

the formative days all the influences that make for the higher and better things shall obtain a strong foothold. The situation must be resolutely and hopefully faced, and the plans laid for a much larger religious movement than has been. In the Christian homes of the land young men must be sought out and trained for the work. And from Vancouver Island on the West and Dawson in the North to the extremest point in the East every congregation must be linked in this holy alliance which has for its object the winning and the holding of Canada for Jesus Christ.

UNION COMMITTEE MEETING.

The committees of the Baptist Convention and the Free Baptist Conference had a joint meeting in St. John on Tuesday of last week to consider the question of the union of the two bodies. Those present were: Revs. Dr. Gates, Dr. Manning and W. E. McIntyre (Baptists), and Revs. Dr. McLeod, A. Perry, F. C. Hartley, D. Long and J. B. Daggett (Free Baptists). Two members were unable to be present—Rev. J. H. Hughes, on account of illness, and Rev. H. F. Adams, on account of absence from the Province. Dr. McLeod was made chairman, and Rev. W. E. McIntyre, secretary of the committee. The question of union was fully discussed, about every phase of it receiving consideration. The brethren were evidently desirous of reaching an understanding satisfactory to both bodies, while conserving interests dear to each. It was a very pleasant and harmonious meeting, and good progress was made. A sub-committee was appointed to report upon certain matters of detail which were talked over. The sub-committee will report at the next meeting of the joint committee which is to be held on the 17th May.

"INASMUCH AS YE DID IT NOT."

"Master, I have this day broken no law of the Ten—have hurt no one. Is it enough?"

"Child, there stood one by thy side burdened with heavy tasks of lowly, earthly labor. For a little help, a little easing of the burden, he looked to thee: Thou hadst time and strength."

"Master, I did not see."

"Thine eyes were turned within. There was an ignorant one crying from out his darkness: 'Will none teach me?' I have given thee knowledge."

"Master, I did not hear."

"Thine ear was dull. There came a guest to seek thy converse, a human friend in quest of fellowship. I marked thy sigh, thy frown. Why was thy heart not glad?"

"I was reading. I hate to be disturbed, to be called from great thoughts to trifling talk."

"The children would have had thee some few moments in their play. Without thee they went wrong—how far wrong thou wilt not know. It is too late."

"Child's play? But I was searching for a hidden truth of spiritual import."

"Thou didst not turn aside to lift that lame one who had fallen by the way."

"I was in haste to do what I had planned. I meant to help him when I should return."

"Another lifted him. And shall I question further?"

News of the Churches.

WESTFIELD, K. Co.—The special meetings that Bro. Ganong (Baptist) and I were holding together have closed for the present time. Although the weather was so cold and stormy people came out to hear the Word, backsliders were reclaimed, and sinners were brought from darkness to light; about fifteen professed religion; two were baptized and joined the Baptist church, and others are awaiting baptism and have expressed a desire to join our church. If the weather had been fine we believe there would have been an extensive revival in this place. I would like to commence special meetings at Brown's Flat, but my health will not permit at present, for it is very poor just now. There are signs that good might be done there. Hope to hear from the brethren often through the INTELLIGENCER.

JOHN A. ROBERTSON.

CANNING, N. S.—The work on this pastorate is moving along pleasantly and we hope successfully. I have been to all the appointments this winter, except one Sunday at Hall's Harbour. The storm on Saturday and Sunday morning prevented me reaching there. I enjoy the work, and the churches seem to appreciate having a settled pastor once more among them. From time to time the friends are very thoughtful regarding the pastor's need. On "the mountain" the brethren and sisters have done their part generously. At Canning, March 2nd, a social and donation was held in the vestry of the church. The night was very unfavorable for a large gathering, as the lightning was abundant and the rain heavy, but a goodly number came, bringing many useful articles, for which the pastor and his wife thanked the friends heartily. As pastor and people we are hopeful, believing that we shall reap if we faint not.

G. M. WILSON.

March 8th.

WOODSTOCK.—I am pleased to report that every department of the Woodstock church is moving along in its work most satisfactorily. The prayer meetings have never been better attended than they are at the present time, and the interest is good. Our C. E. is well attended, and the addition of new members every few meetings is very encouraging. Our society has already paid half of its subscription of \$50 to the Provincial League. Financially we are in good condition. Finding that we had gone behind somewhat in the last year, on the last Sunday in February I asked the people for a special contribution in order to pay up all our bills, and the kind and generous people gave nearly three hundred dollars. We think that this is the best way to raise money for the cause so dear to us. In the olden days of the church, people gave as the Lord prospered them, and we believe that money given freely to God's

work will carry with it more blessing than that raised by many of the questionable means so popular in many churches. We have just raised \$40 for the British and Foreign Bible Society. Hope that all the churches shall avail themselves of the pleasure and blessing of contributing to this great society, which has done so much to send the Light into the dark places.

