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News from the Churches.

Riding upon the Goat, with snow-white hair,
I come, the last of all. This crown of mine
Is of the holly; in my hand I bear
The thyrsus, tipped with fragrant cones
Of pine,
I celebrate the birth of the Divine,
And the return of the Saturnian reign;
My songs are carols sung at every shrine,
Proclaiming "Peace on earth, good will
to men."

Gradual Backsliding.

Great temptations are the most dangerous to Christians. We are not likely at once to be led to commit flagrant violations of law. There is more danger of yielding here a little, and there a little, from the right. One does not become a Sabbath breaker or profane because any one great temptation is too strong for him, but by a gradual process. He does not become cold in his service through any sudden chill, but by first neglecting one duty and then another. The disciples slept during Christ's agony before they forsook Him and fled. Peter followed afar off before he denied Him. Those who would serve faithfully must avoid the beginning of evil.

The same thing is true of churches. They do not become cold and negligent or formal, or loose in doctrine or practice, by any sudden transition. On the contrary, the change is usually unperceived, save by those who recollect the past and put it side by side with the present. They remember how the prayer-meeting was first neglected, and then the night service; how family worship became less and less common, and the Sabbath school less interesting; how the young people drifted away; how infidel ideas crept in. Christian people and especially those who, as officers in the church, have accepted a special responsibility, need to watch the beginnings of evil.—*Journal and Messenger.*

What is ministerial success—crowded churches, full aisles, attentive congregations, the approval of the religious world, much impression produced? Elijah thought so; and when he found out his mistake and discovered that the applause on Carmel subsided into hidious stillness, his heart well-nigh broke with disappointment. Ministerial success lies in altered lives and obedient, humble hearts—unseen work recognized in the judgment day.—*F. W. Robertson.*

The Rev. J. Yeames tells an anecdote of a drunkard reclaimed by the curious means of a dream. The dream was of three black rats; one was a fat one, the second a blind one, and the third a poor lean one. The man could not get the dream out of his head and at length his son gave him the interpretation of it in this wise:—The fat rat was the publican, the blind one was the father, the victim of drink, and the poor lean one was the family, the prey of misery and want.

Suppose a man were in a family entertained by a friend, and he did not pay for his board. It is expected that such a one should be ready to find fault with everything in the house. If such a one should be discontented if a cup should not be filled for him as he would have it, it is with us; we are at God's table every day, and it is upon free cost whatever we may have. Now when we are at the table of God, and at free cost, for us to be finding fault and to be discontented is a very great sin.—*Burroughs.*

The Jewish Synagogue at Crossen in Prussia was robbed on Sunday of articles valued at 10,000 francs.

DARTMOUTH.—It is now some months since we have given you any account of our work here in Dartmouth. We, some times find ourselves moping a little that we are not more consecrated to the service of so good a Master. But then we think of what He has done, and is doing for us, and suddenly our mourning is turned to praise. Our Sabbath School so well, and ably superintended by W. L. Bars Esq., with a full staff of efficient and devoted teachers at his back, is constantly increasing, both in numbers and interest. The "Services of Song" given in connection with the School by Bro. C. L. Weeks, are worthy of special mention, always crowding the house with eager listeners. But the best news of all is, that the Lord is owning, and blessing the efforts of His people in the salvation of souls. Several have found peace in Christ recently, and the outlook seems brightening.

WINDSOR.—Rev. E. M. K. instead preached his last sermon as pastor of the church on Sunday evening, Nov. 26th. He spoke strongly of the kindness of the people during his pastorate. The church needs a pastor at once and hopes soon to secure one.

WOLFVILLE.—The services of last Lord's Day were of special interest. The Lord's Supper was administered in the morning. A preaching service was held in Academy Hall in the afternoon, being the monthly meeting of students of the Institutions for a special address.

In the evening a daughter of Bro. A. C. Robbins, of Yarmouth, was baptized by Rev. T. A. Higgins. Let the prayers of all interested in our Institutions be offered on behalf of those now studying here.

CHESTER.—The pastor, Rev. J. W. Weeks, baptized two believers in Christ on the 12th ult.

We learn from Rev. J. W. Weeks, of Chester, that he has received and accepted a call to the pastorate of the Liverpool Baptist Church, and expects to enter upon his labors there before the close of the present month.

