Baptist minister who resided and labored in that place. This son, who was the last survivor of the family, was happily led to walk, as did the other members, in the steps of his eminently pious father. In a time of extensive revival, about the year 1829, our brother unquestionably obtained a "good hope through grace," and united with the Baptist church, of which he was justly regarded as a worthy and exemplary member to the close of his life.

Evidently possessing the requisite qualifications of a Deacon, he was, by the choice of his brethren, appointed to that office about twenty-five years ago. The duties of it he constantly discharged with fidelity and diligence, to the satisfaction of all concerned. Being a judicious counsellor, cautious in his movements, and "ready to every good work," his efforts and influence were highly beneficial. He was an affectionate husband and father; and he enjoyed the satisfaction of seeing each of his children—six in number—in fellowship with a Baptist church. He and his amiable wife were truly hospitable. He was ever ready to aid generously in the support of the Pastor, to whom also, he was, in different respects, a very useful fellow-helper. This faithful servant of Christ was present at the funeral of his eldest sister, Mrs. William Randall, just five weeks before his own burial. At a Praise-Meeting held in Torbrook, about six miles from his residence, he attended on the 30th day of March, and spoke feelingly of the Divine goodness; and subsequently referred to the consolation enjoyed on that interesting occasion. Brother Chipman's last sickness was brief. He was graciously sustained, and remained steadfast in his reliance on the Saviour; and on the 28th day of April, 1875, he quietly fell asleep at the age of threescore years and ten, in the joyful hope of future and unending bliss. At his burial an appropriate discourse was delivered by the Pastor, Rev. W. J. Bleakney, from 2 Samuel xxiii. 5; Rev. W. G. Parker, a former Pastor of the Nictaux Church, and the writer, who had also long enjoyed a very satisfactory acquaintance with our dear departed brother, took part in the exercises. "The memory of the just is blessed."—*Com by Rev. C. Tupper.*

JOSEPH DIMOCK

is an honored name among the Baptists of this Province. Much of our early Provincial history is associated with it. Father Dimock's first child was only loaned for a short season. It died early. The first who grew to manhood was born Oct. 13, 1801 and for his honored father was named Joseph. When a lad of about 17, young Joseph professed religion under the ministry of Rev. David Nutter. Baptized at his sainted father's hand he united with the church at Chester. Some of the well defined lines of truth were not at that time in this Province as well understood as at the present, and the communion question, though virtually settled among us in 1809, was still disturbing the minds of many in the early part of this century. Trouble on

that question probably laid the foundation for the young brother's wandering from the church, and for some years the fruit was not as abundant as the blossoms indicated. As a citizen Bro. D. was respected. About 20 years of his life were spent in the County of Cumberland, where he held various offices of trust. As a temperance worker his efforts were persistent, his zeal unflagging and his life exemplary. In the death of its T. D. Sea Side Lodge I. O. G. T. has lost one of its best members.

The 2nd Margarets Bay church too has sustained a heavy loss. Bro. Dimock was an active man in it—a christian worker. His punctual attendance at the prayer-meeting was an example worthy the imitation of many a younger man. From the Conference room he was seldom absent. The young who met him in the last Conference he attended, a little over a week before taken sick, will not soon forget how encouragingly he spoke of the faithfulness of Jesus. At the family altar too his dear companion had repeatedly noticed during the past winter a peculiar fervor in his pleadings, and especially as he prayed for such of his children as are out of Christ. A heavy cold taken about the 6th ult., threw him into rapid consumption. His sufferings were great but his peace appeared perfect. The last time the writer saw him his confidence was uttered in the expression "Not a doubt." On the 7th inst., at about midnight he closed his eyes to the earthly and began a new day in glory.

WM. E. HALL.

Ingram River, April 9, 1875.

[We understand that the above was for ward to our office several weeks since but it did not come to hand.]

Religious Intelligence.

ORDINATION AT NEW MINAS, KINGS CO.

In accordance with the request of the Third Horton church, an Ecclesiastical Council was convened on Thursday, May 6th to consider the propriety of ordaining Brother William Spencer to the work of the gospel ministry. The churches, invited to send delegates, responded as follows:

- Cambridge,—Rev. J. H. Robbins, Deacon William Forsyth, and Brother Lawrence George.
- Billtown,—Rev. D. W. C. Dimock.
- Canard,—Rev. S. B. Kempton, and Deacon William Thomas.
- Canning,—Rev. J. Neily.
- Wolfville,—Brother A. J. Stevens.

