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## Abstract of the Letters from the Churches to the N.S. Eastern Baptist Association.

Advocate Harbour .-- Rev. D. McKeen, A. M., Pastor. Nothing cheering to write. Our late Pastor was laid aside by sickness early last winter. He is unable to resume his labors. Bro. McKeen has commenced to preach to us for a while, but the location requires some one to be settled on the ground-which is largely missionary-we should require some aid from the Board. Two baptized during the year.

Antigonish.-Rev. J. B. McQuillin, Pastor. Cannot report large accessions, but are grateful that the fruit of former visitations of God's Spirit is abiding. The weekly and Sabbath services are sustained in the absence of the Pastor. The Sabbath School is a specialty of the Church. Three baptized during the year.

Amherst.-Rev. D. A. Steele, A. M., Pastor. The gospel has been faithfully preached by the Pastor during the past year. Thankful to report some additions :-- fourteen baptized, five received by letter. Our membership does not increase to any appreciable extent, as we are constantly dismissing members to other churches, ten of our members have gone to join the church triumphant.

Amherst Shore.-[No Pastor.] We have been without stated preaching this year, but had occasional visits from Elders E. B. Corey and D. H. Crandall, whose labors we trust have not been in vain. We believe the cry of many young persons is, "What must I do to be saved?" Brethren, pray for us.

Acadia Mines.--[New church.] It becomes our privilege for the first time to address you as a church engaging to maintain the doctrines and ordinances of the gospel. Feeling that our own spiritual interests would be promoted and the cause of religion advanced by uniting together as a church, agreed to call a council of brethren from sister churches adjacent which met accordingly on the 28th of June. The Council agreed unanimously to accede to the wishes of the brethren, and the church was duly organized. Two baptized during the year. Present membership fifteen. Revd. M. P. Freeman, Pastor.

Brookfield,-Bro. H. B. Shafner, (Lic.,) has been laboring with us a part of the time since May. There is a good degree of religious interest amongst us. We are hoping and praying for the outpouring of the Spirit. Three prayer meetings have been kept up during the year.

Barney's River.--[No Pastor.] We are few in number, and of limited pecuniary means, but rejoice to declare our oneness with you in the faith. Bro. Freeman has visited us several times, and strengthened us in the Lord. We have dismissed six members to join the church recently organized in New Glasgow. We have erected prospects are dark, needs aid from the Board. a meeting-house, the outside of which is finished and are striving to pay off the debt.

and we trust that the Lord has blessed his labors in the conversion of sinners and the unity of the church.

Isaac's Harbor-Rev. J. B. McQuillin, lastor. Again it is our privilege to report progress. The labors of Rev. J. B. McQuillin who spent one fourth of the time with us were greatly blessed, and our number largely increased. Fifty-four were baptized and united with the church, the majority of them heads of families. Surely "God. hath done great things for us whereof we are glad." The foundation of a new church building is now being laid, it is to be completed during the Summer of 1877.

Indian Harbor, Guysborough Co.-Rev. H. Eagles, Pastor. We regret that we have nothing cheering to communicate. The two previous years we were enabled to report some additions to our church. Last Winter we held a few weeks special meetings, which were interesting, and as a church we were revived.

Lower Stewiacke .- Since Bro. Meadows resigned the Pastorate of this church he has continued to labor part of his time with the section at St. Andrews where he resides. At Lower Stewiacke it has indeed been a dark and trying time. We were without meetings of any kind for about ten months, having no pastor and no house to meet in. Our new house of worship was completed the last of April since which time we have sustained Conference and Prayer Meetings, and a Sabbath School.

Lower Economy and Five Islands.-[No pastor].- After the last Eastern Association we had a short visit from Bro. McGregor which resulted in great good. Six willing converts offered themselves to the church and were baptized by Rev. D. McKeen, who had been sowing the good seed and now they were enabled to rejoice together in the little harvest. As Bro. McKeen's health failed we have had but little preaching since Bro. Thompson preached occasionally during the Winter.

Little Glace Bay.--[No pastor.] Our Sabbath Day and week night meetings, though not largely attended, have at least been profitable to ourselves, and we have very sensibly felt the presence of the Master to strengthen and cheer us. We are looking and praying for God to revive his cause in our midst.

