

News of the Churches.

FAIR HAVEN, N. B.—The work here still goes on. Two more were baptized last Sunday, and we expect others next Sunday. Pray for us, brethren.

J. J. BONNELL.

HIBERNIA, Q. Co.—We have held three weeks special meetings at Hibernia. The divine presence has been manifestly with us. The church has been revived, and last Sabbath I had the privilege of baptizing two sisters, both heads of families. Two young women will follow Christ in baptism next Sabbath. To God belongs the praise.

C. B. LEWIS.

EAGLE SETTLEMENT, W. Co.—We have held two weeks special meetings with the church at Eagle Settlement, but will have to discontinue them now on account of the condition of the roads. The meetings were helpful, the members were revived, two were baptized, others I trust will follow Jesus in baptism soon.

W. H. PERRY.

GEARY, S. Co.—I have been here since last Sabbath, visiting and holding meetings each night. God has blessed the people; some have been helped and are at work, some unconverted have made a start in the way, but there is much that hinders the good work. I shall continue the work for a few days more, and see what can be done. Pray for the work, that souls may be won to Jesus.

T. O. DEWITT.

DONATION.—I wish to acknowledge a donation by the congregation at Hampstead to the amount of \$36. On the evening of April 2nd, about forty of the residents of Hampstead visited our home. The company was composed of old and young. All seemed to enjoy the evening very much. This is but one of many expressions of kindness of this people. Myself and family very much appreciate the expressions of thoughtfulness on the part of the people generally. I wish also to mention a beautiful present of cloth for a suit by A. P. Slipp, of Upper Hampstead. We hope the great giver of all good may abundantly reward the donors.

C. B. LEWIS.

EAST WILTON, ME.—I am pleased to announce that a week of special meetings of East Wilton, Me., which closed last night, resulted in twenty deciding to love and serve our great Master for the rest of their lives. We believe there are many others who are almost decided. We are praying that this may be but the beginning of a great ingathering of souls in this place. "Bless the Lord, O my soul; and all that is within me, bless His holy name."

W. O. KIERSTEAD.

MONCTON, N. B.—At a regular business meeting of the church, on the 14th inst., my resignation, by my own request, was accepted, to take effect at

the end of the Conference year. It was stated some time ago in two or three papers that I had received a call from a church in Yarmouth County, N. S. That is not correct. I have no plans. I am quite ready to consider an invitation from any church or group of churches desiring my labors. It will be hard for me to leave the church in Moncton. The people have been very kind to me, and the church has appreciated my work. I trust in taking this step I am in the path of duty. I desire to do God's will. We are getting along very well in our church work here.

GIDEON SWIM.

WOODSTOCK, N. B.—The pastor of the Woodstock church has often wished that he had a good Bible, and one night he even dreamed that there had been handed to him a beautiful "India paper, seal bound, interleaved Bible." It was only a dream, but sometimes dreams come true. At the close of the sermon on Easter Sunday morning, the chorister, Dr. Baker, stepped forward and, with a very touching and appropriate address, presented the pastor with a beautiful china Easter egg, containing twenty-five dollars in gold, with which to purchase for himself a copy of God's word. This gift is from the choir and the congregation of the church, and is very greatly appreciated.

ST. JOHN, N. B.—I was wondering when I read the last issue of the INTELLIGENCER why so few of the ministers write for the denominational news department; and then I heard an inward voice say, "Physician, heal thyself," for you have not written one letter since last Conference. And then I was sorry I had in thought chided my brethren—for I had found fault with myself.

There is not a brother in the Conference who has not friends who would read his letter with more pleasure than they would any other. We all have our constituencies; we all have our friends, and they like to read our letters. If we have the feeling that there are some who do not care to read us, we ought not to punish our friends for that reason. I have three items of interest, and will give them in their order.

Memorial Service.—We held a service in memory of the late Rev. J. F. Parsons. The service was in the evening of Easter Sunday. We felt that such a service should be held where Brother Parsons spent the most of his ministerial life. He was pastor of the Waterloo street church twenty-two years. He became its pastor when he was in the prime of his vigorous manhood, and he had his largest revivals in this church. Five hundred and seventy-five were baptized by him, and about six hundred were added to the church during his pastorate. All the members of the church whom he had baptized, who are now living in the city, and now able to be present, were at the service.

Presentation.—The 12th of April was the fifty-first anniversary of Mrs. Melbourne McLeod's uniting with the

church. She was only a child when converted, too young, as her father and pastor thought, to join the church; but two years later she was baptized by Rev. E. McLeod and entered upon her long career as a church member. She has sat under the ministry of the church since its organization, and all its pastors, with the exception of Rev. J. Noble and Rev. G. A. Hartley, were her pastors. She was a member of the Sabbath school from its organization. She was present at the ordination of Deacons B. J. Underhill and D. W. Clarke. The first deacons were David McKenzie and Isaac Vanwart. She saw a church building erected, and watched its progress from the time the building material was placed on the ground.