F. ALLISON CURRIER.

FREDERICTON.—Five converts were baptized last Sunday evening. The special meetings are being continued this week.

VICTORIA, C. Co.—The ladies of the Victoria congregation held a birthday social at the residence of Mrs. J. F. Boyer, Saturday evening, 5th inst. The cash received was \$80 for the parsonage fund.

GORDONSVILLE, C. Co.—Four weeks' meetings were held at Gordonsville. The attendance was hindred very much by the stormy weather, yet good was done. The church was strengthened very much, wanderers reclaimed, and some unconverted are inquiring the way to Christ. Pray for us.

H. A. BONNELL.

HARTLAND, N. B.—Last Sunday morning twenty names were voted on for membership in our church here, ten by profession of faith, and ten by letter, the most of whom received the hand of fellowship in the evening. The prospect for doing good through the medium of our prayer meeting is brightening.

As a result of the union services I baptized ten and some others may follow soon. About twenty-five persons professed conversion. Four united with the Reformed Baptist church Sunday night last; the Baptists and Methodists will receive about the same number in their respective churches. I purpose going to Pembroke for special work soon, probably next week. I am kept very busy, and enjoy the work.

A. J. PROSSER.

MINISTERS.—Rev. J. N. Barnes has greatly improved in health. He expects to be able to journey homeward this week.

Rev. A. J. Prosser was elected Chaplain of the Grand Lodge of Orangemen at the annual session last week.

Referring to Rev. G. Swim's resignation of the Moncton pastorate, the *Times* of that city says: "Mr. Swim stands high in the esteem of his congregation and citizens generally. His resignation will be heard of with regret. He has been a faithful worker in interdenominational work."

Rev. J. J. Barnes, assisted by Rev. A. D. Paul, begins special meetings at Millville this week.

OTHER DENOMINATIONS.

—The Fredericton Baptist church has purchased a new pipe organ, which will be placed in the church in June.

—It is stated that Rev. W. B. Hinson, now in San Diego, California, may return to the pastorate of the First Baptist church, Vancouver, B. C., from which he retired three years ago on account of poor health.

—Rev. George E. Good, Baptist, a native of Carleton Co., in this province, died recently at Innisfail, Alberta, N. W. T., where he had been living the last few years. For a number of years he had been in poor health, and had in the last year or two to abandon the regular work of the ministry. He was an excellent man, much devoted to the work of the Lord.

—At the monthly meeting of the Maritime Baptist Foreign Mission Board held in St. John a few days ago, encouraging reports were received from the fields. There was an appeal to the Board for two more missionaries with wives and two single ladies, and a lady physician for the work. The offer of the Baptist Young People's Union to provide the salary of a missionary was accepted.

—At the request of the Sydney Presbytery, Rev. John Buchanan has withdrawn from the ministry.

—The Episcopal church at St. Andrews has received a bequest of £1,000 by the will of the late Owen Jones, who died in London, Eng., lately.

—The transfer committee of the Methodist church of Canada is to meet in Toronto early in April. Rev. J. C. Berrie will represent this province.

—Rev. Kenneth McKenzie, one of the oldest ministers of the Maritime Synod of the Presbyterian church, died at Halifax Friday night. He was 76 years of age. He was stationed at Baddeck, C. B., for 37 years.

The King of Sweden never loses an opportunity of saying a word for temperance. An English company is at present engaged working a gold mine in Norway, and the King recently had an interview with the heads of the concern, who presented him with some gold jewelry, the produce of the mine. The King, on being informed that a large number of the miners were Good Templars, said: "I am very glad to hear it, because they are just the sort of men to give satisfaction."

Marriages.

McGAGHEY-SHAW.—At Petitcodiac, March 8, by Abram Perry, Burfield McGaghey, of Cumberland Bay, Q. Co., to Esther Shaw, of Petitcodiac.

PLUMK-OGLIVIE.—At Petitcodiac, Feb 2, by Rev. Abram Perry, Amos C. Plume to Rena A. Oglivie.

Deaths.

BROWN.—At Manhurst, K. Co., Feb 20, Ethel A. aged 20 years, beloved wife of Talmage Brown, of Corn Hill.

KIRKPATRICK.—At the home of her nephew, D. C. Slipp, Hampstead, on March 6th, Mrs. Margaret Kirkpatrick, aged 79 years, leaving two brothers. Interment took place at Upper Hampstead. Funeral services by the writer. C. B. LEWIS.