

me at Brookfield on Friday evening. At the close of the preaching service the question of allowing the pastor to extend his labors to Upper Stewiack was considered. With so many stations needing attention, it seemed that too much to ask, but then how else can that little church be regularly cared for.

Sunday was spent at Upper Stewiack, 18 miles from Brookfield church. The church here has had but little preaching of late and seemed to enjoy very much the two services held with them. Advantage was taken of my being present to have the Lord's Supper administered. The ways and means of securing ministerial labor were considered at some length. This little church has too good a record and is too much needed by its environment to permit of its being left without ministerial care.

Monday evening found me at Springhill, where again the privilege of preaching the Word was enjoyed, and information gained as to the condition and prospects of another of our mission churches. If this town continues to grow in the future as in the past ten years, this church will soon be in a position to return to the denomination all that has been expended on it. The foundations have been well laid by Bro. Murray.

Tuesday morning we reached on Tuesday evening. During the following days, thanks to the kindness of pastor Porter, whose interest in the Baptist cause extends beyond his own church, I visited West Brook, Advocate Harbor, Port Greville and Diligent River.

On Sunday, we preached at Parrsboro, Port Greville and Diligent River. Bro. Crabb is about closing his labors on the Advocate River field, and the church is looking forward hopefully to the coming of Brother Jenkins, the pastor elect.

The Port Greville and Diligent River churches will be cared for during the vacation by a student missionary. Bro. Porter will retain the pastoral oversight. The trouble that our brethren and sisters at Port Greville have had in connection with their meeting house, which was in fact the occasion of my visiting them, shows very clearly the importance of care in the dealing of church properties. There is no better way for sections where there are no churches, for where the churches are not fully established, than to deed the property to the Home Mission Board. Forms of deeds for such purposes will be furnished on application to secretary of Home Mission Board.

The hospitable home of Bro. F. L. Jenks, at Parrsboro, was left on Monday and my own reached on Wednesday evening. The odd moments during my absence, were filled up by the writing of about 75 letters in the interest of our work.

A. CONNOR,
Cor. Sec'y H. M. B.

Hebron, N. S., April 4.

Religious Intelligence.

NEWS FROM THE CHURCHES.

HILLBORO.—Bro. Camp baptized again on the 30th ult.

CORNWALLIS STREET, HALIFAX.—It was my privilege to baptize two happy believers in the Lord yesterday, in presence of a large audience.

A. N. JORDAN.

CHESAPE, Lunenburg, N. S.—Had the privilege of baptizing three heads of families at Chelsea on Lord's day, March 24th. Six others related their experience, and since then three more have owned their allegiance to Christ. The work is going on. Had an interesting day also yesterday at New Cumberland.

S. MARCH.

FREDERICTON.—Seventeen have been added by baptism in March, the waters being troubled on each Lord's day. Those in tender years and others in their prime have been buried with Christ. We expect others to come. Seven have been added by letter of dismission from sister churches. We are made grateful and hopeful by these evidences of the Lord's favoring presence.

April 1. F. D. CRAWLEY.

COLLINS, King's County.—Rev. A. F. Brown labors with us a portion of the time as pastor, so that we are practically grouped with the Sussex church. During the few months he has been with us, his labors have been blessed, and four have been added to our church by baptism. Rev. S. W. Keirstead, of Hillsboro, recently visited his native place. He spent Sabbath, March 17th, with us, preached for us in the morning, and in the evening very ably presented the claims of missions, to a full house. The subject was made more interesting and impressive by the use of a chart which has been neatly and artistically drawn by Bro. Keirstead. By its use he was enabled to impart to the minds of those present the greatness and importance of the work committed to the church. At the close, a collection was taken for missions, which was handed over to some of our sisters who were members of W. M. A. S., which society formerly did a good work, but for some time has practically ceased to exist. It may be added, that as a result of our brother's timely visit and intense earnestness in the cause of missions, a general awakening has taken place and our sisters are already organizing for action and earnest work. We are now using the Baptist Hymnal, and like it very much. Would it not be well for all our churches to adopt it, so that we might have that uniformity in our songs of praise which characterizes us as a body in other lines? J. I. K.

DEBRY, Miramichi.—A sister who is deeply interested in the Lord's work in this place, writes, telling of the encouragement given the few Baptists in this place. They have kept up their prayer-meeting and Sabbath-school; but feel in urgent need of a pastor. We hope their earnest desire and prayer for a leader may soon be answered.

PORT LORNE AND HAMPTON, N. S.—Two happy converts were added to the St. Croix church through baptism on Sunday. We have been much blessed here. All the members are rejoicing. We started nineteen, who will be baptized on Lord's day, 7th. The converts are largely from the Bible and other classes in the Sunday-school, though there are some notable exceptions. These are the bare facts, but how suggestive! How much of labor blessed, and of prayer answered, God alone knows. D. A. S.