Last Tuesday evening the ladies of the church had, with bunting, draperies, rugs, flowers, easy chairs and couches, changed the ventry into a pleasant room. Mrs. McLeod had no idea what was in store for her—so well had the sisters kept their secret—when she was invited to take an easy chair and be entertained as the guest of the evening. Deacon Peters took the chair and called upon the clerk of the church, Brother J. S. Smith, to read an address and present Mrs. McLeod with a small token of the church's appreciation of the services rendered by her during her fifty-one years of unbroken church membership. Addresses were made by Brethren Patterson, Morrell, Graham, Robinson, Mrs. Phillips and Bro. Peters, who, on behalf of the church, thanked Sister McLeod for her gift of the family pew—a pew that has been in the family ever since the church was built. Sister McLeod expressed her gratitude to God for his goodness in giving her a church home where she had found the best and most helpful of friends. She thanked them for their beautiful gift, she would always prize it for the affection it represented. The gift was a costly and beautiful fur. After refreshments were served, prayers were offered, and "Blest be the tie," etc., was sung, and the company separated, "sorrowing most of all" that they would no more be cheered by the presence of their sister in the services of the church.

A Sad Experience.—Monday morning, the 11th April, we had one of the saddest experiences of our lives. Sister Gibbon mysteriously left her home in the early morning, and thirty minutes later was found drowned near her home, at the foot of Elliott Row. There was no possible motive for self-drowning, she was in easy, comfortable circumstances, her family relations were of the pleasantest, and she had a host of friends. Although not a member of our church, she attended it frequently, and almost always took part in the social services. I remember well her last service and her last testimony; it was strong and tender, and full of faith in her Heavenly Father. I do not know when I have had such difficulty in being reconciled to the inevitable as when I found that I was prevented from being at Sister Gibbon's brother's home to attend a short service there and then accompany the remains to Collina, K. Co., her former home, for burial. I had baptized her youngest daughter, and when the trouble of her life came, I was prevented from comforting her and the other members of

the family. I know that God would have helped me to disperse, at least in part, some of their sorrows if I could have attended the service at Collina, and told her relatives and friends of my unwavering faith and strong assurance of the entering into eternal rest of our departed sister. I could have buried her in "sure and certain hope of resurrection to eternal life." But my prayers have been offered unceasingly, as all our prayers have been, that the God of comfort may be with the family in their great trial. "Be still and know that I am God." We cannot explain, but the Father will in his own good time. I hope that the members of the bereaved family may see these lines I have written, and that God may use them as one of the messages of comfort to the children who loved their mother so tenderly.

C. T. PHILLIPS.

MINISTERS.—Rev. Gideon Swim was in Fredericton one day last week. His health is much improved, and he is feeling equal to hard work.

Rev. J. B. Daggett is planning to have special meetings at Fredericton Junction, and will have the assistance of Rev. A. D. Paul.

Rev. H. H. Ferguson reports the special meetings at Marysville good, and several conversions since last report.

Rev. H. A. Bonnell has been sick, but is now getting better.

Rev. J. N. Barnes writes that his health is improving slowly.

Rev. S. J. Perry is holding special meetings at Bald's Hill, Q. Co., with good success. There have been several conversions.

Rev. John Henderson, who was ill nearly all winter, is able to be out. He spent last week among his friends at Rusiagornis.

OTHER DENOMINATIONS.

—Rev. W. E. Bates, of Amherst, N. S., has accepted a call to the Union Baptist church at Mystic, Conn. He will go there the first of July.

—Coburg Street Christian church, St. John, expects its new pastor-elect, Rev. J. F. Floyd, the first Sunday in May.

—Rev. A. C. Borden, of the Methodist Mission in Japan, has been home on furlough for some time. He has addressed many meetings in the Maritime Provinces, and he tells a deeply interesting story of gospel work in Japan. He is an earnest advocate of union, which, he says, is greatly needed in Japan. He is soon to return to his work there.

—The majority of the Galacians of the Canadian Northwest belong to the Greek Church, and the doctrinal differences between the Greek Church, of which the Czar is the head, and the Church of Rome, of which it was a part until the council of Nice, in 787, are: The Holy Ghost proceeds from the Son as well as from the Father. This belief of the Eastern church, which had its Metropolis at Constantinople, caused the split. The Greek Church worships angels, the secular clergy are enjoined to marry once, and with a virgin; idols are used, the doctrine of purgatory is rejected, baptism is by immersion, followed by anointing with oil.