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News from the Churches.

FROM REV. A. E. INGRAM.—Dear Brother,—A letter from bro. J. L. M. Young, and several postal cards from myself have informed your readers of my work here, and the gracious revival the church has just experienced, and now that the time has come to close the special work, I may be allowed to give some further particulars in reference thereto.

In April of last year, with some misgivings, but with faith in God and the word of his grace, I accepted a call to the pastorate for one year.

The church was scattered and torn by dissensions of a serious nature, its financial history was not flattering, and its spiritual life was exceedingly low; having been pastorless for nearly one and a half years. But by the divine blessing upon the efforts of a few faithful brethren who have co-operated with the pastor a great change has been effected.

The Scriptural plan of supporting the gospel by weekly offerings was introduced at the commencement of my pastorate, and with most gratifying results, for at the close of the year, the treasurer was able to report the pastor's salary paid in full, and a balance of nearly \$50.00 in hand; \$100.00 have been paid into the Convention Fund. A small debt on the repairs of their meeting house has been settled, the ladies have paid for a very fine organ and placed it in the gallery of the meeting house, the Sabbath School is greatly improved and its finances largely increased, and a new meeting house commensurate to the requirements and ability of the people is being very earnestly considered, and it is hoped will be commenced at no distant date.

But best of all, the Lord has stamped the work with his approval; for although we were permitted for months to mourn over the low condition of the spiritual life of the people, yet we were encouraged to believe that the precious gospel seed was bearing fruit and that the season for reaping would surely come; and at the commencement of last month, April, it was manifest that "The time to favour Zion, yea the set time" had come. As a result of the outpouring of the Holy Spirit, many have bowed to Jesus, and have received him as their Saviour and Lord.

Up to the time of my last communication to your readers thirty had been baptized, and last Sabbath morning I had the privilege of baptizing five others. These with fifteen received by letter and statement make a total of fifty added to the church during the year. A sincere result of revival influences, very serious dissensions among the brethren have been healed, and a good degree of union is now enjoyed by them. The new members are giving promise of great usefulness to the church of God, every one of them being regular in their attendance on the means of grace, and giving their testimonies for Jesus with great regularity and earnestness. The interest still continues, quite a number of young persons are under concern of mind relative to their spiritual state, and it is therefore with deep regret that I leave the field, but it is hoped that by so doing the peace and harmony of Zion may be promoted and that with a new pastor, as much union may obtain as our, at least, only partly sanctified human nature will admit of.

Believing that the great Head of the church will watch over and protect the interests of all concerned, I bade them farewell on Sabbath last. I am therefore at liberty to labour in some moderately compact field.

I am in the enjoyment of a good degree of health, and as soon as I am rested from the incessant toil of the

past six weeks I expect to visit some vacant church, with a view to settlement. Asking the prayers of God's people for the church here, as well as for myself.

I remain dear brother,
Yours to serve the best of Masters,
A. E. I.
Ohio, Yarmouth Co., N. S.,
May 14th, 1884.

NEWTON CENTRE, May 10th 1884.—Dear Bro. Selden,—The Newton Theological Institution will soon close a very prosperous and profitable year. A note concerning the Provincial students may be of interest to the readers of the Messenger. Bro. E. P. Caldwell will go to Sydney, C. B. Bro. G. A. Cleaveland has accepted a call to North Berwick, Maine. Bro. T. A. Howard is called to Amherst, N. H., and Bro. E. H. Jones, of St. John, N. B., will go to Japan, as Missionary under the American Board.

Bro. Edgar Hatfield has not decided upon a field of labor as yet. Of other provincial students Bro. Titus of the Middle Class will spend the Summer vacation at Winthrop. Bro. McLeod will go to P. E. Island. Bro. Goucher of the Junior Class will probably go to Nova Scotia. Bro. O. C. S. Wallace of the Junior Class, has been laid aside from class work for some time, but hopes to recover strength in time for next year's work. Newton was never better prepared to do effective work for students than now.

Fraternally,
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CANNING, May 5th, 1884.—Dear Brother,—We have reason for gratitude to God that he is answering the prayers of his people in this place, and that we are sharing somewhat in the quickening power of the Holy Spirit. For a few weeks we have been holding some special services, and God has blessed us. There is no excitement whatever, but a quiet work of grace seems to be going on in the hearts of the young. Some have found peace in believing and others are seeking Christ. We are praying that the good work may extend till many in our village shall be led to embrace the truth as it is in Jesus. There are very many in our midst "dead in trespasses and sins," and there is much need of a revival of "pure and undefiled religion."