LOWER GRANVILLE.—The Lord is reviving His cause in the Lower Granville church. Some who for years have not walked with the church, have come back with deep contrition of spirit, and are rejoicing in God, the Rock of their salvation. Last Sabbath, March 31, we had the privilege of baptizing three happy converts at Stoney Beach. Others, we hope, will see their sinful state and be brought to believe in the Lord Jesus Christ to the saving of their souls.

April 1. W. L. PARKER.

CUMBERLAND BAY, Queens Co.—Have spent a few days on this field. Bro. Richard Barton, who resides on this field, is at present preaching to the people. Owing to the state of the roads, our congregations were not as large as they otherwise would have been. The church was somewhat revived. One promising young man was baptized on the 24th. We then left for Carleton Co., reaching home on the 28th March.

A. H. HAYWARD.

LITTLE RIVER, Sunbury Co., N. B.—We are very grateful to our Heavenly Father, because He has enabled us to report another victory. On Sabbath, March 31, it was my privilege to administer the blessed ordinance to three believers. The total number baptized since the work began, thirty-two; total number added to the church, fifty-four; at Little River and six at Lakeville Corner. Others will soon follow their Lord, and unite with people of God. Bro. Young left us on the 26th, and now assisting my esteemed Bro. McIntyre at Upper Gage. Being fully persuaded that it would be inconsistent with the will of my great Commissioner to leave this important field, I have declined the call to the town of St. Andrews—the latter people, though much disappointed, giving me an honorable release. The people of my present charge placed in my hands recently a requisition signed by all my people, and many others, Roman Catholics included, earnestly requesting me to reconsider my resignation. General satisfaction is expressed over my decision. It seems needless to remark that I have entered upon the second year of my pastorate with bright prospects. I wish to make grateful mention of the uniform kindness of the people all over the circuit. The people of Lakeville, Carleton and Little River gave me a cash donation of \$35; may the Lord of all reward them. Brethren, pray for the only Baptist pastor in Sunbury County.

April 2nd. B. H. THOMAS.

SURREY, Albert Co.—Allow me to say through the columns of MESSENGER AND VISITOR, that we are still toiling on in this field. We cannot say for ourselves, that we are in the midst of a kind and generous people; and many of them are, we believe, earnest workers in the Lord's vineyard. My field embraces the Valley and 3rd Hillsboro churches. We held some special services in the 3rd Hillsboro church a few weeks ago, and the church was much revived, and we felt the Lord to be present, and wanderers were brought home, and we trust that much good seed was sown, and if we do not have the pleasure of reaping, some one else may. One promising young man was received for baptism at last conference; will probably be baptized next Sabbath. We have also had a few special services in Valley church and some refreshing seasons were enjoyed; but we are not enjoying what we would desire. We are praying that the cloud which appears to hang over this part of the field may break, and the blessed sun of righteousness shine forth upon us. We hold monthly missionary prayer-meetings in both churches and are trying to arouse the missionary spirit in our people. We also wish to acknowledge our gratitude and thanks to church and congregation in Surrey for a recent donation of over \$50.00. This, with the many other acts of kindness, makes us feel that we are among a people who believe in encouraging their pastor, and may the Lord bless and prosper them in my humble prayer.

April 2. S. W. KEIRSTEAD.

MURRAY RIVER.—The Lord is giving us manifestations of His loving favor in this section of my field of labor known as the Montague and Murray River mission field. Three rejoicing believers were buried with Christ in baptism yesterday, the 31st ult., and received into the fellowship of the Murray River church. One of these—a man of family, and years of study on the subject of Christian baptism, had arrived at the conclusion—and rightly enough—that nothing short of the complete immersion of the whole body of a believer in Christ in water, could satisfy the conditions of Christian baptism as taught in the New Testament, and therefore he came to us and asked admission to our ranks, which, as a matter of course was most readily and joyfully granted. Others are inquiring. Some are waiting for an opportunity to obey Christ. Sinners are seeking, and believers are returning and church members are encouraged, are coming up to the help of the Lord. In fact, the whole community seems to be moved in a forward direction and a spirit of inquiry after truth seems to pervade the minds of the people in a remarkable degree. No special efforts beyond our ordinary appointments are being made, but we believe a quiet work of grace is going on in many hearts, which will result in additions to the church of Christ of such as are being saved. I hope to report more accessions in the near future. May the Lord give us mercy. Reports of the Lord's work in Wolfville, among the students of our literary institutions there as well as in the Wolfville church, cheer our hearts exceedingly, our joy being greatly enhanced by the good news that our own son is among the hopefully converted. We hope before long to hear of his yielding obedience to the Lord's command in baptism and in the observance of all things, whatsoever He has commanded. The Lord carry on His gracious work till all the students in every department of those institutions shall be gathered into the church, to become faithful workers in the great vineyard of the Lord, and to Him be all the glory.

April 1. I. J. SEINKE.

