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News from the Churches.

OHIO, YARMOUTH CO.,—Dear Bro. Selden.—An interesting work of grace is in progress at Ohio, the fruit of the faithful labors of the pastor Rev. A. E. Ingram. Prior to last week, only two or three extra meetings were held, but with such promising indications, that it was thought wise to hold meetings during the whole of the past week, and I was invited to assist the pastor. From the beginning there was earnest attention to the Word of Life from all present. The "faithful ones" were ready to speak of God's love to them, and of His mercy to sinners. They were ready to pray that careless Christians might be revived, and that sinners might be converted. The Lord heard and answered their prayers. Early in the week, a score of convicted souls were asking for the pardon of God. Thursday night, as many wanderers, backsliders—desired the prayers of those who had faith and joy in the Lord, while the number of the "anxious" increased, and others were rejoicing, having believed in the Lord Jesus Christ. Friday night we held a meeting, or rather the meeting held us, until eleven o'clock. Saturday at two o'clock, P. M., was the church Conference. The house was well filled. About 90 members spoke. The words of some of them were like a sermon. The Conference continued for five hours and seemed short. Nine happy converts gave their experience and were received for baptism. It is said that this church and community have not been so moved for years. It was my pleasure at the request of the pastor to baptize eight of these yesterday afternoon. The prospects of this church are now very encouraging. Difficulties are being settled, and obstacles to her progress are sinking out of sight. May the Lord still give grace and strength.

Yours in Him,
J. L. M. YOUNG.
April 14th, 1884.

A Postal Card from Rev. A. E. Ingram, dated April 20th, says: "We rejoice in the prosperity of Zion, thirteen rejoicing believers were baptized here yesterday. Many fine strong young men are bowing to Christ. Rejoice with us."

Ohio, Yarmouth Co., April 20th.

PORT HILLFORD.—Dear Brother Selden.—Last New Year's Day was observed by the church at Port Hillford as a Thanksgiving Day. The meeting was an interesting one, goodly number, both male and female, testified of God's goodness to them during the year past. The Week of Prayer proved to be somewhat interesting, but nothing special occurred. Feeling that some effort was necessary, and that we needed help, I wrote to brother P. S. McGregor of New Glasgow, to pay us a visit; he complied with our request, and came to our help. Bro. McGregor commenced meetings at Port Hillford, and it became evident that God was in our midst. Our brother baptized 9 persons on the Second Sabbath, and then had to leave for home. We felt that he was still needed, for my failing health and sight rendered me unable to do all that required to be done, for God was evidently at work by his Spirit at all parts of the harbour, and in some of the adjacent harbours. While some persons presented themselves as candidates for baptism and were accepted, there was a large number of enquirers who needed to be looked after. I again wrote for his return at his earliest convenience; our good brother got along through storm and snowbanks so as to be with us the two last Sabbaths in March. Brother McGregor is a faithful worker, and

his labours have been abundantly blessed to the people of Port Hillford. Last Sabbath was a glorious day to the people of that place, the number baptized together with those baptized during the week previous, 34 in all, presented a beautiful sight as they stood arranged up and down the aisle of the church. It was my pleasure to give those happy believers the right hand of fellowship; and I wished very much to have my sight that day as I had ten years ago; but I must submit to God's will. The most of the people baptized are young people; their ages range from 17 to 55. There has been since the revival commenced 51 persons baptized and in that number there are several heads of families; the blessed work is still progressing and our hope is that others will soon give their hearts to Christ. To God be all the glory.

Yours truly,
H. EAGLES.

REV. P. S. MCGREGOR writes since the above came to hand and informs us that ten more were baptized last week, making in all fifty-one since the revival began. The church at Port Hillford has been greatly strengthened as some of the leading men of the place were added to the church. Rev. H. Eagles and the people are anxious to get a minister to help 'gather fruit unto life eternal' at least for the summer vacation or to settle permanently with them.

ISAACS HARBOR, April 15th, 1884.—Dear Editor.—I am happy to inform your readers that the work of the Lord is progressing in Isaacs Harbor. Rev. I. Wallace our general Home Missionary came here on the 27th March and commenced special meetings. Soon after his arrival he was prostrated with illness and loss of voice, but his health has been restored, and a wonderful change has taken place. Religion with us had fallen to a very low state, but we are now greatly encouraged. Backsliders have been reclaimed and sinners converted, nine were baptized last Sabbath and many are seeking God. The meetings are to be continued through this week and we are hoping much good may be done. Pray for us.