Prince Edward Island Notes.
Rev. E. Whitman is doing grand work in Charlottetown. The Sabbath congregations fill the new house, and the prayer meetings are of unusual interest.

The churches at Alexandria, Ugg and Belfast, have invited a council to meet at the first named place on the 29th inst. to advise in the matter of ordaining Bro. J. O. Reddin.

The Baptist congregation of Cavendish, met at the parsonage one evening last week, and cheered the heart of the Pastor, Rev. J. B. Woodland, with their sixth annual donation visit. The Pastor is grateful and well may be so.

The best field on the Island comprising the churches at North River, West River and Clyde River, is still vacant. With the offer of a generous salary, and as warm and loyal hearted a band of brethren and sisters, as ever rallied around a pastor, this ought not to be so. Rev. J. B. Woodland received a call to this field some time ago, but could not see his way clear to quit his present charge.

At the late quarterly meeting, the churches on the Island were divided into groups, and two or three of the Pastors were designated to visit each group and hold a public meeting in the interest of the Convention Scheme and denominational work. They are now engaged in carrying it out.

The little church at Lot 16, was the first on the Island to respond, some eight weeks ago, to the appeal of the Finance Committee, to aid the For-

sign Mission Board. Their effort was praiseworthy considering their circumstances. They contributed \$11.50.

There is a quiet in spiritual matters all over the Island, which is becoming alarming. Even the sound of rain has not yet reached waiting ears.
The new Breakwater at the mouth of Rustico Harbor is nearly completed, but has suffered damage amounting probably to thousands of dollars by the two late storms. First a gale laden vessel in a heavy gale attempted to enter the harbor after night, and striking against the Breakwater, lost her rudder. In the violent storm of last Monday, she was lifted, and again rolled against unfinished work, causing serious damage and heavy loss to the contractor. The opinion is fast gaining ground that the work although it cost \$20,000 will prove an obstruction, getting sand at the mouth of the harbor, instead of deepening the channel through the bar, as was anticipated.

A branch railway, some six or seven miles long, from the main line to the river below New Glasgow, is being agitated. A petition in favor of the Scheme is being extensively circulated and, universally signed. A large subscription is pledged to provide the right of way.

By the removal of Dr. O'Brien, to the Archbishopric of Halifax, the Island loses one of its best temperance workers and lecturers.

The potato crop of the past season was abundant and is totting in the cellars of farmers for want of a market. Free trade with the United States, would be to the Island the greatest boon political fortune could bestow.
The third general election all over the Island, since May, has just taken place besides two district elections in the meantime.

Ordination at Morgan Park, Chicago.

Nov. 21st was a day of unusual interest at Morgan Park. Mr. B. F. Simpson, a graduate of Acadia of the class of '80, and of the Theological Seminary of this place of the class of '82, was, on this day especially set apart by a Council of Ordination to the Gospel ministry. A large number of representatives of the city churches, and of those in the suburban towns, were present. Dr. Henson, pastor of the First Church, was chosen Moderator. The statement by the candidate of his experience, call to the ministry, and views of Christian doctrine gave entire satisfaction, and the Council were unanimous in their decision to proceed with the ordination.

The sermon in the afternoon was preached by Dr. Henson, from the text, "Sanctify them through thy truth, thy word is truth" and, like all the Dr.'s discourses, was excellent in its adaptedness to the occasion, as well as in other very important respects. The right hand of fellowship was given by the Rev. J. W. Conley, of Joliet, Rev. J. T. Burhoe, a name doubtless familiar to many, a native of P. E. I., gave the charge to the candidate in his usual happy manner. A Hallonian, the Rev. Mr. Eldsen, pastor at Englewood, gave the charge to the church. The benediction was pronounced by the pastor.

The labors of Mr. Simpson during the few months that he has been connected with the church have been highly appreciated, and his prospects for the future are very flattering. C. R. B. D.

BAPTISMS IN SPAIN, FIGUERAS, Oct. 2, 1882.—FROM REV. E. P. CIPRE.—A week ago yesterday it was my privilege to baptize four persons,—an old man and three women. One of them is a young woman who was converted several months ago, and a former member of our girls' school. She had previously applied for baptism, but wished to be baptized privately, as she could not get her mother's consent. I told her to wait, and pray that she might have her mother's permission to be baptized publicly; and just a few days before this baptism her mother told her that she would not prevent her being baptized, if she really wished to be. She would not, however, come to the chapel to see her daughter baptized. The mother's chief objections to her being baptized were, that people would talk about it, and that she would stand a poor chance of getting married.

