

Justice of God in their relations to the Gospel of grace, and the ministrations of the Spirit in connection with that Gospel—and respecting the proper sinfulness and guilt and consequent condemnation of the race, whether enlightened or unenlightened by the Inspired Word. In each case what is a fundamental and solemn truth of Scripture is, by a familiar rationalizing process, quietly transmuted into a speculative abstraction, a theoretic generalization, quite void either of biblical authoritativeness or of spiritual worth.

"What is our duty with respect to dogmas and issues such as these? Are we not bound as Christian men, whatever may be our theory of inspiration, to hold that the Holy Spirit was always a factor and always the supreme factor in Holy Writ, and that as such He is our sole and supreme Teacher teaching these solemn problems of the future—a Teacher whose words are to be accepted just as He utters them, and by whose lessons our thinking on such problems is to be faithfully regulated, shaped, determined, and forever? And approaching the question here of issues in this spirit of unquestioning loyalty to the Word, and to the entire Word, and to that Word just as it stands, to what other conclusion can we come than that the dogma of salvation after Death, in whatever form, is something which the Bible in no clear way directly suggests, and with which its general as well as particular teaching, its plain and harmonious and uniform testimony, studied by the eye of simple faith, is in irreconcilable conflict?"

In the remainder of the book he brings the theory of future probation to the test of the great church symbols, the general teaching of Christian Theology and Christian Experience. His general and final estimate of the theory is given in these strong words:

"... Summing up all in one practical declaration, what can we say respecting this dogma but that it is an opinion to which no countenance should be given, for whose propagation no provision should be made, in whose advocacy no Christian man should be engaged—an opinion not merely erroneous and illusive in itself, but also deleterious when ever carried into practice, and certain sooner or later to bring discord into the councils, and weakness and inefficiency into the practical activities of the Church of God?"

The book is one which all our ministers especially should have. In these times when the idea of a probation after death is being mooted almost everywhere, and the increase of carelessness about the soul's welfare and a greater hardness of procreantism, this is just the book to assist our pastors to deal with this heresy, as need arises. It can be ordered at our Book Room in Halifax.

Home Missions.

Some time since I sent to you, for publication, an account of a meeting of our Auxiliary Home Missions Board, of Hants county (district No. 4), with the Brooklyn church. Since then, we have been holding our meetings monthly.

Sept. 6, we met with the New Ross and Waterville churches, at Waterville. We found the brethren here somewhat encouraged by the labors of Bro. Angeline, (sic). Several had been brought to see their need of the Saviour; and had united with the church. Bro. Angeline left the field soon after this. Except a short visit from Rev. George Taylor, they have since been without a pastor. We held a meeting with the church at 10.30 a.m.; at 3 p.m. we met again in social conference, and at 7 p.m. the Rev. A. F. Brown, now at Woodstock, preached to a crowded house.

On Oct. 4, we met with the colored church at F. de Mile Plains. We found this little band (about 18 in number) zealously engaged in the "sacred cause." Their pastor, Rev. J. W. Johnston, is faithfully preaching the doctrines of the New Testament, and his labors are being blessed. They made us see that they greatly need assistance, and we asked the Home Missions Board to help them. In the afternoon the Conference was well attended, and their earnest testimonies and jubilant songs will not soon be forgotten.

Rev. D. H. Simpson, of Hantsport, preached to the evening, to an appreciative audience.

On Nov. 1st, we met with the New-wood church, at Scotch Village. This field is very large, and the work is in consequence attended with difficulty. The pastor, Rev. Augustus Freeman, felt somewhat discouraged, on account of the removals of prominent members from the Central district of his field, but he felt more hopeful in Belmont, Avondale and other sections; some anxious ones were inquiring the way, and others had lately found peace. The Rev. G. O. Taylor preached in the evening.

On Dec. 6, we met with the Windsor church. The case of the Rawdon church was considered at some length. All felt that it was highly important that a pastor be settled in this field. The delegates from Rawdon shared in the same feeling, and seemed willing to make any effort to this end. We trust that the Lord will direct a suitable worker to this field.

The New Ross and Waterville churches are also greatly in need of the services of a pastor, and have expressed their willingness to do all in their power toward his support.

"Pray ye, therefore, the Lord of the harvest, that he would send forth laborers into his harvest."

