

News of the Churches.

FREDERICTON.—Special meetings have been held the last three weeks, and there is a good interest. Sunday, 28th ult., two were baptized, and one last Sunday.

KEMPTVILLE, N. S.—Since I last wrote I have moved my family to Kemptville. We are nicely settled in the parsonage, and enjoying the hospitality of the many kind friends that visit us with their stores. Our pantry and cellar were well provided with good things when we moved in, and yet increasing. May the Lord reward the donors. Things are a little low spiritually, but we are praying for showers of blessings. I expect to commence special work next week. Would have commenced earlier, but Mrs. Cosman has been quite ill. Brethren pray for us.

L. A. COSMAN.

FROM REV. J. J. BARNES.—The work among the churches of the Southampton pastorate goes on regularly. Notwithstanding the cold weather and exceedingly bad roads, I have managed to keep all my appointments but two. We are planning to begin special meetings at Millville about the first of March. We hope to be able to have special meetings with other places during the spring. It was quite impossible to do any special work during the winter. Besides the roughness of the weather, all the men were in the woods. We are enjoying the work very much.

J. J. BARNES.

HI-BERNIA, Q. Co.—The members of the Teachers' Training Class in connection with the Free Baptist Sunday school at Hibernia, presented Miss Alameda Burchill with an address, commendatory of her faithful co-operation with them in Sunday school work, and gave her, also, a fountain pen. This Burchill is going to the World's S. S. Convention in Jerusalem, and is the only New Brunswick delegate to that great meeting. She appreciates very much the expression of regard and good will, and will always "treasure the memory of it." The address was signed by Messrs. Stephen E. Clark, Wm. J. Rathburn and J. Isaac Palmer, on behalf of the normal class.

PRESENTATION.—On the evening of the 30th inst., a surprise party consisting of 27 people, met at the parsonage, Middle Southampton, when a beautiful copy of Shakespeare, in 8 vols., was presented to Miss Lucy Grant, in recognition of the years of untiring services she has given the Free Baptist Church as organist and S. S. teacher. The presentation was made by Rev. J. J. Barnes, with an appropriate address. Miss Grant, though taken altogether by surprise, was able to reply in a feelingly suitable manner. The ladies supplied refreshments, which was served during the evening. The meeting was called to

order by Mr. N. W. Brown, B. A., and presided over by Mr. G. A. Grant. The programme was of a social nature, consisting of music, singing and games. Mr. Brown, who is always ready to help on with a good thing, made a timely speech, in which he, in a thoughtful way, made reference to Miss Grant's self-sacrifice and painstaking while an unsalaried organist of the church. Others made short speeches of interest. Old people were present and manifested much pleasure while participating in the social features of the evening. Indeed, it was regarded as the best entertainment of the kind in the history of the community. After prayer by the pastor the meeting broke up.

J. J. BARNES.

DEDICATION.—Sunday, Feb. 28th, was a day of much interest to the Free Baptist people of Cornhill, K. Co., for on that day their new house of worship was formerly dedicated to God for public worship. It is nearly forty years since the old church building was erected. In its day it was a good house and served well its purpose. There the Lord's people worshipped, and were instructed and built up in the faith of Jesus; frequently it was the scene of displays of gracious power, and many souls were there born into the Kingdom of God. Most of the first members of the church have passed on to their reward, and many, also, of those souls who were amongst the earlier burden-bearers in Christian work. But their works abide, and they are tenderly remembered. The old church building having fulfilled its mission, the brethren decided to erect another. It stands on the site of the old one. As the first house was according to the ability of the fathers who erected it, so the second is in size and finish and furnishings according to the ability of their sons. The main building is 32x34, and the school room is 20x24, the latter being separated from the audience room of the church by folding doors. There is a tower at the corner, through which is the entrance. Later a bell will probably be placed in the tower. The windows are gothic, and of the stained glass, the light is abundant, and the effect is very pleasant. The pews are of hardwood, finely finished, semi-circular in form. At the left of the pulpit is the choir platform. The ceiling is finished with hardwood veneering. All the work appears to have been well done. The heating is by wood furnace. Altogether it is a well-built, neatly furnished and comfortable house of worship, of a size suitable for the community, and in every way creditable to the people whose church home it is. The building committee was composed of brethren N. Hughson, J. DeBow, B. McLeod, Jas. A. Brown and John Branscomb, who devoted much time and attention to the work. In the pastor, Rev. Abram Perry, they had a judicious and earnest leader and helper, and his services are appreciated not only by the