Little River.-Rev. Samuel Thompson, Pastor. Rev. J. J. Armstrong has labored with us one quarter of his time until May. Since which we have engaged Elder Samuel Thompson, one-half of his time. Twenty-eight members have received letters of dismission and formed a church at Oxford. Brethren pray for us.

Maccan.-Rev H. Bool, Pastor. Our pastor labours faithfully with us one third of the time, but the fruit does not appear. When will the set time to favor our Zion come?

Margaree.-Church growing feeble for want of ministerial labor,

Mira Bay.--[No pastor.] We have reason to be thankful that it has pleased the Lord to pour out his blesssing upon the church during the past Winter. We have no stated preaching. Bro. C. Huntingdon (Lic.) of Grand Mira Church has been labouring with us part of the time, and we have had several visits from Rev. Dr. McDonald of North Sydney, who baptized sixteen converts and received them into the church, with ten more restored, making in all twenty-six additions. We are now entirely destitute of preaching, and hope the brethren assembled at the Association will remember and assist us, if possible.

River Hebert .- Revd. H. Bool, Pastor. Our first words shall be those of welcome. We are glad you have consented to accept our invitation, and we shall have great pleasure as long as you remain in this neighborhood to seek to promote your happiness and comfort. With regard to our Convention we have little of an encouraging nature to communicate. The showers of grace with which others have been revived have not yet reached us. "The Lord hasten it in His time" one added by baptism.

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Sydney :- [No pestor.] We acknowledge with gratitude the loving kindness of our Divine Master, and His tender watchful care over us. In November last, our pastor, Rev. Geo. Armstrong resigned the pastorate to engage in other important work for the Master. During Bro. Armstrong's residence among us, he by his zeal in laboring for Christ, and his christian courtesy won our esteem and christian love, and by his removal the cause in this Island has sustained a loss which it can ill afford. Our efforts to secure a successor to Bro. Armstrong have as yet been unsuccessful. Two of our faithful standard bearers Deacon John Peters, and Sister Henry Crawley have been called to rest from their labors, and although their death brings sadness to our hearts, yet we rejoice that they are free from suffering and pain, having gone to rest with their Saviour, crowned with glory, riches, and honor. During the past winter, the Great Shepherd has been our guide. His reviving, spirit has been working with power in our midst, and we have had a precious revival season. Wanderers have been reclaimed of Satan, thirteen have been added to us by baptism and three by letter. These we believe will become a great strength. to the church.

St. Mary's 1st .- Pastor Rev. H. Eagles. We cannot report to you the pleasing news of a revival : yet our hope and expectations are that our blessed Lord will revive us again, that his people may rejoice in Him, and that it will be our privilege again as in the past to welcome precious souls into the Church of Christ. God's people are praying, and the gospel seed is being sown-and God giveth the in-

St. Mary's 2nd.-Pastor, Rev. J. B. McQuillan. We have enjoyed the faithful ministration of our pastor one eighth of the time for the past two years. In the meantime our prayer meetings have been kept up, (both old and young people's,) but no special interest manifested, and no additions for the past year, but we know that "they that sow in tears shall reap in joy."

Truro.-Pastor, Rev. J. E. Goucher. We rejoice that since the last Association, the work of Christ has been steadily advancing, that large numbers have been added to the churches, both East and West, by baptism. We also rejoice, that while the Spirit of God has been hovering over the churches, our own church has shared in the Divine blessing. Since we last reported to your body, nineteen have been added by baptism, and two by letter. Our esteemed pastor, Rev. J. E. Goucher, has been labouring with us three years, during which period one hundred and twelve have been baptized. The Act passed by the local Legislature last session having for its object a change in our Educational Institutions, should be well understood by the denomination, as an important decision will have to be arrived at in August next at the meeting of our Convention.