ST. GEORGE, N. B., April 15th, 1884.—We are glad to hear from time to time through the MESSANGER of the good work of the Lord in many of the churches in Nova Scotia. We are not without tokens of the divine favour in Charlotte Co. Brother Stewart, of Portland has lately been engaged in a work of revival at the Upper Falls, in which thirty persons were added to the little church there. Rev. Jas. Tremble, has spent some time at a place called the Lee Settlement; forty-five in all have been baptized there. Bro. Hunt is gathering in the lost sheep at St. Stephens and is we understand doing good work. Bro. Kidson labours at Oak Bay and the Ledge. Brother Davidson, as noticed in the last week's MESSANGER is settled over the church at Penfield.

We are trying in some humble way to render service to the King of Kings. We had a baptism last Sabbath and hope to have the privilege again before long, as others are enquiring the way to Zion.

M. P. K.

BEAVER RIVER.—Rev. James I. DeWolfe writes April 16th, 1884:—Since we last reported we have continued to enjoy some tokens of the Divine favor. When I had not fully recovered my former strength, Rev. Aaron Cogswell kindly came to my assistance in the Maitland section, spent a week with us and rendered valuable aid.

Our last communion was a precious season, and a larger number were present than at any previous time since I came to this field. Thirty-five have been added to the church since January, twenty-five by baptism and ten by letter and experience. We trust there are others still to come.

We have been called to mourn the loss of a valuable Christian laborer by the death of sister Floyd, daughter of Rev. M. Normandy. But we are assured that our loss is her gain.

WOLFVILLE.—Welcome communications from brethren inform us that fifteen persons, having made a profession of faith in the Lord Jesus, were received by the church here on Saturday last. They were baptized on Sunday evening. Many of those offering themselves to the Lord are young persons, and this is a cause for rejoicing as they will thus be enabled to give the strength of their lives to the service of the Master. In several cases whole households are enabled to rejoice together. Deacon Chipman's four children have been added to the church and the three youngest of Prof. Higgins' family. In this case as in several others entire families are now active members of the Wolfville church. May the good work continue.

Another brother adds, We have been greatly refreshed.

SACKVILLE, N. B.—Dear Messenger.—How cheering the glad tidings that you bring to us every week from the churches. Especially cheering to me, and doubtless to many others, is the good news from Wolfville, where so many of your readers have spent anxious and yet happy days, and received moulding influences that are now being used to mould and fashion others after the example of Christ. I unite my prayer with the many who have special interest there because it is the seat of our denominational schools, and humanly speaking, the centre of our influence as a denomination in these Lower Provinces, that the wave of grace may rise so high that not only the valleys around but also the "Hill" that looks down upon them may be baptized in its sacred influences. May every soul in connection with the institution be swept into the ocean of Jesus' love, and there abide for ever.

We are very happy in the favor of our Lord here. It has been our privilege to visit our beautiful baptistry—the Sackville Lake—every Lord's day for the last eight weeks. Yesterday six happy converts were buried with their Lord in baptism—two of them orphans aged thirteen and sixteen respectively and both rejoicing in the promises of God especially Psalm 27 "When my father and my mother forsake me, then the Lord will take me up," and John 14, "I will not leave you orphans I will come to you."

The coming together of the Baptist people here, so long prayed for by the many in both churches, has, unmistakably, received the seal of God's approval. Since that happy event (Jan. 3, 1883), we have visited the baptismal waters twenty-eight times, and the outlook was never so cheering as at present. Sunshine is scarce, rain abundant, and mud terrible, yet our congregations are large, and the interest constantly on the increase. To God be all the glory.

Yours in the work.

D. G. MACDONALD.
April 21, 1884.

REV. W. J. SWAFFIELD of Hanisport has received a unanimous call to the pastorate of the 1st Harvey Church, Albert County, N. B., and expects to enter upon his labors there early in May.

CHESTER.—April, 19, Rev. J. F. Kempton writes:—Since I last wrote you we have welcomed four more by baptism—two in Chester and two at the Basin—to the fellowship of the church. Others still are hopefully converted to God, and will ere long come out publicly and put on Christ in baptism.

We cannot report such large accessions as some of the churches do; but are glad that twenty have been led to confess Christ in baptism during this our first year in Chester.

An English Church paper justly complains that although Mr. Mackenzie has gone from his church, the arrangements for Romanizing Protestantism are not gone with him. "No!" it says, "for the confessional boxes are there, the crucifixes are there, and this notice is said to be affixed to them: 'I confess to Almighty God, to Blessed Mary, and to all the saints, and to you, my father, that I have sinned; I most humbly ask pardon of God, and of you, my father, penance, counsel and absolution; therefore I beseech Blessed Mary and all the saints, and you, my father, to pray for me to the Lord our God. Amen.'" The omission of the name of Jesus, the one Mediator between God and man, is especially noticeable.