I hope that the churches which have been so greatly blessed will pray for us. During the winter we held special meetings at Peregux and felt to some extent the reviving influence of the Spirit of God. Many of the members of the church were led to give up themselves anew to God, and to his service, some who had "left their first love," returned, and some we trust were truly converted.

Yours sincerely,
W. H. ROBINSON.

NEW HARBOUR, GUYSBORO' CO., May 11th.—Last Lord's Day it was my happy privilege to baptize an aged man at Tor Bay, in the 76th year of his age. Although the day was cold and rainy the aged disciple returned from the baptismal waters singing praises to God, reminding us of one who "went on his way rejoicing." The willing and obedient shall eat the good of the land.

"O that thou hadst hearkened to my commandments! then had thy peace been as a river, and thy righteousness as the waves of the sea."

Many more in that place are anxious about their soul's salvation. Grace and the powers of darkness seem to be in close contact these days. Let us rejoice that it is written, "He shall not fall nor be discouraged, till he have set judgment in the earth: and the isles shall wait for his law." "He

shall see his seed, he shall prolong his days and the pleasure of the Lord shall prosper in his hand."

D. MCLEOD.

NEW ALBANY.—We have been holding meetings here for some weeks, good has been done. It was our privilege to visit the baptismal waters the last Sabbath in April.

W. J. B.

PARADISE.—Rev. J. T. Eaton writes, May 19th: Since we reported the prosperity of the Lord's cause among us, it has been our privilege to baptize eight happy converts and by the blessing of God we expect to see others obeying their Lord's command.

MONCTON, N. B.—Dear Brother,—The religious interest in this church so quickened last year, in the gracious revival, still continues. All our services are well attended, and the social meetings for prayer and conference are seasons of refreshing. Three were baptized last Sabbath and others are anxious. I am able to report a growing interest in the benevolent work undertaken by the Convention. Our "Mission Band," now three years old, has just sent the third annual \$50 for the support of their native teacher.

Yours truly,
May 17th, GEO. O. GATES.

Correspondence.

For the Christian Messenger.

Home Missions.

The regular monthly meeting of the H. M. Board was held at the usual place of meeting on Monday, the 12th inst. The Treasurer reported receipts of the month \$37.50. We need to receive not less than \$2,500.00 before the 1st of August to prevent a debt.

Reports were received from Brethren D. Freeman, McGregor, Kinlay, E. N. Archibald, Brown, James Spencer, Richan, S. J. Archibald, Mellick, Woodland, Spurr, Shaw, Trimble, I. E. Bill, junr., Wallace, and the Osborne field.

Mission Appointments.

1. Mr. H. H. Hall, of Acadia College, a mission to New Minas during vacation, in place of Mr. H. B. Smith, appointed at last meeting.

2. Mr. H. B. Smith, of Acadia College, to Port Greenville, Cumberland Co., during vacation.

3. Mr. B. H. Thomas, of St. John Seminary, a mission to Grand Bay and adjoining villages on both sides of the river.

4. Mr. W. H. Jenkins, of St. John Seminary, a mission to Greenwich Hill and New Jerusalem during his vacation.

5. The other students of St. John Seminary to fields to be designated by the Cor. Secretary.

Delegate to Association.

Rev. J. E. Hopper, D.D., was appointed to represent the Board at the Southern New Brunswick Association, and to present the claims of the H. M. work.

Some facts and figures will be published next week to enable committees to prepare reports for Associations.

Remarks.

1. The reports for the past quarter are for the most part very encouraging. Many of the Missionary pastors are rejoicing over sinners saved and saints revived. Everything is encouraging except the financial department. We are hoping that June and July will bring a change for the better.

2. A large number of young men have been sent to supply fields destitute of pastors. We bespeak for them a warm welcome and hearty co-operation. They are all well recommended as good and true men. Do not expect too much of them, but do all you can for them. Pray for them, encourage them, and pay them as liberally as you can.

On behalf of the Board,
A. CONNOR, Cor. Sec'y.

Hebron, May 16th, 1884.

P. S.—Will all students who have gone to the fields please notify me, and send their P. O. address. A. C.

For the Christian Messenger.

The Mission to Africa.

HALIFAX, N. S., May 19, 1884.