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Cape Cans, Rev. G. W. Thomas, Pastor. We can but sing of the mercy and goodness of the Lord. Since we last addressed you the word and ordinances of the Lord have been faithfully administered. Our Pastor, Bro. Thomas, purposes entering Newton Theological Institution at the expiration of his present year, We have been called to mourn the loss of two brethren by death, one of whom, W. J. Bigelow, Esq., had done much by his means and liberality to sbuild, uphold, and further the cause of God here. One baptized during the year.

Brown was laboring with us, and continued with us until last Sep- forty have been baptized by him outside of our own limits. Our been reaping the harvest sown by Brother Brown. Eight have been | baptized. baptized, two added by letter.

the Lord hath helped us. We are putting forth effort to support the members. Since then seven have been added by baptism. We cause of God. Through the labors of Rev. E. B. Corey we have built and furnished a commodious meeting house during the year. We are smiled upon us. Wanderers have returned, and sinners have been converted to God. Bro. Corey's labors are highly appreciated. Thankful for aid from the Home Mission Union. Hope they will still remember us. Six baptized.

Diligent River.-[No pastor]. The church is very small, yet we keep up our Prayer and Conference meetings and Sabbath School. labors of our beloved pastor. Our hearts have been made glad by the visible progress during the year now ending. We trust that the Rev. David Freeman has been preaching to us part of the time this Spring to good acceptance.

Folly Lake.-[New church.] Rev. J. J. Armstrong, Pastor. It is our privilege for the first time to address you as a Church of Christ. We have been duly organized, and humbly desire to be admitted into your body. Our Pastor has been labouring with us since January to good acceptance. We have bi-weekly prayer meetings which are seasons of refreshing. Though numerically and financially weak we are spiritually strong in the faith of our Lord Jesus Christ. Thirteen of Revd. S. March who ministers to us in holy things. Four have baptized, three received by letter.

Greenville .- Pastor, Rev. J. J. Armstrong. God has not left us without tokens of his favor. We have a few that seem willing to bear the standard of the cross. Our pastor is still laboring amongst us one fourth of his time. One has been baptized. Brethren, pray for us.

Goshen.-Rev. J. B. McQuillin, Pastor. We meet on the Lord's day for prayer and exhortation. Three have been added by baptism during the year. We have been doing a little to our meeting house to make it comfortable, and hope ere long to have it finished. Our pastor meets with us a part of every fourth Sabbath.

Great Village.-Rev. M. P. Freeman, Pastor. We acknowledge the loving kindness of our lleavenly Father, and would speak also of His chastening hand. We have not been permitted to welcome accessions, yet we have been favored with tokens of the Divine love. The converts of last year are for the most part doing well ; and though financially we may be weaker than we were a year ago, yet, in spiritual power, we think we have gained. The loss sustained by the death of Deacon James Gourley is still deplored. He was a faithful brother, and is greatly missed. One baptized.

Glenville and River Philip. - Rev. J. A. Moore, Pastor. We cannot boast of as great accessions as some of our sister churches, yet the border of the shower has reached us, and we have been cheered with the presence of God. Death has made inroads taking an elder brother and a sister from us. Sixteen have been added by baptism, two by letter, one restored.

North Sydney.-Rev. J. B. McDonald, M. D., Pastor. During the past year the spiritual destitution around us has been very great. Six Cow Bay, C. B.-[No pastor.] When we last wrote you Rev. J. missionary tours have been performed by our Pastor, and nearly

New Glasgow.--[New church.] You are aware that in October last Centreville, Mount Pleasant.-Elder E. B. Corey, Pastor. Hither to a Baptist Church was formed at New Glasgow, consisting of nineteen earnestly solicit your prayers on behalf of the little church that her members may be sustained and guided by Almighty power, that the all willing to contribute what we can in order to have a settled minisservants among us.

> Onslow West .- Rev. S. March, Pastor. Our little one has not yet become a thousand but we have been progressing slowly under the addition of six rejoicing believers to our number. We have been coming year will be more fruitful. We are "endeavoring to keep engaged during the past year in the erection of a neat and comfortable | the Unity of the Spirit in the bonds of peace." We have had Bro. residence for the Pastor. The land-was donated for the purpose by Moore for our pastor since last summer whose labors are highly our friend Silas Clark, Esq. It is now nearly completed, and our pastor already occupies it. This work has largely taken our pecuniary resources

Onslow East .- Pastor, Revd. S. March. We are not left without some tokens of the favor of heaven. We are still enjoying the labors been added to our number by baptism, but we regret that we have been compelled to employ the pruning knife and enforce discipline. Two of our number have been removed from the church militant to join the church triumphant.

