

Some Absent Ministers.

We are glad always to hear of the labors and work of our "exiled brethren"—those, we mean, who have left their work, for a time at least, in the United States. In the last issue of the "Morning Star" we find mention made of four of them. For information of those at home who remember the brethren, and will rejoice in their prosperity—and they are few—we quote:

Chelsea, Mas. (Horace Memorial). H. Lockhart, pastor. The annual business meeting, roll call, and election officers was held on Wednesday evening, Jan. 3. The reports showed different departments of the church to be in a very encouraging condition. The treasurer reported a clean balance sheet, as usual, for another year of service. It showed that over \$100 had been raised for various purposes and expended during the year.

Raymond, Maine. Rev. A. H. McLeod, pastor. "We have spent four Christmas anniversaries in Raymond. It has passed without our dear friends reminding us of their interest in us by tangible expressions of their sympathy. This year was, in many respects, better than any previous one. Christmas night the Sunday-school had the best entertainment it ever had, the people say. Another good time was spent at the parsonage the 27th ult., being our "donation" circle. Sixty persons brought us many useful things, besides presenting a purse of money to Mrs. McLeod. For all of these things we are very grateful, and hope that such intimate relations between pastor and people will result in the gathering into Christ of all about us."

War Notes.

Not much news has come from the front of war during the past week. But what has been received has been encouraging. Gen. Buller is not saying a great deal, but is evidently carrying out his plan for the relief of Ladysmith. His report—"I think we are making substantial progress," is borne out by the facts which have come to hand about the movements of the divisions of his army. The Tugela has been crossed by Gens. Buller, Warren and Lyttleton. They have had to fight every yard of the way, but they have steadily advanced towards the relief of the beleaguered force at Ladysmith. The latest despatch in this writing (Monday) says,

The despatches of the correspondents with Gen. Buller's headquarters practically cover all of the Natal movement that is allowed to be published, while Gen. Buller provides what comment the carefully curtailed despatches omit. There is some doubt as to the exact distribution of the British forces, but Gen. Clerly is probably in the centre, Gen. Lyttleton on the right centre, Gen. Warren on the left centre, and Gen. Dunderdahl on the left. Thus Potgieter's Division is the fighting right base and Acton Homes the left. It is for this reason that Gen. Warren acquired two flanking kopjes that are fairly behind and to the east of the Boers' position at Spion Kop, but as Gen. Buller says the fighting is still up hill, it is clear that Gen. Warren has not yet reached the summit of the Ladysmith road, which falls for four miles to Clydesdale after five miles up hill from Venter's Spruit. If the troops on his right successfully advance, and the right is pushed to the summit, the Boers will really be turned and forced towards Ladysmith, when Gen. While, commanding the troops there will possibly be able to cooperate, turning them northward, where they will have the railway and a series of fine positions.

News of the relief of Ladysmith is hoped for any day. The British fleet is carefully watching Delagoa Bay to prevent the landing of arms and ammunition for the Boers. The difficulties over the seizing and search of steamers from Germany, France and the United States, which seemed threatening, are apparently over. The British government seizes provisions only when intended for the enemy's army. The New Zealand troops had a brush with the Boers at Rensburg, and repulsed them. The Colonial troops are doing themselves credit. Full particulars of the Boer assault on Ladysmith on the 6th inst, show that it was a most persistent and skillful attack, and that only brave and watchful warriors could have withstood the foe and hurled him back as General White and his brave force did. The Boer loss was very heavy. The first instalment of the second Canadian contingent for South Africa

embarked on the Laurentian at Halifax on Saturday. It consisted of "D" Battery, and the most of "E" Battery. There were many people in Halifax to see the troops sail; there was a march through the principal streets on the way to the ship, there was a good display of bunting, but no extraordinary expression of enthusiasm—due, perhaps, to the fog and rain and mud, or to the indisposition of Halifax to show any special interest in anything but itself. The cheering, what there was of it, was apparently mostly by the visitors, friends and relatives of the departing soldiers, and by the soldiers who are waiting for the next ship. A transport sailing from St. John would get a send off that would shame the spiritless affair at Halifax. Possibly it is because Halifax has always a large number of regular soldiers that it is not moved by the sight of Canadian volunteers, even when they are going to the front in behalf of the Empire.

The soldiers of the second contingent are a fine looking lot of men, and will be sure to be an honour to Canada and the Empire wherever they go and whatever duty is given them to do. Twenty men of "E" Battery are grievously disappointed. They probably feel that they have been unfairly treated, though with soldier-like spirit, they will say nothing about it. But those who know the circumstances of their being left till the sailing of the next ship do not hesitate to say that they deserved better treatment. The disappointed men are those of the Newcastle section of the New Brunswick part of the Battery. They had cared for their horses so well that they landed them in Halifax and shipped them in good condition. Thursday night the Quebec section of the Battery arrived with their horses in bad condition, so that they were not fit to go on the Laurentian. Saturday morning, after the men were in line ready to march to the ship, the twenty Newcastle men were ordered to remain in Halifax to take care of the horses that were unfit to ship. They obeyed without question. But their friends think that if the officer in whose charge they were had been as thoughtful of his men as he should have been he would have insisted on their having fairplay. The men who, by neglect or incompetence, were responsible for the horses bad condition should have been left to take care of them. New Brunswickers, who had done their duty, should not have been made to bear the burden of the neglect of the Quebecers. But the boys will, doubtless bear their disappointment, and all that is involved in it, with manly patience, doing their duty faithfully—even when it should have been the duty of others.

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Denominational News.

MINISTERS.—Rev. E. B. Gray, writing on the 13th inst., says that he has been very ill since before Christmas. Though improved, he is still confined to his home, and most of the time to his bed. We are very sorry to hear this, as all bro. Gray's brethren will be, and for his recovery there will be many prayers.

Rev. Dr. Hartley in a recent letter, says,—"I am holding out fairly well."

FROM REV. J. J. BARNES.—I am well and very busy. The interest in the regular services of the churches is satisfactorily good. But little special interest is manifest. We had a few special meetings at Waterville with no visible results outside the church. We are now holding special meetings at Third Tier. We are hoping for good results.

General Religious News.

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Whoever owes anything to the INTELLIGENCER is earnestly urged to send the amount without more delay. The money is much needed—needed immediately.

Marria, es. WETMORE-MCFARLANE.—Married at the Free Baptist parsonage, Salisbury, Jan. 17, by Rev. Abam Perry, J. W. Wetmore to Nettie M. McFarlane, both of Lutes Mountain, West Co.

Deaths. STEEVER.—At Lewis Mountain, West Co. Jan. 3, Catherine, aged 79 years, widow of the late John Steever. She was highly respected as a Christian woman and leaves a large circle of relatives and friends to mourn their loss.

DEFOREST.—At Lakeville, Car Co., on the 9th inst, Jacobine DeForest, aged 45 years. Six years ago she professed religion and united with the Free Baptist church at Lakeville. She was a patient, faithful Christian in both her home and her church, and will be greatly missed in the prayer-meetings of the little church. The funeral services were conducted by the pastor, Rev. J. J. Barnes, in the presence of a goodly number of sympathizing friends and many mourners.

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