

News of the Churches.

REV. GIDEON SWIM.—The Dorchester correspondent of the *Moncton Transcript* says:

Rev. Gideon Swim, who occupied the pulpit of the First Baptist Church, Dorchester, on Sabbath last, preached a forceful and eloquent sermon on "Baptist Union." The remarks of the gifted preacher were much appreciated, and very acceptable. Organic union between these two bodies is no longer a vague theoretical something, but an actual living sentiment. The Baptists of these Maritime Provinces have a following of 146,000, and the Free Baptists have an army of 35,000 followers (in New Brunswick). It can readily be seen what this important movement means.

SEAL COVE, N. B.—The special work at Seal Cove has ended. A grand revival has been the result; twenty have evidenced a desire for a better life; the whole community has been helped. A good fellowship exists between the Reform Baptists and Free Baptist churches in the place, both working harmoniously through the revival, and both have been helped greatly. There will be baptism soon.

We have now begun work at Grand Harbour and believe a blessing will follow.

A. M. McNINTCH.

MARYSVILLE, N. B.—As it has been some time since I have contributed anything for our valued paper, I take this opportunity of letting the brethren and friends know something of our work in Marysville. On Jan. 15th a committee was appointed to see how much could be subscribed for the erection of a new church, on the lot which they purchased some time ago, and which is paid for. I immediately started with that list, and by the earnest co-operation of the rest of the committee, in a few weeks we have nearly \$1,500.00, one hundred of which is collected and deposited in the bank. Among the many and generous contributors, I would like to mention the name of Otis Staples, a brother of E. B. Staples, the clerk of our church; although residing in the West, and far from us, he kindly remembered us with a check for \$50, for which we are all deeply grateful. The Mission Band of the church, also wishing to have a part in God's work, held a very successful concert and social in the Odd Fellow's Hall, on Thursday evening, Feb. 18th; after a very pleasant evening the proceeds were handed to me, which amounted to \$38.50. To the little band of workers, who are learning that "it is more blessed to give than to receive." On Feb. 4th, a concert was held in the church, from which we realized \$15. We are all in earnest, and we hope, by God's help, next fall to dedicate a new church to the service of our Lord in Marysville. I am enjoying my work very much here. The different branches of the work are going on smoothly, and I am working and praying to the end that in my next report I shall be able to report souls won for Jesus. Pray for us, brethren, that God may richly bless us

in our work, that his cause may be revived, sinners converted, and the standard of truth upheld everywhere.

H. H. FERGUSON.

Feb. 20th, 1904.

BARRINGTON, N. S., PASTORATE.—It is not only due to myself but to my people on this pastorate that I make mention of their many expressions of regard and thoughtfulness. On the last Friday in January men, women and young people, to the number of about 80, visited the parsonage. The evening was spent in games, conversation and music. About 10.30 p. m., Deacon H. D. Trefry, in a short address on behalf of Temple church parish, presented us with a purse of money and several articles of household provision. Rev. J. E. Gosline, on behalf of Mrs. Gosline and himself, responded, speaking of how little expectation he had on coming to Nova Scotia of remaining so long; of the pleasant relations that during the six years had existed; of the many tokens of kindness and appreciation they had received from the people, not only here, but at Port LaTour. At the close of the remarks, P. E. Crowell read a telephone message from Port LaTour expressing regret that the storm would prevent their attendance. We desire to express our appreciation of not only this but of the many acts of kindness we have received and to thank each and all.

At Port LaTour, Feb. 5th, an experience social was held at the homes of Mr. Archibald and Nathaniel Crowell. The day was especially stormy and cold, yet a considerable number gathered. Nearly two hours was spent listening to different individuals as in speech, poetry and song, they related how out of the ordinary way they earned their contribution. Among the number contributing to this fund was one who on account of illness has been confined to the home for as much as ten years, and yet who is able to do some light work. This was sent to the social and was bought by the company, realizing \$1.09, and was presented to Mrs. Gosline. The amount realized at the social was somewhat better than \$30.00. This sum made it possible to meet bills to the end of 1903.

The church building at Port LaTour must have extensive repairs this year. During the social one of the good sisters much interested in all the affairs of the church made a pledge of \$25.00. When an effort is made we hope that two other parties will contribute a like amount.

The work on this parish is progressing. All lines of work receive due attention. We feel the need of a gracious outpouring of the Holy Spirit. An ingathering of souls is needed and desired. Pray for the work here.

J. E. GOSLINE.

HOME MISSION REPORT.—Bro. Paul continued at work through the month of January in the Second District, giving the most of the time to special work with the Lindsay church, of the Water-

ville pastorate, which is without a pastor. He was assisted by Rev. Henry Hartt. In spite of the very cold weather and roads which many times were impassable, Bro. Paul kept at work. The church was in a very low condition, and at first he found many difficulties in the way, but he went forward. A large number of wanderers were brought back, and the church received much blessing. Several professed conversion, but on account of the weather baptism has not been administered. The churches of the pastorate are negotiating with Rev. David Patterson to become their pastor; we hope they will succeed; but if that fails Bro. Paul will be sent back to baptize after the spring opens. During the month he held forty services, made thirty-five calls and collected \$20.18.

Probably no Board and their missionary have ever had to contend with worse weather and roads. Considering these circumstances, we feel satisfied with the service our brother has rendered. February and March will be devoted to the Third and Fourth Districts.

J. B. DAGGETT,
Cor. Sec. H. M. Ex.

MINISTERS.—Rev. A. D. Paul was at home, Gibson, a few days last week.