The following were invited to seats in the council:—Rev. Q. M. Welton, Rev. G. B. Titus, Brethren E. Howe, S. Welton, E. Parry, T. Bishop, B. Spencer, C. Bishop, (Licentiate) from the College.

The candidate was called upon to relate his christian experience, call to the ministry, and views of christian doctrine, all of which, being perfectly satisfactory, it was unanimously resolved to proceed to his ordination, and the services in connection therewith were arranged for the afternoon as follows:

- Ordination Sermon,—By Rev. D. M. Welton.
- Questions to the Candidate,—By Rev. S. B. Kempton.
- Ordination Prayer,—By Rev. D. W. C. Dimock.
- Charge to the Candidate, By Rev. J. Neily.
- Charge to the Church,—By Rev. J. H. Robbins.
- Right Hand of Fellowship to the Candidate,—By Rev. G. B. Titus.
- Closing Prayer,—By the undersigned.
- Benediction,—By the candidate.

The services, conducted in accordance with the foregoing arrangement, were very interesting and impressive. Brother Spencer's labors of more than a year with this church have been highly appreciated by the people, and blest by God. A number of candidates are waiting for baptism which is to be administered on Sabbath next.

A. J. STEVENS.

Acadia College, May 7th.

GASPEREUX, HORTON.—Dear Brother Selden.—At Greenfield, one section of my field of labour, the Lord is graciously reviving his work. Last Sabbath fourteen young persons "witnessed a good profession before many witnesses" by being "buried with Christ in baptism: "Others are received for baptism, and are expected

soon to follow in the footsteps of the Master. I take this opportunity of publicly expressing our gratitude to the members of my church and congregation for donations received during the month of Feb. and March, to the amount of \$92 00, mostly in cash.

Yours very truly,
E. O. READ.

Gaspereaux, April 30th, 1875.

REVIVAL AT HILLSBORO, N. B.—The church had great need of revival; it was dead; the Lord's Supper had not been administered for more than a year; the social meetings small and faint; and "no minister no meeting," which was not seldom, although deacons and a large part of the church live near the meeting house; it was a model of a backslidden church. Why build a fine new meeting-house? Was it not more appropriate to meet in the old until every post was rotten? Then should the Lord come when they were not aware it would more readily answer the cry:—"Fall on us, and hide us." Was this effort an external sign of an inward want of grace?

There was a smouldering spark, for the minister and church resolved upon holding extra meetings, and previous to dedicating the new house to dedicate themselves to the Lord. Said Rev. Mr. Combes, on the day of the opening, "When the Lord writeth up his people, may it be said that this and that man was born here." Said the Rev. Mr. Hughes in the second day in his parting address, "don't give up the meetings, the Lord is here, and there is going to be a great revival." The meetings were not given up, and the prophecy is fulfilled.

Never I think did I witness such a meeting-going revival. From the dozen or so that sometimes attended the social meetings, the ample vestries became crowded, and not infrequently many left for want of room, and so for four months without abatement. Said one of the old members, "the last regular conference that I attended not long ago, there was but nineteen," there was then about 300 gathered in the main audience room of the new house.

There was a great revival of the church. No one could tell who were church members or where they were, by observation. There was a large nominal church somewhere. But now it appeared: by confessions and exhortations and prayers and psalms, the interest of the meetings were kept up night after night, and often to a late hour.

There was great salvation to the lost. Numbers almost every night rose to be prayed for, and in the weekly conference confessing their sins, expressing their hope in Christ, and their desire to follow him. Almost every Sabbath for four months baptisms have taken place, and in all about 90 have been added to the church. The youth and aged, the upright and the reckless; the tyro and the veteran's ranks, are included in this ingathering.

As the Passover was resuscitated by Isaiah so the Lord's Supper is again observed here; and the old church and the new unite to commemorate the Crucified. May the old impart counsel, the new vigour, and Christ life and union.

About a week ago Mr. Cory, pastor, took suddenly ill and his recovery was doubtful; but the church made prayer for him nightly, and we trust also daily, and he is now mending. May he be restored again to break the bread of life to this people, and especially to feed the lambs; and may both lambs and sheep become so strong that they may not always be altogether dependent upon the pastor; and the revival and the church be dishonored by, "no minister, no meeting."

More than a year ago there was a quarterly meeting held in this place, and extra meetings held night and day for near a fortnight; the business of these meetings was chiefly preaching, but no especial blessing was experienced. In the work of last winter scarcely any extra ministerial aid was had.