SWEDEN.—In looking over the field, there is much that is cheering that fills our hearts with gratitude for the Lord's blessing upon the work. Though the revival which marked the early part of this year, almost all over the country, subsided during the summer months, still here and there we hear of additions to the churches as the fruits of the revival. The Baptist church at the parish of Great Melöia has during the summer been reaping a great harvest from the revival which commenced soon after Christmas and extended over almost the whole parish. The new converts soon began to inquire into the Scripture truth concerning baptism; and on May 1, thirty happy converts were baptized, after that twenty-two at one time, and again seven, so that the number of baptized during the last summer now amounts to seventy. In the same province the church at Lerback was blessed with a revival in the beginning of the year, when a great many were converted; and on the 6th of August twenty-four believers united with the church after having been baptized on profession of their faith. The church at Westastors was formed last May with fourteen members, and has increased so that it now numbers fifty. The field in our country is ripening for harvest, but oh for more laborers! Those who are now in the field are but few compared with the work to be done. Pray the Lord of the harvest that he would send more laborers. REV. A. WIBERG, Stockholm, Oct. 20, 1882.

INDIA.—There are many indications that the old caste prejudices are breaking up in India. Several marriages of widows have recently taken place, two recently in Madras. At Pollachy, South India, a native doctor, a parish and Christian, had so won upon the people of all classes, that when the Government proposed to remove him to a larger place and pay him a higher salary, people of all classes came together, and subscribed Rs. 400 to make up the advance in his salary, and asked that he might remain with them. At another place, Coimbatore, a literary and debating society has been formed, in which Mohammedans and Hindus, native Christians, Eurasians, and Europeans have cordially united. These things would have been impossible a few years since.

The most thoughtful clergymen are gradually coming to the conclusion that "continued growth of a church is better than an avalanche of revivals," and are looking about them for a way to promote continual growth.

In Memoriam.

DEACON FRANCIS PARKER, son of the late John and Sarah Parker was born at Walton, February, 1797. When about sixteen years of age went as clerk to the late Benjamin DeWolf of Windsor. In consequence of his faithfulness in that department he was some years after taken into the firm. In early life married Mary Janet, daughter of the late Capt. Daniel McNeil of Cambridge Kemp, Hants Co. After some time moved to Cambridge, and finally to Walton, received a Magistrate's Commission at an early day. He here engaged in extensive business and did much toward the improvement of the place, and the encouragement of industry in agriculture, plaster and shipbuilding—naturally generous and obliging—he sometimes divided his last barrel of flour with those who were destitute, and the last loaf of bread had been by him divided while supplies were being expected. In times of prosperity, although not a professor of religion, he erected a house for worship. After finishing the outside so far as to make it comfortable for service the Episcopalians aided him in finishing the building which he donated to them with land adjoining for a burying ground. Possessing a benevolent disposition his house was a home for all Protestant ministers visiting Walton. The writer first visited the place in December, 1848 under the direction of the Baptist Missionary Board, and was invited to make Mr. Parker's house his home when there. This continued till June, 1850. The Episcopal clergyman, the Wesleyan and the Baptist were each in turn made welcome every four weeks—other ministers visiting the place partook of his

