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Correspondence.

For the Christian Messenger.
Home Missions.

The regular meeting of the Home Mission Board was held on the 11th inst.

Treasurer reported receipts of the month \$549.00.

Mission reports were received from Brethren Edwards, Archibald, Marnie, Freeman, Henderson, Bleakney, Brown, Mellick, Weeks and Wallace.

Grants.

1. To the Marsh Bridge Church, St. John, \$100.00 for current year. Rev. James Spencer, pastor.

2. To the New Ross field, N. S., \$50.00 for one year. Bro. S. G. Archibald, missionary.

3. To the Osborne field, \$100.00 for one year. Rev. P. R. Foster, pastor.

Remarks.

The labours of our general missionary Rev. Isa. Wallace have been greatly blessed during the month of January. He reports 33 baptized and 8 added by letter and experience. During this time he has laboured at Kempt and Greenfield, Queens Co.

Brother Henderson of the Tobique field, N. B., reports 5 baptized and a new station opened.

Brother Brown of Digby reports three baptized and outlook encouraging.

Financial.

Six months of the fiscal year have passed and we have received only \$1208.29. The debt of the past year was upwards of \$600.00. The reports for second quarter are coming in and the missionaries have not yet received their pay for the 1st quarter. "Men of Israel help!"

A. COHOON, Cor. Secy.
Hebron, Feb. 14, 1884.

For the Christian Messenger.

Notes from Sackville, N. B.

Dear Editor:

The 3rd ult., closed the first year of the new organization known as the Baptist Church of Sackville. A glance at what has been done leads us to thank God and take courage. We think it would not be a misappropriation of your space to make a note of it for the encouragement of other pastors and Churches toiling in faith amid discouragements. By the blessing of the Lord we have been enabled to perform the labor required in attending 144 prayer meetings, 42 conference meetings, 24 communion services, 16 funerals, 10 business meetings, 18 temperance meetings, 36 meetings to practise singing, 30 sessions of Bible School, besides preaching 259 sermons and making 784 family visits. During the year 116, by baptism and otherwise, have been added to the church. Never before last winter has a Baptist Bible School existed here in the winter months. Now we have 3 schools in connection with the church. The aggregate attendance on the 3rd inst., (I was from home on the 10th) was 181. Our congregations are large. The brethren are of one mind. The prospects for another year of successful work for the dear Master are very bright. Will the reader pray that we may have grace to be faithful?

The natural consequence of Spiritual prosperity is a healthful financial status. At the commencement of our work we threw away the old time honor, but we think, unscriptural subscription papers and adopted instead the free-will and first-day-of-the-week offering of the people for the support of the Pastor and to meet the current expenses of the church. The result has been about seventy-five per cent. more remuneration than both churches, when acting apart and on the old system were wont to give.

Christmas morning I found at our door a nice sleigh and robe accompanied by an appreciative note showing it to be the gift of 25 young gentlemen, none of them members of the church. New Year's morning we found on our table two sets of forks and a set of spoons—all of the best silver—the gift of the Salem congregation to Mrs. Macdonald and bearing her initials. Many other smaller presents, such as a barrel of

flour, &c., &c., came to us during those days of good cheer. A few days ago the friends took possession of our wood yard and left it the better by 25 cords of fire wood. On Thursday afternoon last more than 50 able-bodied men, with saws and axes, attacked those piles of wood and such slaughtering I have never seen before nor do I expect to see the like again till this time next year. In the evening the ladies came with their baskets and the gentlemen with their parcels and purses until the spacious parsonage was filled to overflowing, and after a most enjoyable evening they retired at a seasonable hour, leaving us the richer by upwards of \$244, including the presents mentioned above and others received, but exclusive of the 25 cords of firewood prepared for the stoves. Besides the above, on moving into the excellent parsonage purchased by the church during the year, the brethren covered their roomy hall with the best of English oil cloth, a friend made me a present of a hall stove, a good brother supposing my study stove not sufficiently large to make me comfortable, unceremoniously carried it out into the wood house, placing a better one in its stead, and the ladies thoroughly and handsomely furnished a large "prophet's chamber" at a cost of \$70. This beautiful and comfortable home thus equipped surrounded by its orchard and broad fields—in all 9½ acres—is the church's free gift to the pastor during his pastorate. Surely the lines are fallen unto us in pleasant places and we have a goodly heritage. May God help us to be faithful to the people whose generosity we so liberally enjoy.