Does not this go to show that the power of the church is in itself, in the whole body, rather than in the head alone; and that the church must be revived by working, not merely by being worked upon.

J. M.

Centreville, A. C., May 4th, 1875.

COW BAY, C. B.—Rev. John Brown writes May 4, 1875:—"You will be glad to hear that the work of grace continues here. Every evening there are some who desire to follow Christ. We hold meetings alternately with the Presbyterians, and I am happy to say great harmony prevails among us."

PRINCETON, BURTON COUNTY, ILLINOIS.—I am pastor of two churches in this county, laboring one half of the time with each one. During the winter we have enjoyed a precious revival in each of these churches. At one place I baptized eighteen on the first Sabbath of this month, and expect to baptize others at the same place next Sabbath. At the other point six have already been baptized while several others are awaiting the ordinance. For all these blessed fruits we praise the Lord, and take courage. Revivals have been quite general this winter, in all our churches throughout the state. The Lord is in the midst of Zion, and that to bless.

J. B. BROWN.

April 20, 1875.

OXFORD, CUMBERLAND CO., May 10, 1875.—We have baptized for four successive Sabbaths. Eleven in Centreville and four in Mount Pleasant. The good work is going forward. Many more are seeking Jesus. May the Lord carry on the good begun work.

We have commenced in earnest to build a meeting house. We hope to have it finished by the first of December. A house is very much needed for the two settlements.

Yours faithfully,
E. B. COREY.

BERWICK.—A letter from Rev. Isa. Wallace on Saturday last has the following:—"I had the pleasure of baptizing three persons at Berwick last Sabbath morning."

Mr. Gordon Thompson, curate of Christ Church, London, who has lately gone over to the Church of Rome, has written a letter of explanation to the Bishop of London. He says that his residence abroad for two years as a consular chaplain enabled him to view the English Church at a distance, and in comparison with the Catholic Church, and that he became gradually convinced that the spirit of comprehension which animated the reformers resulted in a compromise of the great truths of Christianity. The way in which the Anglican Church has accepted the recent judgments and legislative acts convinces him the more strongly that her watchwords are "Establishment and Expediency."

Oxford University is one thousand years old and rejoices in an annual income of one million dollars and a library of five hundred and twenty thousand volumes.

The Poughkeepsie (N. Y.) News has had a slight misunderstanding with the clergy-men of that city, because one of its compositors made it announce them as having convened at an "infernal" instead of an "infernal" meeting.

Home and Foreign News.

HALIFAX, N. S., MAY 12, 1875

A steamer loaded with provisions left Quebec on Wednesday last for Father Point to search for and assist steamers in distress.

Mr. Blake has positively declined with thanks the offer of the Supreme Court Justiceship. It is probable it will be offered to Hon. A. A. Dorion, and that Fournier, Minister of Justice, will be called to the Superior Court Bench of Quebec.

Laurier is spoken of as future Minister of Justice.

The Welland Canal is opened for navigation. The Dominion Government has decided on important modifications in the Canal works. The Welland Canal harbors are to be deepened, a new aqueduct to be built for the Welland River, and the canals to be deepened.

The St. Lawrence River was clear of ice to Quebec on Thursday last. Ocean vessels were expected up on Wednesday.

Cape Rouge Ice Bridge started on Friday morning.

Mr. Palen has sued the Superintendent of Ottawa River Works, for \$5 000 for alleged damages, for not having obtained the Gate-neau Boon contract from Government after he had been informed by the Superintendent that his tender was the lowest.

A telegram to the Herald says there is good authority for the statement that Government has decided to offer Hon. Oliver Mowatt, Ontario; Chief Justice Ritchie, N. B.; Hon. W. A. Henry, N. S.; and Hon. Dr. Richards, Toronto; seats on the Supreme Court Benches.

The entire coast of British Columbia has been erected into Pilotage District. Pilotage District has been formed for the Counties of Kings and Hants, N. S. Capt. Taylor, of Windsor, Capt. Cox, of Maitland, F. Brown, of Horton, and E. Bigelow, of Canning, are Pilotage Commissioners.

UNITED STATES.—President Grant has decided to visit Boston on the 17th June, and will be accompanied by the 5th Mary land Regiment as an escort.

Steamship "Columbia" from Hull, and the "Rotterdam," at New York on the 6th, report falling in with a large number of icebergs and great quantities of field ice.

A Pottsville, Pa., despatch says it is generally thought that the miners' strike