J. W. Brown, Sec'y,
Falmouth, Dec. 9, '87.

Acknowledgment.

The letters of condolence and sympathy received from our many friends in our bereavement are too numerous to answer personally. We therefore take this way of saying to each and all who have so kindly thought of us, and have expressed so much tenderness in reference to the removal of our darling daughter, that we appreciate your kindness and thank you most sincerely for all your kind words, and for the balm of consolation you have sought to pour into our wounded hearts. Next to the consolation that comes from above do we prize, in time of sorrow, the comforting acts and words of kind friends.

We wish also, in this public way, to express our gratitude to the members of our church, and the entire community, who have so kindly ministered to us in our affliction, and for the expressions of sorrow that so many have manifested in the removal of our dear one, that all loved so well.

R. O. and Mrs. Ross.

Religious Intelligence.

NEWS FROM THE CHURCHES.

LESLIEVILLE—On the 6th inst. we were baptized at the close of the morning service. These with our wife were baptized on a previous occasion, received the right hand of fellowship before the communion in the evening.

MAJOR'S BAY, QUEEN'S—The church at Major's Bay has been hard at work this summer fitting the buildings, grounds, etc. We have angled and painted the meeting house and covered the roof with cedar. We have painted the parsonage, built a carriage and wood house, and tarred the roof of all the buildings. The expense will be over three hundred dollars. We are anxious, however, that our collections for denominational work shall not be cut short. Our meetings are interesting, congregations good, and we are looking for an early ingathering. One of our most valued members, Mrs. Philip Earnst, went to her rest week before last. Her life was a useful one and her death triumphant.

OSWEGO, DEC. 5—I have been in this place since the 1st of October, and I find a very kind people. I expect to leave for my home in New Brunswick the nineteenth of this month. I baptised one young man yesterday (Sunday) into the fellowship of the church. Our meetings of late have been quite interesting. We are looking forward to follow.

B. N. Brown.

PONTAQUETE—Bro. Howe baptised three candidates four weeks ago, and will baptise two more to-morrow. The spirit of the Master was in our conference this afternoon.

D. W. CHADWELL.

WEST RIVER—The good work is still going on at West River, N. S. Bro. Lavers baptised three candidates with us. He reports the regular services of the churches in his field well attended, and he expects others to unite with the churches soon.

KNOXFORD, OCT. 6—The cause of God has been greatly strengthened in Upper Knoxford of late. We have been holding special services and God has been with us. Gold professors have been quickened. Seven have been baptised and received into the church and others are looking forward eagerly. Bro. Ross (disciple) of Annapolis, has been with us at different times, for a few days each time. His labors were much appreciated. He is highly esteemed here for his work's sake. Our Sabbath school is doing a grand work.

H. A. CHARLTON.

MOSEY'S RIVER, HALIFAX CO., N. S.—Our missionaries have been visiting this region occasionally for some years, and Rev. H. D. McQueen labored here during the last past summer vacation. As the result a number of baptised believers have been scattered all along this shore who were never organized into a church. Members of other Baptist churches have moved into this place. As the close of our service last Lord's day morning two believers were baptised, and in the afternoon nineteen baptised believers met to organize themselves into a Baptist church. After the church was organized Bro. Ephraim Moser, of Mosey's River, and Bro. Robert Davidson, of Ennis Scum, were chosen deacons; Bro. Isaac Walters, of Mosey's River, was chosen clerk; and Bro. Allan Moser, of Ennis Scum, was chosen assistant clerk. Ennis Scum is ten miles from Mosey's River. Twelve more will soon join this place. Some of them did not get their letters, and some could not be present. The Mosey's River Baptist church hopes to have their next meeting house finished next summer, and that pastors and brethren from other Baptist churches will be able to come to the opening, and to ordain the deacons. They are so far away from other churches and the roads are so bad now that it was not possible to get anyone to help them organize the church except the writer. The few Baptists and their friends in Ennis Scum and Marie Joseph are preparing to build a meeting-house for themselves; but if they succeed they will have to be helped largely by their Baptist friends in other places.

P. S. McJERON,
General Missionary.

PORT WILLIAMS, N. S.—The meetings here continue full of interest, and (we) have been received for baptism.