committee, but by the people at large. He and his people were happy in the completion of the work. The day of dedication was not pleasant. The wind blew strongly and the snow drifted badly. But the people were at the church, filling it at the three services. At 10.30 a. m., the first service began. The order was as follows: Voluntary, by the choir; invocation, Rev. Dr. McLeod; hymn, Rev. A. Perry; Scripture lesson and prayer, Rev. A. Perry; hymn, Rev. E. Corey; sermon, Rev. Dr. McLeod; prayer, Rev. E. Corey; dedicatory service, Rev. A. Perry. prayer of dedication, Rev. R. W. Ferguson; hymn, Rev. R. W. Ferguson; benediction, Rev. Dr. McLeod. Following the sermon the pastor made a statement of the subscriptions made and received, and of the cost of the building, \$2,200.00; there was, he said, a deficit of \$148.00 which he desired to have provided for before the formal dedication of the church. At once subscriptions were made covering the amount and a little more. The offerings in the collection plates during the day were considerable, with which, after paying incidentals, it is intended to purchase hymn books and Bibles for all the pews. The preaching in the afternoon, was by Rev. R. W. Ferguson, who was pastor of the church two years, immediately preceding the present pastor. In the evening Bro. McLeod preached again. The choir, with Miss Burlock at the organ, had provided appropriate singing, which added to the enjoyment of the services. The day was a good one throughout. Attentive and interested congregations listened to the truth preached and participated in the worship and it is hoped much good was done that will abide. We enjoyed meeting the Cornhill brethren and their pastor and congratulate them on the worthy work they have done. We trust the prayer of their hearts for spiritual quickening and an ingathering of souls may be speedily and largely realized.

MINISTERS.—Rev. H. A. Bonnell is holding special meetings at Gordonsville, C. Co.

Licentiate Boyer spent Sunday, 28th ult., at Waterville and Victoria Corner. Rev. Gideon Swim, pastor at Moncton, has tendered his resignation, to take effect at the end of September next.

Rev. J. N. Barnes is in Fredericton, returning from his down-river trip. He says he never experienced so hard a winter for travelling. He intended to spend last Sunday at Marysville and proceed homeward Monday, but he was not well enough to carry out his plan. He is still in Fredericton, at the home of Mr. McKinnon, and has been confined to his bed since Friday afternoon. He hopes, however, to be able to go home in a few days. It will not be wise for him to do any more journeying among the churches till the warm weather.

Rev. H. H. Ferguson reports that they are getting along well in securing subscriptions for the new church building at Marysville. A building committee has been appointed.

CANNOT DO WITHOUT IT.—A Kings County subscriber writes: "We cannot do without the INTELLIGENCER. I have read it with very little break since it was first published, and like its firm defence of all that makes for righteousness."

OTHER DENOMINATIONS.

—Rev. Dr. Fraser and Judge Forbes, St. John, are the New Brunswick delegates to the Pan-Presbyterian Alliance which will meet in Liverpool, England, in June.

—Rev. Dr. McLean, editor of *The Wesleyan*, has gone to Bermuda for a few weeks.

—Mr. J. E. Harris, a licensed preacher, recently from England, has been placed in charge of the Methodist church at Gagetown, N. B., succeeding the late Rev. Elias James.

