

January 4, 1905.

News of the Churches.

HAMPSTEAD PASTORATE.—I have no special interest to report. Things are moving along in a quiet and ordinary way. There is nothing of discord in our midst. The prayer and conference meetings are not as largely attended as is desirable. The Sabbath services are very well attended. We are trusting in the Lord, mindful of the divine admonition to "sow beside all waters."

C. B. LEWIS.

PETITCODIAC-CORNHILL.—The work on this pastorate is moving on much the same as when I last reported. In some of the churches the interest is not as good as it has been; in the others it is better. On Dec. 11 one young man was baptized and received into the Portage church. The services at Lower Ridge and Portage have been helped very much by the new organs they have bought and paid for. On Nov. 17 the people of Corn Hill manifested their good will by giving us \$36.00 cash. Christmas brought us some things we enjoyed very much, which we would have been compelled to do without if they had not come as gifts.

ABRAM PERRY.

Petitcodiac, Dec. 29.

GASPEREAU, Q. Co.—A concert, with Christmas tree, was held at the GasperEAU church on Christmas eve. The concert consisted of recitations, and music, instrumental and vocal, and an address by the pastor. After that Santa Claus arrived, and after insepecting a well-loaded Christmas tree, began to pull its fruit for the children and others for whom it was trimmed. He was assisted by a staff of ladies. The pastor was kindly remembered, being presented with a fine fur sleigh robe and other useful articles, for which he wishes to thank his friends very much. The distribution of presents was followed by refreshments served by the ladies. The smiling faces gave assurance that every one was contented and happy. A pleasant time was enjoyed by all.

The work on this pastorate is moving on about as usual, having both encouragements and discouragements. May God abundantly bless the people of this pastorate and give them a prosperous year.

G. W. FOSTER.

Hoyt Station, Dec. 28th.

ACKNOWLEDGMENT.—Mrs. Lewis and I wish to express our sincere thanks to the kind friends at Upper Hampstead for a present to Mrs. Lewis of a beautiful astrakan coat and cap. This highly appreciated present was a genuine surprise, which came on Wednesday evening, Dec. 21st, when a number of the friends came to our home, among the number being Miss Myrtle Keith, the teacher of Upper Hampstead school. A very enjoyable evening was spent, the time being pleasantly taken up by music, recitations and dialogues. The presentation was made by Mrs. Thomas Williams, an active member of the Upper Hampstead church. Another surprise came, when on Christmas the members of Onward Lodge, of I. O. G. T., came to our home, bringing refresh-

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ments appropriate to the occasion, and presenting us with some very useful articles of glassware. The presentation was made by Bro. F. C. Stults, with a few appropriate remarks. The above presents are among the many expressions of kindness and generosity of the people since our coming to the place. Our prayer is that the Giver of every good and perfect gift may abundantly reward the givers.

C. B. LEWIS.

FROM REV. G. SWIM.—Enclosed find my renewal for 1905. I cannot do without the INTELLIGENCER. It is a great help to me during these trying days. I am glad to be able to say that there is a decided improvement in my hearing; my general health, also, is better. But I cannot do any work yet. I did try to preach for Bro. Currie Dec. 25, in the evening, as he was not well. The Lord gave me special strength for the occasion. I hope to be able to preach occasionally soon, but I shall not preach regularly before the first of April, then, by the blessing of God, I shall try to do regular work wherever God may direct. I have the pleasure of hearing Rev. A. W. Currie preach every two weeks. He is a good preacher, as all who have heard him know, and he is well liked by the people. I enjoy his companionship very much.

Rev. David Long gave his lecture on the west in the Free Baptist church at Apohaqui a few weeks ago. The large audience enjoyed it. The proceeds, \$7.42, was given to me; thanks to Bro. Long and the people. I enjoy reading the letters of my brethren in the INTELLIGENCER. Write often, brethren. God is giving me great peace of mind these days; I am sure He will supply my need. Pray for me.

GIDEON SWIM.

RUSIAGORNISH, S. Co.—The Sunday school at Rusiagornish Station is doing good work. Both the attendance and interest seem better than ever. At Christmas the teachers remembered their classes by giving each a Christmas present. The children had Christmas recitations and songs. The superintendent, Mr. T. T. Mersereau, was presented with a nice Morris chair by the teachers and scholars and their parents. An address, signed by Mrs. John Alexander, Mrs. S. Waugh and Miss Marguerite H. Mott, on behalf of the donors, was read by one of the little girls, Alma Mott. It expressed appreciation of his character and services, as a faithful and efficient superintendent. Though taken quite by surprise, he made a suitable acknowledgment of their kindness. The presentation was made at Mr. M.'s home. The evening was pleasantly spent by the young people.

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HOME MISSIONS.—Bro. Parker is at Deer Island. He will probably remain in that vicinity for about three months. Applications from the pastorless churches for missionary work at the expiration of that time will be considered by the H. M. Board. It is not their purpose to give any attention to the churches under regular pastoral care.

