

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.

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.

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.

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.

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.

Brookfield.—Bro. H. B. Shafter, (Lic.) has been laboring with us a part of the time since May. There is a good degree of religious interest amongst us.

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.

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.

Cow Bay, C. B.—[No pastor.] When we last wrote you Rev. J. Brown was laboring with us, and continued with us until last September.

Centreville, Mount Pleasant.—Elder E. B. Corey, Pastor. Hither to the Lord hath helped us. We are putting forth effort to support the cause of God.

Diligent River.—[No pastor.] The church is very small, yet we keep up our Prayer and Conference meetings and Sabbath School.

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.

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.

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.

Great Village.—Rev. M. P. Freeman, Pastor. We acknowledge the loving kindness of our Heavenly Father, and would speak also of His chastening hand.

Glencille 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.

Goose River.—Rev. D. W. Crandall, Pastor. We enjoy the faithful labors of our Pastor one quarter of the time.

Guysborough and Manchester.—Rev. A. W. Baras, Pastor. We have cause of thankfulness, that during the past year we have been favored with mercy drops.

Port Hawkesbury, C. B.—[No pastor.] We have enjoyed the preaching of the gospel by Rev. L. M. Weeks since May last.

Homeville.—[New church—no pastor.] Having been dismissed from Mira Church and organized at Homeville, and as the separation has been mutual we hope it will be for the glory of God.

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, Pastor. 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.

Indian Harbor, Guysborough Co.—Rev. H. Eagles, Pastor. We regret that we have nothing cheering to communicate.

Lower Steviacke.—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.

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.

Little Glace Bay.—[No pastor.] Our Sabbath Day and week night meetings, though not largely attended, have at least been profitable to ourselves.

Little River.—Rev. Samuel Thompson, Pastor. Rev. J. J. Armstrong has labored with us one quarter of his time until May.

Maccan.—Rev. H. Bool, Pastor. Our pastor labours faithfully with us one-third of the time, but the fruit does not appear.

Margaree.—Church growing feeble for want of ministerial aid, prospects are dark, needs aid from the Board.

Mira Bay.—[No pastor.] We have reason to be thankful that it has pleased the Lord to pour out his blessing upon the church during the past Winter.

North Sydney.—Rev. J. B. McDonald, M. D., Pastor. During the past year the spiritual destitution around us has been very great.

New Glasgow.—[New church.] You are aware that in October last a Baptist Church was formed at New Glasgow, consisting of nineteen members.

Onslow West.—Rev. S. March, Pastor. Our little one has not yet become a thousand but we have been progressing slowly under the labors of our beloved pastor.

Onslow East.—Pastor, Rev. S. March. We are not left without some tokens of the favor of heaven.

Oxford.—[New church.] We send you our first annual message, without being able to report any additions to our membership since organization.

Parrsboro.—Pastor, Rev. D. Freeman. Our experience during the past year has been a chequered one.

Pugwash.—Pastor, Rev. D. W. Crandall. The past year has been one of prosperity. The Lord has heard the prayers of his people, and has blessed the faithful and earnest labors of our beloved pastor.

Portauquique.—[No Pastor.] When we last addressed you the Spirit of God was being poured out amongst us.

River John.—Rev. E. T. Carbonell. It is with pleasure we inform you of the stately steps of the Master of assemblies among us.

River Hebert.—Rev. 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.

Sydney.—[No pastor.] We acknowledge with gratitude the loving kindness of our Divine Master, and His tender watchful care over us.

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.

St. Mary's 2nd.—Pastor, Rev. J. B. McQuillin. We have enjoyed the faithful ministrations of our pastor one eighth of the time for the past two years.

Trawo.—Pastor, Rev. J. E. Goucher. We rejoice that since the last Association, the work of Christ has been steadily advancing.

Tatamagouche.—[No pastor.] Our position as a church may be described in the words spoken of as Gideon's army: "Faint," &c.

Upper Londonderry.—Pastor, Rev. M. P. Freeman.—The Spirit has in a measure withdrawn His quickening influence from us but we are not without hope.

West Brook.—Pastor, Rev. D. McKeen. We are cheered on account of our beloved pastor being able to resume his labors among us.

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.

CORRESPONDENCE.

For the Christian Messenger.

The University Bill, Judge McCully 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.

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."

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 disavow all sympathy with the Bill and the University.

Judges are fond of precedents. Let us apply one. In 1863 the Legislature revitalized Dalhousie College. The Bill was passed making it a Provincial University.