CLEMENTSVILLE—We are holding special services at Clementsville with much encouragement. Professors are receiving fresh power and a number of the young are anxious for salvation.

E. N. ARCHIBALD.

ST. FRANCIS, VICTORIA CO., N. B.—Fort Kent is a village on the Maine side of the St. John. A city of fifty houses, and five of these Protestants. When I labored in St. Francis 25 years ago, there was not the slightest interest here, but of late years there has been an increase of interest. They have been very worldly and pleasure loving. Bro. Henderson made a rapid appeal to them. I think he put a hook in their eyes.

I never saw so deep an interest in religion as there is now. I do not know of a more promising mission field for Baptists than this. The ground is there, there is no other influence here outside of the Catholic church. The line of railway to St. Francis is now being surveyed, and it is very likely the Protestant element will increase. The whole number of Protestant families in the entire field is about sixty—two at Fort Kent, twenty-five at St. Francis, and twenty-five at Allsabah and Little Black River, 12 and 15 miles above the mouth of the St. Francis, wholly in Maine, where Bro. H. has not yet preached. There would not be the least trouble to sustain a minister on this field without any aid from the Board, if all these families were united to sustain him. The prospect now is that if gospel labor is performed here, such will be the case. Meanwhile the aid you are giving Bro. H. is needed to supplement his salary.

A. ESTABROOKS.

PERSONALS.

Rev. J. A. Ford, of Milton, Yarmouth, has accepted a unanimous call to the Fairville Baptist church. We do not know how he will begin his new pastorate. He has made a fine record at Milton. May he be much blessed in his new field.

We have been glad to be informed by our old friend, Bro. Alex. Estabrooks, that after having tested the doctrines, etc., of those who profess instantaneous and entire sanctification, he finds himself in accord with Baptist views. While his heart's warm Christian interest in those with whom he has associated for some time past, and recognizes the excellence of many of their lives, he cannot longer agree with them in their teaching. Indeed, he never has accepted all their views, but he has now seen his way clear to the old loving and full fellowship with our people.

The church at Centerville, on hearing that their pastor, Bro. Geo. Howard, had a call to the Centerville Baptist church, met and passed a strong resolution expressive of their high approval of his labors. They believed that the best interest of the cause demanded that he continue their pastor and of their earnest wish that he might do his duty to remain. Bro. Howard has yielded to their desire, and Centerville will not lose a beloved leader, and Centerville won't get one very much sorely.

Rev. R. H. Bishop, wishes to acknowledge the continued kindness of his people. They are evidently unwilling to see their pastor want for "any good thing." The nominal salary is not large, but the real one bids fair to become very respectable if the contributions of the first three months be a criterion from which to judge. The donation of the 22nd, which left the pastor some \$50 "better off" was but the latest and largest. May God reward the donors.

At the last annual meeting of the Baptist Convention of the Maritime Provinces it was resolved that "during the year the various boards of the Convention have a conference, for the purpose of devising some better way, if possible, for opening our finances." For Book for 1887, page 44). In agreement with this action of Convention the said boards will hold a conference in the vestry of the First Baptist church, Halifax, commencing Dec. 28th, 1887, at 10 o'clock, p. m.

E. M. KENNEDY,
Secretary of Convention.

The next P. E. I. Baptist Quarterly Meeting will take place at Ugg, P. E. I., on Tuesday, the 20th inst., commencing with a preaching service by Rev. J. A. Cahill, of Summerside, at 6.30 p. m. All persons who come by train to Park's Station will be provided with conveyance to Ugg, provided that they send in their names to Rev. E. E. Parker, Vernon River, stating by what train they are coming. It is hoped that there will be a good representation from the churches on the Island.

R. V. B. BROWN,
Secretary.

The N. B. S. Southern Association's quarterly meeting will convene with the St. George's, 2nd Falls, church on Tuesday, 20th inst., at 7 p. m. Will the churches, constituting this Association, see that they are represented by their pastor and delegates, as matters of importance to our denominational interests are to be considered?

By order,
J. A. GORDON.

The Baptist meeting house near Collins which has been put through a course of repairs during the past season will be reopened for divine service on Sunday, Dec. 18th, at eleven o'clock. Ministers, brethren and others are invited to attend.

FRANCIS KENNEDY,
Studholm, Dec. 5.

Marriages.