—The *Presbyterian Witness* has in late issues had many reports of annual congregational meetings. The reports show much that is encouraging in the life of the churches. There have been numerous accessions to membership, and there is much liberality in support of the churches and the various branches of the denomination's work. Our Presbyterian brethren are earnestly and successfully extending the Lord's kingdom.

JAPANESE MONEY.—The Japanese yen is a silver coin of the nominal value of \$1. Actually the value is 50 cents. The Japanese currency system is decimal. Thus the yen, or dollar, is divided into 100 sen or cents, the sen into 10 rin, the rin into 10 mo, the mo into 10 shu, and the shu, finally, into 10 kotsu. Government accounts do not take account of any value smaller than a rin, but estimates by private tradesmen often descend to mo and shu, which are incredibly minute fractions of a farthing. No coin exists, however, to represent these liliuputian sums.

Marriages.

SAWYER-MARTIN.—At Woodstock, on the 2nd inst., by Rev. F. Allison Currier, A. M., Mr. Hardy Allen Sawyer, of Houlton, Me., to Miss Mabel Marion Martin, of Oakville.

Deaths.

NOLTON.—At Pow Flat, V. Co., N. B., on Feb. 22nd, after a long illness, Mabel, beloved wife of Edward Nolton, in the 82nd year of her age. Funeral services conducted by the writer. T. D. BELL.

TINKER.—At the home of her son, Daniel H. yard, on Feb. 22nd, Sophia Tinker, aged 85 years. Sister Tinker was a member of Wilson's Beach Free Baptist church, and remained a faithful Christian to the end of life. One son and brother and four sisters remain to mourn their loss. O. N. MOTT.

NASON.—At Hoyt Station, S. Co., on Feb. 21st, Alada A., beloved wife of Parker A. Nason, aged 40 years, leaving a sorrowing husband, three sons, four daughters, mother, one brother and three sisters to mourn their loss. Funeral services conducted by the writer at her late home, and at Fredericton Junction Cemetery, assisted by Rev. J. B. Daggett. G. W. FOSTER.

MERSEREAU.—At St. John, N. B., on Feb. 22nd, Miss Mandanie Mersereau, aged 27 years, leaving two brothers, four sisters, with other relatives and friends to mourn her loss. She was buried at Patterson Settlement; burial service conducted by the writer. G. W. FOSTER.

HOBBS.—Miss Mintie Hobbs, daughter of the late Harris Hobbs, was born in Knowlesville, Car. Co., N. B., September 25th, 1880. While living with her sister in Lowell, she was converted, in the eighteenth year of her age, under the ministry of Rev. C. W. H. Williston (Baptist) and united with his church. And from a letter which the writer has before him, he writes: "I remember her early faith and devotion, her interest and earnest Christian activity." In the fall of 1901, she entered Worcester City Hospital to prepare for what she intended to make her life work; she was successful in every way, and beloved alike by faculty and patients. But in the autumn of 1902, she was compelled through failing health to leave her much loved work to go to her sister's in Lowell for a rest of two months. At the end of that time she returned to her work, but after a short time she was stricken down. After this she was sent to a home for consumptives, but the disease was so far advanced that she was not accepted, and after a short time she returned to her home at Knowlesville, N. B. All that love and skill could do was done to save her life, but all was of no avail, and on Feb. 20th, 1904, as her loved ones stood around her bed, she passed from earth to be with Jesus. During frequent visits made by the writer in her last sickness, he found her trusting in Jesus as her personal Saviour, and always cheerful and patient amid her great suffering. A large number gathered at the Free Baptist church at Knowlesville on Sunday 21st, to pay their tribute of respect to one whom they honored and loved. The writer spoke to them, from Rev. 21:4 "And God shall wipe away all tears from their eyes: and there shall be no more death, neither sorrow, nor crying, neither shall there be any more pain; for the former things are passed away." GEORGE AYLES.