Permit me also to say that although this church is thus mindful of her pastor she is not forgetful of the other and equally just claims that come to her as God's instrument for good in the world. To her belongs the honor of being among a few mentioned by your recent correspondent who went over a dollar per member in support of the benevolent objects of the denomination. The amount contributed being \$337; the membership being 238, making \$1.41½ per member. (For amount contributed see Year Book page 101; for membership see page 139.)

Dear Editor, by the above record it will be seen that, as a church, we are striving to come nearer to the requirements of Malachi 3. 10., we are also humbly looking for the fulfilment of the great and gracious promise in that verse contained. We hope that our next communication will be an account of the conversion of precious souls. For this we sincerely ask an interest in the prayers of the reader.

Yours in toil and hope,
D. G. MACDONALD.

Sackville, N. B., Feb. 13, 1884.

P. S.—Having exchanged with Bro. M. P. Freeman—the beloved pastor of the churches at Great Village and Acadia Mines—last Lord's day, it was my privilege to preach for Bro. Miles at Portauque, in the neat and comfortable house of worship dedicated to the service of God just a fortnight before. Bro. Miles is abundant in labors and deserves much credit for the persevering energy which enabled him and his bands of workers to complete this house being the third recently built by him on this field—the other two being at Economy and Acadia Mines. "The field is the world" and Bro. Miles covers his share of it. May his bow abide in strength.
D. G. M.

For the Christian Messenger.
A Pleasant Surprise.

Friday evening last was made very enjoyable to a large number of the members of the Baptist Church and congregation of Hebron, who met at the residence of their pastor, Rev. A. Cohoon, for a sociable. Tea was furnished by the ladies, and they performed their part right nobly. The tables literally groaned under their burden, and although there were so many to relieve them, the supply proved inexhaustible. At an early hour they commenced to assemble; and continued until one hundred and fifty, or more, occupied the rooms of his spacious house.

The evening was very pleasantly spent by all present, each appearing perfectly at ease, and endeavouring to make others happy.

Vocal and instrumental music and a

free use of the conversational powers provided an abundance of employment for all.

After tea was over and some time had been spent in a social manner, one of the deacons invited Mrs. Cohoon to accompany him to the study, where Mr. Cohoon was then sitting; and, on behalf of those present, presented each of them with a purse, one donated by the ladies for Mrs. Cohoon and the other by the gentlemen for Mr. Cohoon, accompanied by a very feeling address, expressive of the strong and growing attachment, which the people had to their pastor, and their desire that he might long be spared "to break to them the Bread of Life." Mr. Cohoon replied in suitable terms on behalf of himself and his good lady, fully reciprocating the feeling of good will and attachment, and recounting the many kindly acts of his people. Several highly eulogistic addresses were made by other gentlemen present, and one spirit pervaded all, the first and greatest desire being to glorify God and extend His work.

Among the other presents were a carpet for their drawing-room, a very nice winter overcoat for Mr. Cohoon, and some chairs and other furniture, including an easy-chair for Mr. Cohoon, and rocker for Mrs. Cohoon. A very nice Bible was sent as a New Year's gift by one of the absent members. A number of other articles were also presented, equally useful and very valuable.

The total value of all is between one hundred and thirty and one hundred and forty dollars. One pleasing feature of the affair was that it was not announced as a donation visit and the gifts were entirely voluntary and so a happy surprise to Mr. and Mrs. Cohoon. Such kindly acts show how deep a hold the pastor has upon the hearts of his people; and one present could not help feeling that such a pastor was worthy of such people, and such a people deserved such a pastor. May he long be a blessing to them and they to him!

ONE PRESENT.