COPPIN-PURDY—At the house of the bride's father, on the 6th inst. by the Rev. T. M. Munro, assisted by the Rev. J. W. S. Young, Mr. R. B. Coppin, of Forest Glen, Albert Co., N. B., and Miss Clara Purdy, of Little River, Cumberland County, N. S.

HINDS-SANDERS—At 203 King St. East, Dec. 7th, by the Rev. E. G. Mellick, Pastor of Brunswell St. Baptist Church, Mr. Charles A. Hinds, and Miss Clementina A. Saunders, both of Portland, N. B.

CALDER-LARK—At the residence of Harbord Luther, Esq., St. Andrews, Nov. 27th, by Rev. G. E. Good, Mr. Alex. Calder, of St. Charles J. Lark, both of Campbellton, N. B.

MALLOCK-MITCHEL—At the residence of Harbord Luther, Esq., St. Andrews, N. B., Nov. 27th, by Rev. G. E. Good, Mr. Daniel J. Mallock, and Miss Eugenia Mitchell, both of Campbellton, N. B.

CURRY-MCKENZIE—At Little Sande, on the 2nd inst., by the Rev. John Williams, Mr. Lancelotti Curry, to Mrs. Ann McKenzie, all of 64.

HEPBURN-HARBORNE—At Musquash, St. John Co., on Nov. 30th, by the Rev. John L. Shaw, R. H. Hephurn and Mabel Harborne, both of Musquash, N. B.

HORTON-WORTH—At Casco, Dec. 5th, by the Rev. H. B. Smith, B. A., Mr. Hiram G. Holton, of Casco, to Miss Henrietta Worth, of Guysboro.

BURNS-GRENDON—At Casco, Dec. 5th, by the Rev. H. B. Smith, B. A., Mr. George J. Burns, to Miss Marie Grendon, all of Casco.

MACE-KESSELL—At Saccus, on Wednesday, the 7th inst., by Rev. Sydney Walton, B. A., Mr. George Mace, of Hantsport, N. B., to Miss Mary J. Kesell, of St. John City.

HENDERSON-WOODCOCK—At the residence of the bride's father, Elizabeth Woodcock, Esq., Torbrook, Annapolis county, N. S.

D. O. the 7th, by the Rev. E. H. Howe, Mr. Winfield Huggins, of North Kingston, Kings county, to Miss Carrie Woodcock, of Torbrook, Annapolis county.

EDWARDS-BOYD—At O. O. Chabou J. Road, on the 8th inst., by Rev. A. W. Jordan, E. D. Mr. James F. Varde, to Miss Louisa Boyd, of Musquash.

Boss-CAMERON—At the residence of the bride's father, Parr-boro, N. S., on the 8th Nov., by Rev. I. W. Porter, B. A., John W. Boss, of Athol, N. S., to Maggie E. Cameron, daughter of Andrew Cameron.

LEWIS-CLAYBANK—At Berwick, on the 7th inst., by Rev. E. O. R. A. Mr. Henry S. Lyone, and Miss Ella Cleveland, both of South Berwick, N. S.

DAVISON-WORTH—At Dartmouth, D. C. 7th, by Rev. E. J. Grant, Mr. George Davison, of Isaac's Harbor, to Miss Sophia Worth, of Halifax.

HICKS-SANFORD—At the home of the bride, Clementville, Annapolis Co., Nov. 24th, by Rev. E. N. Archibald, assisted by Rev. J. M. Parker, John H. Hicks, of Clementsfort, to Ada R. J. Sanford, daughter of the late Richard Sanford, Esq.

Deaths.

WILKINSON—At Upper Knoxford, Nov. 13th of inflammation of the bowels, Laura Elizabeth daughter of Cole and E. Anne Wilcox, aged 15 yrs. and 8 mos. Laura was a scholar in our S. S. Her constant attention to her lessons and study of God's word had the effect of giving her a large place in the affections of all. Her brother and sister, indeed all the very dear ones, were in grief, but the consolation remains that she died trusting in the merits of Christ. She rests with Jesus.

LEWIS—At Millport, on the 17th of Nov. of consumption, Deacon Philip Lewis, aged 55 years. Bro. Lewis professed religion and was baptised into the fellowship of the Kingsport church about 30 years ago. A year after, he moved to Millport, where he lived in fellowship with the Millport and Grey wood Church until death.