hospitality and found not only a resting place, but a home. This continued while he kept house—in the summer of 1860 the Rev. Mr. Scott visited Walton as a missionary, through whose efforts (encouraged by Mr. Parker,) a Baptist Meeting House was undertaken and finished the Winter following, the late J. W. Nutting, Esq., of Halifax, giving the ground. When the house was completed, (after Mr. Parker paying all his subscription) there was due him on the building eighty pounds, which was never called for. When enquired of by the writer after the house was dedicated as to how this sum was to be raised, he said I have concluded to let it stand. This act of generosity was most advantageous to the Baptist interest here. During the winter while the House was being finished, young men from Acadia College and others visiting the place preached and held protracted meetings. As a result a number were baptized by Rev. D. G. Shaw, who with the late Rev. George Dimock, had attended for that purpose. Among whom were F. Parker Esq., and his amiable wife a truly pious woman who was an ornament to society and to the Church as well. In March following, the house was dedicated and in April four weeks from the dedication a Church was organized consisting of fourteen members. Brother Parker was ordained to the office of Deacon which he creditably filled, till called home. Bro. P. was also requested to act as church clerk, which he did till 1880 when he tendered his resignation, after which his successor was appointed. The consistent faithfulness of our departed brother in church matters was most satisfactory and on trying occasions convinced those present of the reality of his profession, he was gentle and unassuming, yet faithful under trials, he also possessed decision and perseverance in carrying out what he thought was right. In political matters he took an active part, and had many friends, and of course had enemies. Soon after the organization of the Baptist Church here, an elderly Christian gentleman said to the writer, "Esquire Parker is a good neighbor, but I cannot endorse his political principles, consequently we act in opposition, but he is a good, honest, business man." This is an illustration of political feeling in many instances. His was a peaceful happy end, the state of his mind may be understood by his requesting others to meet him in Heaven, and suggesting the reading of the twenty-third Psalm, when prayer at his request was about being offered. His mind was clear and his faith strong, thus the righteous hath hope in his death. He died on the evening of the twenty-fourth of August, in his eighty-sixth year. He will be greatly missed by his family, the church, and the community probably none save his own family will miss him more than the writer, but the Lord has done it, may we possess Christian resignation and submission to the will of God. Mr. Parker's first wife was removed by death, June 14th, 1866. She was faithful through life and peaceful in death. In June 1868, he was again united in marriage with Anna, widow of the late Dr. Boyington, of Portland, Maine. She also departed this life November, 1876, at Halifax, N. S., on her return from Portland, Maine. Her end was peace.—*Com. by Rev. Jeremiah Bancroft.*

NOTICES.
FOREIGN MISSION RECEIPTS FOR NOVEMBER.
Mrs. Dart, per S. Selden.....\$ 2 00
Economy and Five Island Church, per D. P. Foley..... 7 75
Oak Church, per N. Sutherland. 9 00
East Point Church, per A. Scott. 6 00
Mrs. G. McLeod, " " 1 00
Mrs. C. Leet, " " 1 00
Mrs. R. Fraser, " " 1 00
Isiah Stewart, " " 1 00
A friend to missions, " " 1 00
Kempt Church, " Rev. J. H. Fletcher..... 4 00
Rothsay Church, " Rev. Mr. Keirstead..... 6 70
West Onslow " Silas Clark 10 00
Convention Fund, " Dr. Day... 100 00
Marsh Bridge Mission School... 12 50
Germans Street Church..... 41 29
Leinster " " 15 25
St. Martin's " " 20 00
Jacksontown " " 7 23
Kenville " " 10 00
Winsey " " 7 52
Panobagus " " 8 00
Jacksonville " " 1 40
Fort Medway " " 6 59
1st Cornwalls " " 3 25
Sackville " " 60 00

\$358 31
C. F. CLINOR, Treas.
Cinch Mills, N. B., Dec. 4, 1882.

THANKSGIVING COLLECTIONS FOR THE HALIFAX INFANTS' HOME.
Truro, per Rev. J. E. Goucher...\$13 25
"Cash," Pictou..... 5 00
A friend, Sydney..... 5 00
Sherbrooke and Goldenville, per Rev. J. L. George..... 18 60
Fall's Section of Eastport Congregation, per Rev. D. McKenzie. 3 00
M. E. F. SAUNDERS, Sec'y.

Moneys Received.
D. B. Dimock, \$2; P. P. J. Junr, \$2; Jas. Logan, \$2; Widow Lent, \$2; J. M. Smith, \$2; W. H. Skinner, \$2; C. E. Sanford, \$6; A. McKeen, \$2; L. H. Burnaby, \$2; W. Frizzle, \$2; S. Freeman, \$2; Mrs. J. Miller, \$4; J. Morrison, \$2; Jas. Frizzle, \$2; W. McCully, \$2; W. F. Catten, Esq., \$4; A. W. Archibald, \$1; H. P. Sweet, \$2; N. Morse, \$6; W. R. Doty, \$4; J. McC. Kempton, \$4; J. F. Tufts, \$2.

CONVENTION FUNDS RECEIVED.
Mrs. Fred. Irvine, River John, for Foreign Mission.....\$2 00
G. E. DAY.