Special meetings will be begun at Lambert's Cove, at the close of the

holiday season. Bro. Parker purposes to continue the work at Cumming's Cove and Fair Haven.

The work at River de Chute has already been reported in the INTELLIGENCER in a letter from Bro. Parker. The reports have been most encouraging.

A. J. PROSSER,

Cor. Sec. H. M. Ex.

FREDERICTON.—There is a good and growing spiritual interest in the meetings. Some have been converted. Three young people were baptized Sunday evening by the pastor, Rev. A. A. Rideout.

YARMOUTH, N. S.—I have now completed ten years of pastoral work here, 1883-1889 and 1901-1905. Ours is one of the very few Protestant churches here which has made decided progress. The year has been a good year both respecting work done and the unity, fellowship and devotion of the workers. The people from the country churches who ought to recruit our ranks are peculiarly open to the influences of the Salvation Army, the Holiness Mission, the Mission School, all of which are vigorously worked; others feel the attractions of the wealthier churches, which are not slow in exerting their charms upon those having the entree to society; and some are lost in the wilderness which besets all who taste for the first time the freedom and opportunity of the town life. Those "we have and their adoption tried" are as true as steel, not to the pastor alone, but to the church; and I have here the most home-like feeling I know anywhere, finding it a good place for Christian work.

EDWIN CROWELL.

KESWICK PASTORATE.—We have been very busy since our last report, working hard to get the new parsonage at Mouth Keswick ready. On Dec. 5th the welcome day arrived, so did some of the people with their teams, and moved us to our new home. We have a house 24x30 with fifteen foot posts, a kitchen 12x12 with wood house attached, also a barn 20x26 with 11 foot post. The water is obtained from a pump in the pantry. We have one of the handiest parsonages anywhere. We thank the good brethren and sisters of our parish for their help in this matter. The Ladies Aid Society raised over \$200; \$300 was raised by subscription. The building when completed will cost over \$1,000. We owe \$400 on this, which we hope to pay in a year or two.

The church work moves on smoothly, but we would much like to see a better interest. We have lost some of our strong helpers by death this fall, among them Mrs. George Coulter and Miss Addie Williams. Long will we miss them, for they were a great help to us all.

The work at Douglas goes on as usual, with some interest. Lately a young man decided to come to Christ, coming out in the prayer meeting. We have very good attendance at the preaching services. The brethren here have taken hold well in building the parsonage. Some of the members are getting old and are unable to attend the services. May God raise up the young to do His will, is our prayer.

At Kingsley the work moves along pleasantly. A large number of young men have gone to the woods, and we miss them much. Bro. John Henderson has gone to Massachusetts for the winter. We lost one of our members by death, Bro. Thomas Foster, who died in November. There is a good interest here. We are expecting some changes here under the union, but we will not leave this part of the field unless it is taken charge of by a pastor.

R. HEINE.

VICTORIA STREET, ST. JOHN.—At the conclusion of a Christmas concert, held in the schoolroom of the Victoria St. church, the Sunday-school class of Fenton Kierstead presented him with a handsome enlarged photograph of the class. Mr. Kierstead had also a pleasant surprise for his class. Miss Bessie Hutchinson was given \$10 in gold for the best attendance; Miss Fay Scribner for the second best attendance, received a fountain pen; and Miss Gertie Black, for the third best attendance, received a music roll. Each of the other members of the class received a hymn book. There were also other exchanges of the season's greetings.—Sun.

MINISTERS.—Rev. A. A. Rideout spent a few days last week at Hartland.

Rev. F. C. Hartley, of Houlton, Me., was in Fredericton last week.

Rev. A. J. Prosser is spending this week at Kemptville, N. S., his old home. Mrs. Prosser is with him.

It is gratifying to know that Rev. G. Swim expects to be able to resume regular work in the Spring. Some of the pastorless churches should correspond with him.

—Rev. J. S. Coffin, of the African M. E. church, Yarmouth, N. S., died last Wednesday. He was pastor of St. Philip's church, colored, St. John, for several years.

—Rev. B. N. Nobles, of the West End, Free Baptist church, has been called to the pastorate of the Sackville church. He is considering.

OF OTHER DENOMINATIONS.

—The Christmas collection for the orphans in the Roman Catholic Cathedral, St. John, was \$900.00.

—Three new Presbyterian pastors were inducted in St. John last week—Rev. H. R. Reid, on the west side church, Rev. A. E. Witcher in St. Stephen's church, and Rev. A. A. Graham in St. David's church.

—A correspondent of the *Christian Guardian* having stated that the first Methodist church in Canada was erected in Sackville, Mr. Howard Trueman, of Point de Bute, N. B., puts in a claim for that place. He gives what seems conclusive documentary evidence that the first church of the denomination was built at Point de Bute in 1788, two years before the building of the Sackville church.

—Immigration from Dakota and the adjoining states into the Canadian Northwest is increasing. The people are flocking in to get farms, and it is reported that not only are they well supplied with money, but they belong to the better class of people and know what it is to work. Let them come, we have land for them and will treat them well.