Rev. R. Heine, Keswick, was in Fredericton, Thursday. He reports his work going on as well as can be in such severe weather.

Rev. S. J. Perry is holding special meetings at Wickham, and there is a good revival interest. Baptism was administered to several converts Sunday, 14th inst. He is being assisted by Evangelist Beatty.

OTHER DENOMINATIONS.

—Dr. Morison, St. John, has accepted the call to the First Presbyterian Church, Chicago.

—Dr. Trotter, President of Acadia University is now in New Brunswick securing funds for new forward movement of the institution of which he is the head. One hundred thousand dollars is the mark aimed at, and already nearly half the amount has been secured.

REVIVALS.

—Rev. Dr. R. A. Torrey and Mr. Alexander are in the midst of a four weeks' mission in Birmingham, England, and it is evident that the great city can be profoundly stirred over something else but politics.

—Houlton, Me., has had an extensive revival. Five churches united in the meetings, which were led by two evangelists, Messrs. Taylor and Hatch. Two hundred and sixty-five persons professed conversion.

—Special meetings are being held in the Methodist church, Fredericton, with a good degree of interest.

—The Baptist church, Woodstock, is enjoying a season of spiritual refreshing.

—A Boston correspondent says: "The spirit of revival is indeed abroad. There is a perceptible stir among the churches. The baptismal waters are being troubled. The churches are awaking to the realization of their true evangelistic mission.

—Rev. T. J. Deinstadt, last year pastor of Exmouth St. Methodist church, St. John, is now at Millbridge, Me. He reports that three weeks special meetings have resulted in more than forty conversions.

A SUGGESTION.—A whole volume of good sense on the subject of publishing obituary or death notices, says the *Telescope*, is expressed in the following, clipped from the *Nashville Christian Advocate*: "I fail to see the good resulting from long notices of the departed. I saw recently a model in eight lines, all told. Name, when and where born, converted, and died, and the ground well covered with 'He loved his church and served God.' Another, of a half-column, told the same story, only not so well. I am unable to discover of what interest it can be to the general reader to report that a good brother has been three or four times married, and how many children 'blessed each union.'"

WHAT ONE THINKS.—A United States minister, sending his subscription before it is due, says: "It is too bad that you are hampered in your work by the thoughtlessness of Christian subscribers. It must be thoughtlessness, for anybody can pay the small amount of the yearly subscription. There are, however, many who fully appreciate your efforts in the cause, and are aware of your charity and generosity."

You who have had many a back-ache working for money, have you ever had a back-ache working for Christ?—*Free Baptist*.

Deaths.

VANWART.—The death of Bro. Geo. H. Vanwart occurred at the home of his son, Hedley, in Fredericton, Feb. 14th. Deceased was a native of Wickham, where he was born 84 years ago; most of his long life has been spent at Queensbury, Y. Co. Bro. Vanwart was one of the founders and a life-long supporter of the Free Baptist church at Queensbury. He was a good man and sought to the best of his ability to serve his generation by the will of God; now he has fallen on sleep to enjoy the "rest that remains for the people of God." Some weeks since he received severe injuries through a fall and has not since been well. He was, however, able to keep about until within a few days of his death. The funeral services were held on Tuesday, 16th, and were attended by a large body of the citizens. Inment was made at Forest Hill beside the grave of his wife with whom he had lived fifty-two years. F. C. H.

BOYD.—At Belleisle, K. Co., Feb. 12th, of brain fever, Iva, aged 17 years, fourth daughter of Mr. James Boyd, of Shannon, Q. Co., leaving father, mother, two brothers and three sisters to mourn their loss. Funeral services by the writer, at Shannon.

BLIZZARD.—At Wickham, Oct. 4th, 1903, of consumption, Norman, aged 16 years, son of Charles and Elizabeth Blizzard, leaving father, mother, seven brothers and one sister, and a large circle of relatives and friends to mourn. He professed religion last spring and was baptized and united with the Free Baptist church at Carpenter Settlement. Owing to the absence of the ministers attending general conference his funeral was attended by Rev. Mr. Ganong, Baptist.

BLIZZARD.—At Wickham, on Jan. 31st of consumption, Florence, aged 18 years, only daughter of Charles and Elizabeth Blizzard, leaving father, mother and seven brothers to mourn their sad loss. It was the writer's privilege to visit her a few days before her death, and he found her trusting in the merits of Christ. This makes the third death in the family inside of five months. May God, who alone can give comfort, comfort the grief stricken parents. Funeral services by the writer.

MOORES.—At Bear Island, York Co., on the 11th inst., Abigail Moores, aged 66 years. Deceased was a paralytic fourteen years. This great affliction she endured with Christian patience. Her husband, J. F. Moores, died eight years ago. Since which her son, Wellington, the only surviving member of the family, lovingly ministered to his invalid mother. Many years ago she was baptized by the late Rev. Wm. Kinghorn and united with the Bear Island Free Baptist church, and there her funeral services were conducted by the writer. She was a good woman and deservedly respected by all who knew her.

TRACEY.—At Tracey, on the 10th inst., of heart failure, Frank Tracey, aged 18 years. He was the second son of Charles D. Tracey. This afflicted family have the deepest sympathy of the community. May God's grace be with them all.

ARTIS.—At Fredericton Junction, on 16th inst., Thos. Artis, in the 66th year of his age. Funeral services were held from his late residence and was largely attended.