Yarmouth, Nov. 30th, 1882.
F. E. I. S. S. CONVENTION.
The next Annual Meeting of the F. E. I. S. S. Convention will be held with the Sabbath School at Cavendish, commencing with a sermon by Rev. A. H. Lavers, Tuesday evening, Dec. 26th, at 7 o'clock. Delegates coming by railway from the East will be met at Hunter River Station, from the West at Broadalbin Station, if they notify Arthur Simpson of their intention.
W. B. BRADSHAW,
Sec'y. Convention.
Montague, Dec. 1, 1882.

RECEIVED FOR ACADIA COLLEGE BUILDING FUND.
J. J. Beek, per Dr. T. H. Rand.....\$ 10 00
J. J. L., per S. Selden..... 100 00
J. McFarlan, St. John, per Rev. W. H. Warren..... 25 00
J. E. Esty, " "..... 10 00
S. D. Munro, Melvern Square, " 8 00
Rev. S. M. Black, per Rev. A. Cohoon..... 15 00
Mrs. Henry Harlow, Sable River, per Rev. A. Cohoon..... 1 00
Arthur Harris, per Rev. S. B. Kempton..... 10 00
F. W. Chipman, Kentville..... 20 00
X. Z. C., " "..... 15 00
Rev. E. M. Saunders..... 50 00
Interest..... \$264 00
Rev. D. G. McDonald, per Prof. Tufts..... 12 00
Rev. G. E. Day..... 100 00

Special Contributions to General Debtedness.
R. v. S. B. Kempton.....\$100 00
H. R. Cunningham..... 100 00
Rev. J. M. L. Young..... 50 00
Mrs. C. F. Clinch..... 100 00
Harding H. Chute, per Dr. Weldon..... 500 00
Capt. Winchester, " 2 00
Mrs. J. W. Lovett, Yarmouth, per Prof. Tufts..... 400 00
Mrs. Eunice Shaw, " " 20 00
Thos. Corning, M.P.P., " " 10 00
E. F. Parker, " " 10 00

CORRECTION.—"C. M.", Oct. 4th, \$25 credited. J. Calhoun, should be J. Chaloner.
X. Z. CHIPMAN, Treasurer.
Wolfville, N. S., Nov. 30th, 1882.

RECEIVED FROM WOMEN'S MISSION AID SOCIETIES.
Windsor,—Miss E. Geldert.....\$10 00
M. R. Selden, Treasurer.
Halifax, Dec. 5th, 1882.

Treasurers of Baptist Funds.
1. HOME MISSION BOARD.—Rev. J. A. Gordon, Yarmouth.
2. FOREIGN MISSIONARY BOARD.—Chas. F. Clinch, Cinch Mills, N. B., Treasurer; John March, St. John, N. B., Secretary.
3. ACADIA COLLEGE AND HORTON COLLEGIATE ACADEMY.—X. Z. Chipman, Esq., Wolfville.
4. INFIRM MINISTERS' RELIEF AND AID FUND.—Rev. E. M. Saunders, Halifax, N. S.
5. MINISTERIAL EDUCATION FUND.—Jno. W. Bairs, Esq., Wolfville.
6. NOVA SCOTIA WOMEN'S MISSIONARY AID SOCIETY.—Mrs. M. R. Selden, Halifax.

Acknowledgment.
Mr. Editor,—
Please allow me through the CHRISTIAN MESSENGER to express my grateful acknowledgments to dear friends who have kindly administered to my necessities during the past season. Donations made in July and August by Capt. George Armstrong and others, \$57.00; also on the 20th Sept., having been arranged by the late Deacon F. Parker, and carried out by friends at Walton and elsewhere, \$101.10; added since by other kind friends, \$19.25; making together \$177.35 of which \$86.20 were cash. Thanks to Almighty God and sympathetic friends for such timely aid.
Very truly yours,
JEREMIAH BANCROFT
Walton, Nov. 23, 1882.

Moneys Received.
D. B. Dimock, \$2; P. P. J. Junr, \$2; Jas. Logan, \$2; Widow Lent, \$2; J. M. Smith, \$2; W. H. Skinner, \$2; C. E. Sanford, \$6; A. McKeen, \$2; L. H. Burnaby, \$2; W. Frizzle, \$2; S. Freeman, \$2; Mrs. J. Miller, \$4; J. Morrison, \$2; Jas. Frizzle, \$2; W. McCully, \$2; W. F. Catten, Esq., \$4; A. W. Archibald, \$1; H. P. Sweet, \$2; N. Morse, \$6; W. R. Doty, \$4; J. McC. Kempton, \$4; J. F. Tufts, \$2.