MARSHALL—At River Philip, Dec. 4th after a brief illness, Irene, youngest daughter of the late R. H. Williams, and wife of Thomas Marshall, aged 13 years. She had lived in Lyons for a number of years, until about two months ago, when she came to her native place with the intention of making a permanent residence. Man proposes, but God disposes, and thus she saw fit to remove her to that better home, to which she sweetly passed on Sabbath evening, leaving an infant daughter, a devoted husband, and many sorrowing friends.

FLEET—At Lower Granville, Annapolis Co., N. S. on Nov. 30th, after a long and painful illness, Cornelius Fleet, aged 82 years. Our brother was for many years a member of the Baptist Church at Lower Granville, whose meetings it was his delight to attend, as long as health and strength permitted. He passed peacefully away, calmly resting on Christ as the ground of his acceptance with God. May God sustain the aged parent, who mourns the loss of one so long shared her joys and sorrows, for the long period of 84 years.

F. POTTER.

GANONG—At Carleton, St. John, Nov. 27th, John D. Ganong, in the sixty third year of his age. Bro. Ganong was a member of the Carleton Baptist church. He was uniformly cheerful and kindly, and died with his trust firmly resting on the work of the Saviour. He will be much missed by many, but most of all by his widow.

BALEY—At Bonnie River, Dec. 1st, of consumption, Rachel Maud Baley, aged 4 yrs. 9 months daughter of Howard and Priscilla Baley. She lies down in a few hours to be eternal bliss.

ROBLES—At Truro, P. E. I., on the 3rd inst., George Robles, in the 34th year of his age. A widowed mother deeply feels the loss. May the widows' God be her support.

ANDERSON—At Waterville, Harvey A. C., Nov. 24, Nelson Anderson, aged 76 years. Bro. Anderson confessed Christ and was baptised a little over one year ago, and, to use his own expression when asked how he got along, was as happy as a bird all the time. During his illness of only a few weeks he suffered severely, but through it all was patient and perfectly resigned to his Father's will, and looked forward with joy to the rest beyond. He frequently said what were his sufferings to what Christ endured patiently for him. He leaves behind a wife, with whom he lived over fifty years, a son and daughter, all members of the family of Christ.

BAKER—At the residence of her son, Henry L. Baker, North Kingston, Kings county, N. S., Nov. 26th, Mrs. Eunice Baker, wife of the late Henry Baker, age 82. She was brought into the liberty of the gospel in the great revival of 1828, and was baptised by Father Ansel, of precious memory. Sister Baker was the Bible her guide through life and walked according to its precepts; died in the triumph of faith; was interred in the cemetery at North Kingston, where she sleeps in hope of the resurrection of the just. "Blessed are the dead that die in the Lord."

Foreign Mission Receipts.

NOVEMBER 7TH TO DECEMBER 6TH, 1887.

Mrs. C. E. Darke, for Dight Mission Band, ...	\$10 00
Ambert Point Mission Band, per Rev. W. J. Stewart, ...	18 00
Dea. E. Kin, Grand Lake, per Rev. W. J. Stewart, ...	5 00
W. G. Marsters, B. D., Barrow, the Springs, Newfoundland, (Alec. U. S. 10c. for Missionary Co. Quilt) ...	5 00
J. Bew, Arichat, per Rev. C. Good-wood, ...	18 50
Alex. Brodie, Barnley, England, ...	1 25
A. Friend, D. H. Hatcher, D. H. Hatcher, ...	6 00
Jonathan R. N. S., P. J. Raymond ...	2 42
Shelburne, N. S., ...	3 58
R. G. E. D. Con. Fund, ...	18 70
M. A. M. School, Cornwallis, per Mrs. Irvine E. Don, ...	3 00
Upper S. W. Wake, per M. B. O. G., ...	11 00
Mrs. A. G. Gill, Sambroville, per Rev. A. Co. ...	1 00
California, Albert Co., per Rev. A. Chooch, ...	1 86
Previously acknowledged, ...	\$196 28
By Mrs. K. ...	\$1,134 66
Total receipts, ...	\$1,330 94
Total expenditures, ...	4,722 69

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Reserve held, ...	695,601 36	831,167 24	135,565 88	19.4
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