

News from the Churches.

South Shore Items.

TANCOOK.—This may be termed a "Baptist island." Little and Big Tancook have about 400 inhabitants, almost entirely a Baptist population.

CHESTER.—Bro. J. F. Kempton is doing good work for the Master in his quiet but interesting field, and is highly prized.

OAK ISLAND.—Through the kindness of James Rafuse, Esq., we paid a visit to this famed Capt. Kidd's "treasure pit."

OAK ISLAND.—Worthy of imitation.—Deacon John Andrews, known far and wide for his deep-toned piety and correspondingly good works in connection with the Mahone Bay Baptist Church, and his influence over the donor of the church debt—the late Edward Young—on the stormy Sabbath morning would hold "a meeting at home," himself, wife, daughter and the two strangers joining.

MAHONE BAY.—Brother A. W. Bars has moved into the new parsonage, almost free from debt. The church, one of the finest in the county, is also free of debt, except a few hundred dollars due yet by pew holders.

LUNenburg.—The new Baptist Church in this old town is a credit to the few zealous workers and the generous friends outside who came to the rescue. It will soon be opened. May some whole-souled worker be located in this shire town.

BEAR RIVER.—God is still blessing us as a church; I have been holding some meetings at the "Back Line" a settlement about four miles out from Bear River, and God is working wonderfully among the people.

As to-day Saturday, the 6th inst., is our regular Conference in the village, we had a Conference at the Back Line on Friday. Nine were received for baptism, six of the nine were heads of families, and an old man who has passed his three score and ten. We had service again in the evening after Conference and I think in many respects it was the most powerful meeting I ever attended.

At St. Petersburg on Wednesday last twelve Nihilists were captured holding a meeting in a restaurant under the guise of a ball. Important documents were found in their possession and fell into the hands of the police.

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that will be long remembered. It seemed to me if Heaven is no better I would like to dwell in Heaven. Oh that the fire may reach this town and indeed the whole earth.

Yours, &c. Wm. E. HALL. Dec. 6, 1884.

News of the World.

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Governor-general, when the British corvette Tenedos was successfully docked. The dock is one of the largest on this side of the Atlantic, being 600 feet long and 132 feet in width, with a draught of water of 25 feet. It will accommodate easily the largest ocean steamer afloat. The cost of the structure is \$600,000.

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Representative Perry Belmont, who has been prominently identified with the movement to bring about negotiations between the United States and Great Britain for a reciprocity treaty with Canada, being asked about the resolutions introduced by him at the last session on the part of the committee of foreign affairs, replied that he thought the whole question of treaties should be postponed until Mr Cleveland is inaugurated.

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