

News of the Churches.

SEAL COVE, GRAND MANAN.—I am holding special meetings at Seal Cove. The outlook at first was discouraging. The attendance is now good and the interest is growing. We are believing that good will be done and souls saved.

I. D. HARVEY.

SALISBURY PASTORATE.—It is about time I reported again through the INTELLIGENCER. It is almost one year and a half since I came to this large pastorate. Since I came the last payment on the parsonage property has been paid, and now it belongs to the churches free of debt. I found the people very kind, and my sojourn among them has been very pleasant. The Free Baptists of Coverdale held a very successful basket social on March 10th at Bro. A. H. Steeves. \$42.35 was realized. \$22.25 was given to me as a donation, independent of the salary; \$1.00 additional has been received. For this and many other acts of kindness may the Lord abundantly bless the donors.

The special services held with the Coverdale church resulted in much good; four members were received by baptism, others were moved upon, and we hope may soon give themselves to God.

I have been very busy this winter. I will probably accept the kind offer my churches made last fall, and take a vacation of a few weeks, and I might assist some pastorate that has no pastor. May the blessing of God rest on all the brethren.

W. H. PERRY.

March 12th, 1903.

PUBNICO HEAD, N. S.—On the evening of Feb. 19th a good representation of the community assembled in the Temperance hall at Pubnico Head, N. S. Instead of the annual tea-meeting the ladies of the Free Baptist Circle planned an Experience Social; inviting as many persons as chose, to earn a dollar in an unusual way, and come to the social and relate their experience. This scheme is not at all a new one, but certainly is not worn thread-bare and cast away. In this case it proved a success, bringing the church and people nearer together. After arrangements were made, there went forth word, only two weeks to work. And we did work vigorously. The weather-glass had fallen low, but the excitement ran high; snow drifts did not hinder the enthusiasm; as boys and girls were peddling their wares from door to door, nearly everybody was ready to buy 10 cents worth of ice cream, candy or cookies, baked beans and brown bread, apples, neckties, iron holders, etc. Six ladies earned a dollar each selling ice cream. The young men entered heartily into the plan, coming to the rescue of the ice cream freezers and swelling the treasury. Just imagine six dollars worth of ice cream being demolished inside of ten days and no one injured, not a doctor sent for on the strength of it. One sister made a great success of hair cutting, another painted plates,

and sold patent broom-holders, another made cream pies, two more sold butter and eggs, chickens, etc., one or two knit mittens, did darning and mending, scrubbing and washing. The more strange the service the more amusement was afforded. Cake and cocoa were sold to a goodly number. The men and boys were prominent at the social, and were waiting anxiously to hear the experiences of the ladies as they read, recited, or gave verbally their reports, sometimes in humorous style which brought hearty applause. I am not prepared to say who enjoyed the evening more, the ladies or the gentlemen. \$56.00 was realized.

A year ago a parsonage fund was started; at present there are \$161.00 on hand, which we hope to increase to \$250.00 this year.

MRS. G. M. WILSON.

FROM REV. F. G. FRANCIS.—I have nothing startling to report from this pastorate, and yet there are some matters that have been highly interesting to us, the mention of which may interest the readers of the INTELLIGENCER.

To begin with, I wish to say that the church at Norton visited the parsonage in February and gave their annual donation, amounting to \$32.00, for which we returned thanks, and are even yet grateful. While the other portions of the field have done nothing concerted after this manner, so for this year, it is only due to them that I should acknowledge many unpretentious acts of individual kindness. As a rule the people on this pastorate are quite considerate of their pastor.

I have been busy pursuing the routine of pastoral work since Conference, which has included a month spent with Bro. Philips in St. John, and about six weeks of protracted meetings at Long Point. Bro. Philips has paid my claim against him, in part. He came at my call and spent ten days at Long Point, preaching the word of the Kingdom with power and much acceptance. As a result of our joint labors we saw the power of God manifest in the quickening of saints and the conversion of sinners. The weather was much broken, causing frequent interruptions of the work, but withal God honored our labor, and Sunday before last it was my privilege to baptize four converts; several others are to follow in the near future. Bro. Philips is still in my debt to the extent of ten days labor, but I do not worry on that account—he is a good debtor, and I purpose drawing on him at sight when I begin special work at Midland, which is our intention next week.

I should like to say something about ministers associating in evangelistic work, especially those of the same Conference, whose sympathies are kindred and whose spiritual affinities are identical, but I will simply say to the brethren "Try it." Personally, I am satisfied that this is one of the demands made upon our ministry today. It is an object lesson to the church and

the world when ministers not only dwell together in unity, but also work together in unity for the upbuilding of Christ's kingdom among men.

F. G. FRANCIS.

PORT MOUTON, N. S.—Since my last report, God has blessed us in Port Mouton and South West. Last month I held four weeks' meetings in South West, where our new church has been built. The Holy Ghost was poured out, and over thirty made a start for the kingdom. Eleven of these were heads of families. Last Sunday I baptized ten converts in the sea. There are more to follow. There has been much sickness in South West, consequently some have been unable to go forward in baptism. I am holding special meetings in Port Mouton this week. Among the number mentioned were some backsliders. We feel thankful to God and praise Him for His goodness. Last week I organized a Christian Endeavor Society in South West. I believe this society will work for the glory of God. Brethren, pray for us that God may save souls.

ROSCOE HEINE.

WOODSTOCK.—I administered the ordinance of baptism on Sunday evening, March 1st.