To the Editor of the Messenger:

Please allow me a short space in your columns to express my heartfelt thanks to the warm-hearted people of Windsor and Wolfville, for their generous response to my appeal for the African Mission. The 8th of May I visited the neat and beautiful town of Windsor. While there I was especially reminded of God in nature. The green and smiling earth, the bright and beautiful sunshine, the pure air, the sweet songs of the birds, the extensive views of the Basin of Minas and the surrounding country, all seemed to have tongues speaking of the wisdom, knowledge, love, and glory of God. Attended prayer at the Baptist church Wednesday evening. Their much beloved and fluent pastor, Rev. Foshey, led it. He addressed them most eloquently. Theme, "Trusting in God." A cloud of mercy has been hanging over his church and many of the mercy-drops have fallen upon them. By the push, vim, and energy of the pastor, under God, the church has been wonderfully blessed. He has, indeed, made for himself a very warm place in the hearts of the people of Windsor, especially among his own church and congregation.

May 10th, the writer arrived in the tidy, prosperous, intelligent and aristocratic village of Wolfville. He is soon at the College. The first gentleman he calls upon is the learned and honored Dr. Sawyer, who gives him a hearty endorsement both by his recommendation and money, also a hearty "God bless you." From him he goes to the other Professors, and they do likewise. Leaving these learned and Christian gentlemen, he calls upon the very highly esteemed and generous Deacon J. W. Bars, who makes his liberal offering for the African Mission, regarding it not only a duty but a privilege. He remarked, under God all his children had been happily converted, and that alone would more than doubly repay him for all he had given to the cause of Christ. In fact he regards all he possesses as belonging to the Lord. The next person with whom I became acquainted was the highly esteemed, learned and eloquent pastor, Rev. Mr. Higgins, who gave me a hearty welcome, wishing the Holy Spirit to "rest upon me and my work." The writer had the pleasure of forming the acquaintance of the good, great and venerable Dr. Crawley. He wished him God speed in his mission work. The Baptist Church in Wolfville seems to be in a blooming condition. Quite a number have been recently converted and added to the church. The work of grace is still going on. May the smile of Heaven rest upon Windsor and Wolfville.

Yours for the redemption of Africa,
H. H. JOHNSON,
Gen. Trav. B. F. M. O., &c.

For the Christian Messenger.

Prohibition.

DEAR EDITOR,—

As your readers, generally, are supposed to be deeply interested in the progress of total abstinence principles, and the total annihilation of the traffic which has so blighted our fair world, they will hail with pleasure the important measure passed at the quarterly session of the Grand Division, in Grand Pre, viz.: "That all the Religious and Temperance bodies in Nova Scotia, and the Grand Division, and through them the Religious and Temperance bodies of the other Provinces of the Dominion be invited to co-operate in rolling in such a petition as has never before been presented to any parliament, asking for a general act against the manufacture, importation and sale of intoxicating liquors."

This is an important movement, and the Banner Grand Division of the world, with its 15,000 members, is a suitable leader on to the fight and eventual victory.

Let the people of the Dominion express in unmistakable terms, to crush out this soul and body-destroying monster, and if need be repeat the request, and if this fails, let the true temperance

men of each political party at their caucus meetings insist on men being nominated who will pledge themselves to carry this measure, and thus give the traffic a "death blow," and rob it of the respectable garb it now wears. When this is done, and is backed up by enforcement, a large number of individuals will give up the business which no longer has the sanction of the law, even though liquors may still find their way into the Dominion. The Dominion Parliament seems to invite, through some of its leaders, an expression of opinion, and appear willing to enact such a law when the people are ready for it. Robbery, murder, &c., is stamped with heavy law penalties, and why should not a death traffic, far, far worse than either, with African slavery added, be so stigmatized and wiped out.

Yours in L. P. and F.,
W. J. G.

News of the World.

An effort was made again on Tuesday 13th to make up a vote of censure of the British Government. An animated discussion followed. It was however rejected by 303 against 275. The Parnellites voted with the minority. Lord Randolph Churchill compared Mr. Gladstone's speech with the declaration of Pontius Pilate publicly washing his hands of the blood of a just man. The small majority secured by the Government is looked upon as the sensation of the session. Thousands of persons vainly endeavored to gain admission to the galleries.

The Standard Thursday morning 14th inst., says: "The Opposition have decided that in case the Franchise Bill reaches the House of Lords, a motion will be proposed on its second reading which if carried, will be tantamount to its rejection. The proposers of the motion will show that the Tories are not opposed to the extension of the Franchise, but to the piecemeal partisan manner of the Government in its dealings with the Franchise question. The motion will doubtless be carried. It is hoped the Government will thus be afforded an opportunity of dissolving the House of Commons, and holding a general election before the harvests."

The following is a somewhat difficult paragraph to understand: "A scheme for a canal from the Atlantic Ocean to the Mediterranean Sea, converting the Siberian Peninsula into an island, has been signed between the founders of the scheme and the contractors for the Suez Canal, for a canal capable of taking the largest vessels through. The founders have asked the French Government for a guarantee of £400,000 yearly, to begin from 1889 when the works are expected to be completed. Siberian, we suppose, is incorrect. In one of the morning papers it is the Sahara. Should it not be Spanish?"