Hebron, Yarmouth, Feb. 13, 1884.

News from the Churches.

WINDSOR.—A gracious revival of religion is now in progress amongst us here. Several have been baptized and many others are seeking a place among God's people. To the Lord be all the glory.
H. FOSHAY.
Feb. 13, 1884.

UPPER AYLESFORD.—We are glad to learn from Rev. J. L. Read, that the Church, of which he is the devoted pastor, is enjoying a good degree of spiritual prosperity, twelve have recently joined the Church, five by baptism, seven by letter.

SUSSEX, N. E.—Dear Editor,—The work of grace still goes on among us. The Church was full to overflowing last evening, and twelve candidates were received for Church fellowship, and will be baptized to-morrow morning. Many others are enquiring for the way of life. The Church is greatly revived and encouraged.
SYDNEY WELTON.
Saturday, Feb. 16th, 1884.

BARRINGTON.—The friends who contributed for the re-erection of the Wood's Harbor meeting house will be pleased to hear that the Lord has manifested his presence and power in the new structure. The vestry, which is in the basement, was completed and opened for service last summer. It is a comfortable room accommodating about 200 persons. Of late it has been filled with eager listeners. The church, which for some time past has been in a state of declension and dissension, is now greatly revived. Breaches are healed and backsliders reclaimed. Six have been added by baptism and there is good prospect of still further increase. Many hearts are touched and the whole community seems to be moved by

religious feeling. The outside of the house is finished, with the exception of the front end which will be completed in the Spring. The main audience room will be carried on as the circumstances of the people permit. About 15 years ago there was but one Baptist in the community. Now a goodly number of the peculiar people are worshipping in their second house, and the glory of the latter house seems likely to be greater than the glory of the former. "God hath done great things for us whereof we are glad."

Yours fraternally,
Feb. 13 W. H. R.

FROM CHESTER.—You will be glad to learn that our hopes and expectations have been partly realized and we have been permitted to gather in a few sheaves. To-day at Chester Basin we welcomed eight into the fellowship of the church. Three of these are heads of families—one a man of nearly seventy. The others are young men and women. Oh, may the Lord give them a mind to work in His vineyard.

Others are apparently interested in the subject of salvation through Christ. We hope many more will come to Him.

J. F. KEMPTON.

Chester, Feb. 17th, 1884.

FROM TRYON, P. E. I.—Dear Messenger.—Since last writing to you two have been added to the church by baptism, and one by letter.

We have been called to mourn the loss of one of our most beloved and active members in the death of Brother Samuel Newsom. About ten years ago the Holy Spirit took possession of his heart, and his character was fashioned by its heavenly influence. He was baptized by the Rev. D. W. Crandal, and united with the Baptist Church.

Many will long remember with what a reverent and loving spirit he approached the mercy seat, and spoke of his Saviour, urging all to give their hearts to Him. He aimed to bring sinners to Jesus, and had the pleasure of seeing many confess Him. His memory is fragrant to all who had the pleasure of his acquaintance.

The church deplore his early removal from earth, yet nevertheless rejoice in the evident tokens of his zeal and fidelity to the cause of truth, and service of the Lord; and expectantly, await a joyous re-union in the better land. Our loss is great but his gain is infinite. May we, all be followers of those who through faith and patience inherit the promises. On the 24th and 28th of January the church and congregation made us donations amounting in all to \$100.00. May the Lord abundantly reward them.

The W. M. A. Society is prospering. A large Bible Class is ably conducted by deacon W. B. Howatt.

Mrs. Corey who has been very ill is recovering slowly. Pray for us.
Yours very truly,
E. B. COREY.

February 11th.

PATERSON, NEW JERSEY.—The friends of the Rev. J. B. McQuillin will be pleased to read the following brief extract from a letter just received from him:—"I have been much blessed in my work since coming to Paterson. The Church has more than doubled in membership, and we have now commenced the construction of a large stone building, better suited to our work than the one we are now occupying. Indeed we have entirely outgrown our present quarters, and a large and more commodious building is a necessity."