F. ALLISON CURRIER.

ST. JOHN, NORTH.—The special services being held in the Victoria street church are largely attended. Bro. Currier, who is assisting the pastor, is greatly appreciated for his thoughtful and interesting addresses. A number have accepted Christ as their Saviour. Two were baptized on March 1st, eleven on Sunday 8th. Fifteen were baptized on Sunday, 15th. To the Lord be all the praise.

D. LONG.

March 13th.

GIBSON, N. B.—Special meetings are being held in Gibson by the pastor. The Lord is blessing abundantly; souls are being saved, backsliders are being reclaimed, and the church is getting much help. Five converts were baptized last Sunday. Pray for us.

A. D. PAUL.

ACKNOWLEDGMENT.—I desire to acknowledge, with thanks, the gift of \$27 from the friends at Lakeville. The presentation was made by Mr. Merrill Tracey, at whose home the church and congregation had assembled on the evening of the 3rd inst. Mr. and Mrs. Tracey know how to make people feel "free" in their home, so the evening was thoroughly enjoyed by all. The part taken in the evening's entertainment by Mrs. Wilson, Miss Lena McLeod and Mr. Tracey's little daughter, Clara, deserve special mention. May the Lord richly bless our thoughtful and large-hearted little band at Lakeville.

A. W. CURRIE.

FROM REV. T. O. DEWITT.—Eight months have passed since I was in the pulpit to preach, and yesterday I was called upon to preach a funeral sermon.

It was a hard task. For three nights I had not slept more than three hours, so I was in no condition to preach; but God was good to me and helped and blessed me. I do not go out much, as I am so crippled with sciatic rheumatism. I have not yet been able to dress or undress myself. But I will be beyond it all sometime, thank God! No more pain nor aches then. I have to thank Bro. J. T. Parsons, Elder Bruise of Mass., and Bro. A. H. Bonnell for kind remembrances by letter. I am looking to Him who has promised to "supply all our need." "He is my rock, my fortress and my high tower," in Him I can hide and be safe.

T. O. DEWITT.

Hoyt Station, N. B., March 11, 1903.

OF OTHER DENOMINATIONS.

—Evangelistic meetings in Exmouth St. Methodist church, St. John, resulted in a number of conversions.

—Rev. E. B. Hooper, rector of St. George's church, Moncton, has been given three months leave of absence. He will go to California for the benefit of his health. His friends gave him \$450.00 to help him enjoy the holiday.

—The Fredericton Sunday-school Association had its half-yearly meeting in the Kirk Thursday. There were interesting addresses and discussions.

THE DEAF AND DUMB.—The 49th annual report of the Halifax Institution for the Deaf and Dumb is out. The attendance for the year was 116, of whom 97 were from Nova Scotia, 9 from Newfoundland, 8 from P. E. Island, one from New Brunswick, and one from Bermuda. The work of the school was satisfactory; reports from the parents of pupils express appreciation of the careful training the children receive.

Deaths.

BURDEN.—At Lower Prince William, York Co., N. B. March 2nd, Edward W. Burden, aged 83 years. Three sons and one daughter and wife survive him. Funeral conducted by the writer. Text Job xiv. 1, 2. H. W. McCURRISON.

SEELY.—At Blissville, Sunbury Co., March 6th, of pneumonia, Dora Blanche, youngest daughter of Mr. Perley Seely, aged 8 years and 23 days. Father and mother, two sisters, five brothers are left to mourn. She has gone to be with him who said "Suffer little children and forbid them not to come unto me." Funeral March 8th, conducted by the writer, assisted by Rev. T. O. Dewitt. Text 2 Samuel xii. 13. W. O. K.

TAYLOR.—At Salisbury Road, W. Co., March 8, after a brief illness, Mrs. Lizzie Taylor, beloved wife of Love Taylor, and eldest daughter of Geo. Smith, of Fredericton Road, aged 20 years, leaving husband and numerous friends to mourn their loss. Sister Taylor professed religion last spring in the special services in Eagle Settlement, and was baptized with her husband and others, and united with the Free Baptist church, of which she remained a worthy member till death. A little infant preceded her a few days to the better land. Funeral services by her pastor, assisted by Rev. C. H. Manston, Methodist. W. H. P.

SEELY.—On the 7th inst., Ada, beloved wife of Wilford Seely, died at Blissville, Sunbury Co., and has passed from suffering into rest. She was the daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Henry Knorr. Bros. Kierstead and Wilson assisted in the services. Text, Numbers x. 29. Much sympathy is manifested by the people. T. O. DEWITT.

PRICE.—At Midland, K. Co., March 5, Allan Price, aged 83 years, leaving a widow, a son (Dr. Byron Price, of St. John) and three daughters to cherish his memory while they mourn their loss. In the latter days of life our brother endured much mental and physical suffering, which however, we believe was God's method of making him perfect. The funeral services were held on Sunday last and were largely attended. His pastor conducted the service at the house, at the church and at the grave, preaching from 1 John iii. 2. F. G. F.

VANWART.—At Wickham, Q. Co., on the 8th inst. of pneumonia, John Harvey Vanwart, aged 48 years, departed this life. Bro. Vanwart was a member of the Free Baptist church at Wickham, and during his illness gave testimony of his hope in Christ. He made his home with Deacon Jacob R. Vanwart, where he was tenderly cared for. Three sisters and four brothers survive him, and they, with a large circle of relatives and friends mourn their loss. Services conducted by the writer, assisted by Bros. C. E. Lewis and J. J. Ferry. O. N. MOTT.