The Christian people who crowd into Mr. Moody's meetings to the exclusion of the unconverted received rather a neat rebuke not long ago. At a meeting in a new part of London, Mr. Moody asked all who were Christians to rise, when about three-fourths of the audience arose. Thereupon Mr. Moody quickly said: "Now, do not sit down; pass out at once. Glad to know that you are Christians, and so you may go as I want the sinners to come in." As the stewards showed the Christians out a great multitude who had been standing at the door filed in and filled the tabernacle.

A few weeks ago a gentleman from Buxton was baptized by immersion at St. Saviour's, Baccup, where a baptistry was provided by Mr. J. Maden Holt, when he built the church some twenty years ago. The ceremony was performed in the presence of many witnesses by the Rev. Conrad S. Green, of Holy Trinity Church, Buxton, of whose congregation the candidate is now a member.—Ch. paper.

It appears a few Sundays ago Mr. Fowler, Lord Mayor of London, and his daughter, who is Lady Mayor, attended a Mission Hall in Hackney. The Lord Mayor read the lesson, and after the sermon, he delivered an evangelistic address.

News of the World.

The Queen and Princess Beatrice have gone to the Continent. They arrived at Darmstadt on Thursday morning at 9.15. They were met at the depot by the Grand Duke Louis, Princesses Victoria and Elizabeth, and Prince Henry, brother of the Grand Duke. There was no official reception. The public was excluded from the platform of the station, but a great throng of people was outside who cheered the Queen.

Her Majesty on Sunday morning attended church at Darmstadt. Patrick Joyce, secretary of the Fenian Brotherhood, has issued a manifesto addressed to all Irishmen, in which he says:—"The Brotherhood has good cause for rejoicing at the discomfiture of John Bull. England has never before felt the vengeance of the expatriated Irish with such crushing force. The honor of inaugurating scientific warfare is due to the Brotherhood. We have convincing proof of the efficacy of science when handled by intelligent, brave and determined men. We summon all to help us. We advise our brothers to persevere in the glorious war, and we will live to witness free and regenerated Ireland. We are resolved to push the work with redoubled energy and we recommend Prof. Mesoff to all Irish as the exponent of the resources of civilization."

A convention of the Irish National League was held at Kilkenny on Friday. Resolutions were adopted affirming allegiance to Parnell and a promise was made to subscribe to the proposed fund for the pay of members of parliament. There are rumors of an early

retirement of Parnell from the leadership of the Irish Nationalist party. Two reasons for the step are assigned: one that he is tired of Parliamentary life, and the other that Parliament is wearied of him. His retirement is obstructed, however, by his recent acceptance of £40,000 of the people's money.

A despatch from Paris says that dynamiters are awaiting orders from New York to act.

A London despatch says the Duchess of Edinburgh has been delivered of a daughter. Both mother and child are doing well.

Prime Minister Ferry, in a speech at Perigueux on Thursday last, said that the republic must have regard for foreign opinion, especially the opinion of England and Italy.

A telegram has been received from Gen. Millot, commander of the French forces in Tonquin, dated Hanoi, April 16th, which reads as follows: "The enemy has again been encountered not far from Hung Hoa and completely routed. After the engagement we destroyed the citadels of Phulam Tram, where the leaders of the Black Flags had taken refuge. Our forces are now following the right bank of the River Dai, with the object of threatening the enemy in the south and obtaining redress for the massacre of missionaries. The Black flags have withdrawn to North-east Tonquin. The remnants of the garrisons of Bac-Ninh and Hung Hoa, Chinese and Annamites, to the number of 5,000, have retreated to Thanh Hoa. In the capture of Phulam Tram the French lost five soldiers, killed. Besides this eleven coolies were drowned."

Latest advices from Shanghai indicate that the Chinese government is greatly exercised at the recent successes of the French in Tonquin, and persons in any way responsible for the reverses are being degraded and punished, and active measures are being taken to prevent further loss of prestige. The Viceroy of Canton has been publicly degraded for refusing to obey orders. Officers answerable for the loss of Bacninh have been condemned to be beheaded. The governor of Yunnan has been summoned to Peking to receive punishment, and a general levy of men for the Chinese army has been ordered. Affairs at Peking are represented to be in an extremely critical condition, and administrative changes of great importance are imminent.

Advices from Khartoum say alliances among the rebel tribes on the Blue Nile and White Nile are breaking up. The tribes who surrounded Saleh Pasha have quarrelled and dispersed.

Two Sheikhs of Tokar tribes have arrived at Suakin to ask for pardon. They say they have had enough fighting against the English.

Sir Evelyn Baring, the English Minister, has received a despatch from Gen. Gordon of April 9th. In this he says a merchant had reached Khartoum from El Beida after a journey of twelve days. The merchant reports that Tegeba tribes had twice defeated El Mahdi, who suffered heavy losses. El Mahdi is now as completely hemmed in as General Gordon is.