Bishop Crowther has succeeded in erecting a church at Chrik, West Africa. The work was done by the natives under the supervision of the Bishop and his party, who taught them not only to make bricks, but to do all the necessary work.

In Memoriam

MRS. ROBERT THOMPSON,

Died at Hammonds Plains, on Monday the 11th of February, in the ninety eighth year of her age, and was buried from the residence of her son Samuel Thompson, Esq., on Wednesday afternoon the 13th inst. at two o'clock. The funeral service was conducted by the pastor of the North Baptist Church, Halifax. Rev. J. W. Manning, who addressed the friends assembled from the words "Thou shalt come to thy grave in a full age like as a shock of corn cometh in in his season"—Job. v. 26. The maiden name of our late sister was Margaret Duncan. She was born in Chester, and was converted to God and united with the Baptist church of that place in her sixteenth year. The ordinance of baptism was administered by Father Joseph Dimock of blessed memory. Her friends were all strict Episcopalians and for a time her life was made quite uncomfortable, but her convictions of duty were strong and deep and she never wavered from the path she had chosen. In her 22nd year she was married to the late Robert Thompson of Hammonds Plains, whom she survived sixteen years. They had ten children, nine sons and one daughter, some of whom are still living, besides a large number of grand children and great grand children. Sister Thompson was one of the constituent members of the church at Hammonds Plains when it was organized under the labors of the late Rev. George Richardson, well known as Father Richardson, and she remained a faithful and consistent member until her death. Her connection with the church of Christ extended over a period of eighty-two years. Through sunshine and shade—amid joys and sorrows—in prosperity and adversity, she faltered not, nor fainted by the way. Sustained by the grace of God, her soul was fed by His word and by the ordinances of His house, until she was deprived of the privilege of meeting with His people in the place of prayer. She retained the use of her faculties until the last, memory only giving away. The life of our departed sister is a happy illustration of the sustaining grace of God. Eighty years a christian! and never regretting the day she left all, a maiden of sixteen summers, to follow Christ. Truly can it be said of her, 'she being dead yet speaketh.'

Home News

Nova Scotia.

APPOINTMENTS.—Colchester Co.—To be a Justice of the Peace—A. S. D. Fulton, of Bass River.

Cape Breton Co.—To be a Justice of the Peace—Joseph H. McKinnon, of Shubenacadie.

To constitute the Central Board of Agriculture—District No. 1—General J. W. Laurie, Oakland; 2—Col. W. E. Starratt, Paradise; 3—C. E. Brown, Yarmouth; 4—Israel Longworth, Truro, 5—David Matheson, Pictou; 6—John McKean, Mabou, C. B.

To be Commissioners for giving relief to Insolvent Debtors, &c.—James L. Hemeon, of Liverpool, for the County of Queens, and William McCully, of Amherst, for the County of Cumberland.

Queens County.—To be a Commissioner of Schools—Henry G. Freeman, of Greenfield, and Wm. McLeod, of South Brookfield.

Kings County.—To be Commissioners for conveying logs and lumber down the Gasperaux River from its source to "White Rock Mills," and for removing obstructions from said stream and otherwise carrying out the provisions of Chapter 66 of the Revised Statutes, 4th Series—John S. Woodworth, in the place of Dr. J. R. Hee, removed from County.

FROM WOLFVILLE we learn that the Rev. C. Goodspeed delivered a very excellent lecture before the Acadia Athenaeum on Friday last on "The Criteria of Skeptics and their Skepticism." The lecture was very attentively listened to throughout, and many of the points elicited applause, though the subject was not what is understood as a popular one. It was a very thoughtful scholarly discourse, and calculated to be very helpful to those who are unfortunately entangled in the toils of unbelief.

"The Old Life Preserver" is what they call Johnson's Anodyne Liniment way up in Maine where it is made. This name is well deserved, for it is the best liniment in the world. It will certainly prevent diphtheria, and will relieve croup and asthma instantly.—Western Paper.