Oxford.-[New church.] We send you our first annual message, without being able to report any additions to our membership. since organization. Our late pastor, Bro. Armstrong, after laboring with us for a year has left us, carrying with him the esteem, the best wishes and the prayers, not only of our entire membership, but of the whole Congregation and community. We are now making arrange ments to secure the services of Bro. Samuel Thompson for one-half of the time. May the Lord bless his labors amongst us. Our present membership is thirty-three. Our Sabbath School is in a flourishing condition, and numbers beside the Superintendent, nine teachers and seventy scholars.

past year has been a chequered one. Our late Pastor, Rev. D. McKeen preached for us occasionally until early in September when he was laid aside by sickness. By this providence his labors have been withdrawn. Our sympathy and prayers will follow him in his future work. We at present enjoy the ministrations of the Rev. D. Freeman. Our hope is that his coming among us may be for the glory of God.

Tatamagouche.-(No pastor.) Our position as a church may be described in the words spoken of as Gideon's army: "Faint," &c. Yet we hope to see before long some in our midst becoming disciples of Christ. We have had but five sermons during the past year. We greatly need pastoral care.

Upper Londonderry .- Pastor, Revd. M. P. Freeman .- The Spirit has in a measure withdrawn His quickening influence from us but we are tember. Since then we have been without a pastor, but the Lord rastor also carried on an extensive correspondence with and on behalf not without hope. There is a feeling of anxiety manifested by the did not forget us but poured out of his Spirit upon us, and we have of destitute churches throughout the Island of Cape Breton. Three brethren which leads us to believe that better days will yet come, for

we know that God hears the prayer of his people; and that when they humble themselves before him. He is ready to bless them. Bro. Freeman has labored among us with acceptance, a small portion of his time during the year.

West Brook .- Pastor, Revd. D. McKeen. We are cheered on account of our beloved pastor being able to resume his labors among happy to say our house is free of debt. The Lord has graciously little vine planted here may bring forth much fruit. We are each and us. Our prospects are brighter than they have been for some time past. Two have been added by baptism, and we hope others will ter. We are earnestly praying that the Lord will direct one of his soon follow. Eleven brethren and sisters residing at Southampton and Athol were dismissed from their respective churches and united with us. We have therefore extended our field of operation.

Wallace .- Pastor, Revd. J. A. Moore. We cannot report any appreciated amongst us, and we trust that the seed sown will not be in vain. Two have been baptized, - one added by letter.

West Bay .- [No pastor.] We cannot report great additions to our church, yet we believe none of our membership desires to forsake our distinctive Bible principles. May grace mercy, and peace be multiplied unto us, and to all the household of faith. Two added by baptism.

CORRESPONDENCE.

For the Christian Messenger.

The University Bill, Judge McCally and the Convention.

Judge McCully has attempted to prove to the Baptists that the Convention has no power to repeal the University Bill, and that consequently it is useless to say anything about it. No one ever supposed that the Convention could exercise legislative functions, and there were therefore, no "mistakes," or "misapprehensions," to dispel on Parrsboro .- Pastor, Rev. D. Freeman. Our experience during the that point; but when the Judge assumes to instruct the Convention to the effect that that body has not the power and the right to express its opinion upon the University Bill, then he has made a serious mistake.