The reported rupture of friendly relations between France and Morocco has been confirmed.

Osman Digna has attacked the friendly tribes on their way to Tamasieb, and scattered them.

Rumors have reached Cairo that Gen. Gordon left Khartoum recently, and returned there in three days, finding escape impossible.

It is said that Queen Victoria is negotiating for the purchase of Villa Nevada, at Cannes, in which Prince Leopold died, and that Her Majesty's intention is to convert it into a convent and chapel in memory of the dead Prince.

Lord Randolph Churchill has been unanimously selected Chairman of the National Conservative Union.

Earl Granville announced that refugees from Koro-ko and Berber had arrived at Cairo. They report General Gordon well and that sorties he had made had been successful.

Liverpool was visited by a disastrous fire on Saturday last among the cotton warehouses where much valuable property was stored.

At St. Petersburg, the police have ascertained that most of the officers up to the rank of captain in the artillery brigade at Navgoroff, and in the regiment of infantry at Sarahoff, are Nihilists. Several arrests have been made.

A movement is on foot among some leading business firms in New York to give President Arthur an expression of confidence in his administration and to

renominate him for President by the National Republican Convention.

The United States Senate have passed a bill placing General U. S. Grant on the army retired list. He will receive the full pay of a general, amounting to about \$19,500.

Worcester, Mass., was visited by a destructive fire on Thursday night. The Pakachoag mill owned by George Crompton, a brick building, 270 feet long and four stories high, was burned. It was used for the manufacture of woolen yarn, and was running day and night. The fire spread so rapidly that many of the operatives had to jump from the upper windows. The total loss is roughly estimated at \$150,000, on which there is an insurance of \$28,300 on building, and \$84,000 on stock and machinery. Many of the operatives were seriously injured by jumping from windows, and several of the wounded are likely to die. It is feared that additional bodies will be found in the ruins.

The failure of Grant, Ward & Co. has been followed by a host of other bankers and banking institutions and a general condition of insecurity has followed, causing great consternation in business circles. There were 182 failures in the United States last week and about the same the week before. A number of banks throughout the country having correspondence with those of New York have been obliged to close their doors and suspend temporarily. There is of course a large amount of speculation as to what will follow. There is much alarm in the Western cities. Some will doubtless make money by purchasing stocks at a large depreciation, and thus ruin the smaller and more cautious firms. In the case of Grant and Ward a telegram on Friday stated that Mr. Davies the assignee had discovered liabilities amounting to between \$14,000,000 and \$15,000,000. The collateral for these debts are worth probably from \$10,000,000 to \$15,000,000. I do not think the unsecured debts will amount to more than \$3,000,000 or \$4,000,000."

On Saturday Mr. Ferdinand Ward was under examination before Mr. Cole and he was asked, "when you desired money, how did you go to work to get it?" "I drew a check upon the Marine Bank, where securities were deposited to the credit of Grant and Ward." "Then the real nature of your business consisted in discounting the fanciful prospect of imaginary profits to be derived from fictitious contracts founded on the manufacture of loans and artificial contributions of altogether imaginary money?" Ward appeared staggered for a moment as a laugh went round, but after asking to have the question repeated reluctantly admitted it might be true although he would prefer not to answer.

The despatches on Monday said the stock market Saturday closed firm. There were no more failures, and the financial flurry is now regarded as a past event. Large orders for American securities continue to pour in from London and the continent.

The Dr. S. A. Richmond Medicine Co., has failed for \$150,000, with no assets. The same concern failed for a large amount some two years ago. Its liabilities then as now consisted of debts due to newspapers throughout the country for advertising.

A fearful disaster occurred on the Baltimore and Ohio Railroad on Wednesday causing a terrific loss of life. A collision took place between a freight train bound west and a construction train having fifty laborers on board. It took place at a sharp curve where they could not see each other before they met, both going at a high rate of speed. A number of the laborers, variously estimated from twelve to twenty, were killed and many injured. The engines remained on the track and telescoped each other. The front car of the gravel train was a scene of death. In it six men were killed outright, and four others, who were fastened down by broken timbers, were roasted to death, the car catching fire from an overturned stove and burning up before the stupefied survivors could comprehend the awful situation of their shrieking companions. The wreck itself was a ghastly sight. The officials decline to say who is to blame.

An English paper says: It is estimated that during the present year about 20,000 of the colored inhabitants of Jamaica will leave that colony. Large numbers are emigrating to Panama, where, we are informed, many are in a destitute condition.