The Halifax Company's Steamship Widdrington shipped for London last week: 20,500 bushels Ontario peas; 149 packages Dartmouth rope; 1,000 boxes Digby chicken; 40 cases canned game; 231 cases canned meat; 25 tons hay, and 76 barrels Antimony ore. The Widdrington's cargo was principally deals from St. John. She also had considerable freight from Annapolis.

Jotham O'Brien, of Maccan, has been awarded the contract for building another new steamer to replace the lost Princess Louise, which was built by him. The new vessel will be similar to the Louise.

The Western Chronicle says that Mr. Levi Clark, of Lower Canada, has a pair of fat cattle which weigh 4,500 lbs. The Chronicle thinks these are the biggest in the county, or perhaps in the Province.

W. F. Webster, Kentville, recently had fourteen sheep worried to death by dogs.

We have had what is very unusual in the month of February a week or more of bare ground. Snow was cleared away by the genial showers and then frozen ground, till, on Monday afternoon a new fall of snow began making excellent sleighing.

CAPTAIN ROOD of the steamship, *Edgar Stewart*, has just brought to our notice a most remarkable case of a young lady who was a passenger with him some little time ago, who was on her way home "to die as she expressed herself," as she had been told by her physician that there was no hope of her recovery, that she was in an advanced stage of consumption, and recommended her to get home.

The captain seeing that she was very sick and having a very severe cough, gave her a bottle, that he had on board of Putner's Syrup Hypophosphites, which at once relieved her cough, and gave her much comfort. When she got home she continued the bottle and found that it had done her so much good, that a messenger was despatched to the captain to get the patient half a dozen bottles.

The patient has been taking it for some time and has improved in a most astonishing manner, so that she is now able to attend to her duties, and enjoys better health than she has for over two years.

This is not the first charitable act of Captain Rood, and who always looks after the interest of the passengers committed to his care, and says, "I always recommended your Syrup, as I could do it with the utmost confidence from the personal experience I have had with it, and I consider my medicine chest not complete without Putner's Syrup Hypophosphites."

Dominion of Canada.

In the House of Commons the Canada Pacific Railway resolutions are still under discussion. Of course the matter of the Winter Port being in the Maritime Provinces comes in as an element for our representatives.

Mr. Cameron (of Inverness) attacked the Local Government of Nova Scotia, on their railway policy.

Sir Charles Tupper referring to Mr. Cameron's statement, said that though, as the House well knew, he was never indisposed to meet an opponent, yet he would not say anything against the present Government of Nova Scotia, for the reason that they were not represented on the floor of the House, and could not answer. Last session the Government of the Dominion had shown anxiety to do what it could to secure communication to Cape Breton, having granted a bonus towards the building of a road. The question whether enough had been given was the subject for consideration, and no doubt both sides of the House would give full consideration not only to the claims of Nova Scotia, but other promises as well.

Mr. Vail said he had supported the Government in granting aid last year, but had represented to the Minister of Railways that it was not sufficient to secure the construction of the road through Cape Breton. He was extremely anxious and he was sure the Local Government were also that the road should be built.

Mr. Stearns said the reason why the Local Government had not taken steps to build the road was because, as the contracts were drawn by their predecessors, the contractors could not be compelled to go on with the work.

On Wednesday the report of the Minister of Marine and Fisheries was laid before Parliament. It shows that the total number of casualties to British, Canadian and foreign sea going vessels reported to the department as having occurred in Canadian waters and to Canadian vessels in foreign waters was 248 last year, representing a tonnage of 118,504 tons. The amount of loss to vessels and cargoes being, as far as ascertained, \$1,448,741. The number of lives lost was 199, of which 157 were in Canadian waters.

The total value of the fisheries of Canada for 1883 are estimated as follows:

Nova Scotia.....	\$7,621,500
New Brunswick.....	3,185,675
Quebec.....	2,356,000
Prince Edward Island.....	1,258,500
British Columbia.....	2,000,000
Ontario.....	800,000

Total value.....\$17,251,675

nearly half a million dollars over the value of 1882. This increase is almost entirely confined to the item of codfish, which may be largely attributed to remunerative prices.