General Gordon has telegraphed to Sir Evelyn Baring that his position is hopeless unless Zebehr Pasha be sent to Khartoum immediately.

The Standard's correspondent at Cairo says: "There are 138 men, women and children of all ages in the infirmary at Tourah, living like wild beasts in indescribable filth and neglect. Among the inmates are several raving mad men, who are sometimes unchained. There are other inmates in every stage of the most loathsome disease. Two black men walk about entirely naked."

A large number of refugees, owing to a shortness of provisions left Shendi in a steamer for Berber. The steamer ran ashore on a sand bank near Elbalala and was soon surrounded by swarms of rebels, who attacked the steamer on all sides, massacring everybody on board, numbering 450, including a portion of the Shendi garrison and many women and children.

Dr. Gustav Nachtigal, a celebrated traveller, has left Tunis for West Africa and the Congo country. He is sent out by the German Government, and his mission has political, scientific, and commercial features.

The United States Government has offered a reward of \$25,000 for the discovery of the Greely Arctic explorers, or a satisfactory explanation of their fate.

A bill was introduced in the House of Representatives on the 14th providing that in the case of merchandise imported into the United States from Canada or Newfoundland there is no consent of the commercial agent of the United States residing in the port from which such merchandise is imported, all verification or authentication of invoices may be made by two responsible merchants.

Strikes are being organized at New Orleans and in Pennsylvania.

Destructive Cyclones are reported in Mississippi and Georgia.

Correspondence.

For the Christian Messenger.
Home Missions.

The regular monthly meeting of the Home Missionary Board was held on Monday, the 14th inst. in the vestry of the 1st Baptist Church, Yarmouth.

Treasurer reported receipts of the month \$263.40. Cor. Secretary read reports from Brethren Spurr, Wallace, Haverstock, and Normandy.

Grants.

1. To the Kent County mission field N. B., including Weldford, St. Mary's, Bucouche and Cocaigne Churches, \$250.00 for one year from April 1st, 1884. The churches to raise \$250.00. Rev. M. Normandy Missionary pastor.
2. To the Springfield mission field, York Co., N. B., \$200.00 for one year. Rev. J. H. Corey, pastor.
3. To Lower Stewiacke field, N. S., \$100.00 for one year, from March 1st. Rev. A. Chipman, pastor.
4. To Walton Church, \$50.00 for one year, to assist in securing the services of Rev. A. Freeman for one fourth of his time for one year.

Appointments to missions were made as follows for the students applying for work during their vacations:

1. C. W. Williams of McMaster Hall, to St. Andrews, Charlotte Co., N. B.
2. W. H. Travis, of McMaster Hall, to Newcastle field, Northumberland Co., N. B., as an assistant to Rev. I. E. Bill, Junr.
3. J. S. Arthur, of McMaster Hall, to Sackville and Hammonds Plains, Halifax, N. S.
4. C. E. Baker, of McMaster Hall, to St. Mary's and Goshen, Guysboro Co., N. S.
5. J. A. Ford, of Acadia, to Port Elgin, West Co., N. B.
6. J. W. Tingley, of Acadia, to Alma and Point Wolf, Albert Co., N. B.
7. H. B. Smith, of Acadia, to New Minas, Kings Co., N. S.
8. M. B. Shaw, of Acadia, to Rawdon and Hants Co., N. S.
9. F. H. Beals, of Acadia, to East Side, St. Margarets Bay, Halifax Co., N. S.
10. J. W. Porter, of Acadia, to a field to be chosen by Cor. Secretary.

St. John Students.

There are several students from the Seminary in St. John, who will be ready to enter upon mission work about the middle of June. We hope to hear from destitute fields in N. B., so as to locate there in such a way that their travelling expenses will not be great as their vacation is short. Applications are continuing to come in so that those who want men must move quickly or they will be too late.

Men from Abroad.

Rev. John Brown has sent us the name of two men that are willing to come from England. The Board has invited one to come out at once. He is a young man well recommended and will, we doubt not, make an excellent pastor.

Donations.

The Rev. I. E. Bill has made us a donation of 50 volumes of his "Fifty Years with the Baptists" which he has authorized us to sell for \$2.00 per volume. Here is a chance for the friends of Home Missions to secure a valuable book and at the same time aid the mission. Send your orders to me at once.

The Milton Church, Queens Co., through their pastor Rev. C. R. B. Dodge have also made us a donation of 23 second hand Psalmists. These are intended for the poorest of our mission churches and will be sent on application of the missionary.

A. COHOON, Cor. Sec'y.

Halifax, April 18th, 1884.