He says, "The writers referred to suppose that it is discretionary with Acadia College, and its Governors, Convention, &c., to pronounce whether they will or will not co-operate in the measure and assist in perfecting this Provincial University. The Bill is so drawn it seems Pugwash .-- Pastor, Rev. D. W. Crandall. The past year has been to me as that it requires no such assent to bring the bill into operone of prosperity. The Lord has heard the prayers of his people, and ation." Of course it requires no such assent to bring the bill into has blessed the faithful and earnest labors of our beloved pastor. operation, but it does require a great deal of "such assent" to bring the University into operation, and make it a success. Legislation may give a University an existence, but Legislation cannot make it a success, unless the people co-operate in the measure, and assist in perfecting it. I maintain that Acadia and its Governors, Convention, &c., have the power and the right to take one or both of two courses; either to agitate for a repeal of the Bill, (this course I do not advocate) or to dispastor, the Rev. D. McKeen, we have had no stated preaching amongst avow all sympathy with the Bill and the University, and to express their determination to stand by their own College, as they have always declined among us, but we desire to trust in God, and believe that in done in years gone by. They can do more. They can resolve to raise the standard of Education still higher in Acadia, to increase the number of her professors, and add to her endowment, and by these and other means make her diplomas of equal weight, with, if not superior to those of any other Institution whether Provincial or denominational. Judges are fond of precedents. Let us apply one. In 1863 the Legislature revitalised Dalhousie College. The Bill was passed making it a Provincial University. It did not require any assent to bring it into operation. No interference was invited. Ohno. It was in promotion of higher education. It was for the benefit of ambitious graduates. Judge McCully wished it all success, and was as earnest

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Goose River.-Rev. D. W. Crandal, Pastor. We enjoy the faithful labors of our Pastor one quarter of the time. Our Prayer and Conference meetings are sustained, and there is a good degree of interest in the Sabbath School. One added by baptism. Our prayer is that God's Spirit may be poured out.

Guysborough and Manchester.-Rev. A. W. Barss, Pastor. We have cause of thankfulness, that during the past year we have been favored with mercy drops, and have been made to rejoice in witnessing the power of divine grace in subduing the hearts of a few amongst us. But they were not those whom we seemed to feel the most anxiety for. Truly the ways of the Lord are not as ours. Our faith is still to be tried, and we are yet to plead for those who lie nearest our hearts that they may be brought to the feet of Jesus. Our Pastor has laboured hard in this extensive field, and we look for the seed sown to yield a harvest in due time. Baptized twenty-two, two by letter and three restored.

Port Hawkesbury, C. B .- [No pastor.] We have enjoyed the preaching of the gospel by Rev. L. M. Weeks since May last. He is here on a Mission for twelve weeks.

Homeville .-- [New church-no pastor.] Having been dismissed has been mutual we hope it will be for the glory of God. We ask to be received into your body. Our present number is 37. Ten of whom were converted last Winter, and baptized by Rev. Dr. McDonald, who kindly visited us four times during the Winter and Spring. Bro. C. with us in connection with the Mira Church during the past Winter

We are making efforts to build up a system of scripture finance. W feel an interest in the benevolent work of the denomination. • We ask your prayers on our behalf. - Fifteen added by baptism, ten by letter.

The timely aid rendered our pastor by Bro. E. T. Carbonell, during our extra meetings last winter, was highly appreciated, and he will ever be held in high esteem by us. Those that have lately come in to our church are working well, showing that the work is genuine. Fiftyseven have been added by baptism, one by letter, two restored.

Portaupique.-[No Pastor.] When we last addressed you the Spirit of God was being poured out amongst us. And at that time a number expressed a hope in the Saviour and united themselves with the people of God: but on account of the failing health of our beloved us for some time. Hence the cause of God has in some measure his own good time He will send us an under-shepherd, one whose labors he will own and bless. Thirty-three have been added by baptism. We invite the Association to meet with us next year.

River John.-Rev. E. T. Carboneli. It is with pleasure we inform you of the stately steppings of the Master of assemblies among us. He has caused the Sun of Righteousness to arise with healing in his wings, and allowed us once more to bask in his smile. Brother E. T. from Mira Church and organized at Homeville, and as the separation Carbonell coming among us in the Spirit of the Master, the Lord gave him favor in the sight of the people. The church having secured his services for a year asked for and obtained his ordination. Thirteen have been baptized, and many more are looking towards us, of whom a number we hope will be enabled to see their way clear to join with Huntingdon, (Lic.) from the Grand Mira Church has has been laboring us, the Revds. D. Freeman and D. W. Crandall who rendered timely assistance. Our numbers have been trebled.