AMHERST.—Had a very happy season at last night's conference (April 5). Received nineteen, who will be baptized on Lord's day, 7th. The converts are largely from the Bible and other classes in the Sunday-school, though there are some notable exceptions. These are the bare facts, but how suggestive! How much of labor blessed, and of prayer answered, God alone knows. D. A. S.

GUYSBORO, N. S.—The reports of the churches, as they appear from week to week in the MESSENGER AND VISITOR, gladden our hearts greatly. And we rejoice with others in the conquests gained for Christ. Especially have we rejoiced of late in the hopeful conversion of some late prayer for, and who have been baptized by Bro. Cline, of Halifax. There are happy parents in Guysboro now, whose faith has been rewarded and earnest prayers answered. Yet we are praying together for other dear ones, whom we hope to see ere long at the feet of Jesus, and acknowledge him as Saviour and king. The interest here in church work has been fairly good this winter. The presence of the Lord has been of comfort and encouragement to his people. Some time ago the kind people of Guysboro and Manchester gathered at the parsonage and made up, in a tangible way, their appreciation of our efforts to do them good—and though it made us feel very humble and unworthy, yet we praised God for such kindness. May God supply all their need according to his riches in glory by Jesus Christ. Guysboro town has been roughly aroused on the temperance question, and some efficient work has been accomplished. The better thinking of his people has been continued into a temperance convention, subscribed, and appointed a prosecutor, and commenced active operations. As a result, two convictions have been secured, and an air of quietness and sobriety made to pervade certain quarters. This has not been accomplished, however, without meeting obstacles in the way of threats and attempts at violence.

April 2. A. L. P.

CAMBRIDGE, Kings Co., N. S.—Of late we have been having some very good times at Cambridge. The Lord forced a work of praise upon us. I have baptized ten; others will follow soon. DAVID PRIOR.

NEW GERMANY, Lunenburg Co., N. S.—We are holding special services at Foster Settlement. Several are concerned about their souls' salvation; some who have long been silent are returning to join in praising God. The second mission conference since our pastorate began, was held in the church at Centerville, and was as great a success as the previous one, which is said to have been much superior to anything of the kind before attempted here. We are anticipating a great blessing. WILLIAM P. ANDERSON.

April 2nd. W. L. THOMAS.

TABERNACLE, HALIFAX.—We have had special meetings in Tabernacle since early in February; 26 have been baptized and 12 or 14 received by letter, experience and restoration. The church is greatly revived and harmony prevails. We look forward to completion of building ere long. Congregations continue to increase, and more, we trust, are about to confess Christ and walk in obedience. E. T. MILLER.

ELMCREST.—This settlement consists of fourteen families, and about thirty-five members of the 2nd Falls church live here. I preach here once a fortnight on a week night and twice every three months on Sunday. They know and love the Gospel and they do not let the weather keep them home. We held a missionary meeting here March 27th, which was a decided success. There was a little fearful when I first asked them to take work for the meeting, but twelve of them accepted work, and did it well. Such meetings being before the general public the need of the millions in heathen darkness, and stimulate them to give more freely to further the interest of our Redeemer's kingdom. C. E. PINKO.

St. George, N. B., April 5.

OAK BAY, Charlotte Co., N. B.—I returned home a few days ago from a very pleasant visit to my son's field of labor in Charlotte County. I attended meetings with him every evening for some ten days; preaching at Rolling Dam, Oak Bay and Waverley; conference and prayer meeting at Dufferin. The services were all very interesting, and well attended, especially at Rolling Dam, where much good work was done. I was much encouraged in his work. The people are exceedingly kind to him. A short time ago his valuable horse sickened and died, and the friends of all denominations promptly and most generously presented him with money to purchase another fine animal. Such tangible sympathy is to be appreciated. Young Mr. Wright, a licensed minister, teaches school for the present at Oak Bay, and preaches every Sabbath at Charlotte County. He is a most capable and highly esteemed by the people.

April 5. THOS. TODD.

CHESAPE, Lunenburg Co.—Last Sabbath (March 31) was a day of unusual interest at Western Shore, when four rejoicing believers were buried with Christ in baptism, thus proving their love to Him that saved them. Two others had been received by the church as candidates for baptism, but being in feeble health, preferred postponing their baptism for a few weeks; others are rejoicing in the hope of salvation, but have not confessed the Lord in his own appointed way. Others have been convicted of sin, and were it not for the fact that many are leaving home for the Banks, it is likely would soon confess the Lord Jesus as their Saviour. We hope to hold a few more meetings next week. May the Spirit of God be present, as He has in the meetings held in the past, for He alone can convince of sin, of righteousness, and of judgment to come, and He alone can reveal the all-sufficient Saviour. GEO. TAYLOR.

UNION BAPTIST MINISTERIAL CONFERENCE, ST. JOHN.—Reports: Fairville church going forward steadily in its work. Brunsford religious services continue to be held and one received by letter since last report. Two of those baptized were from the mission, and the ordinance was administered by Bro. Ingram. Germain street: There were many drops but no showers of blessing. The attendance of recent religious services continues to be large and earnest. At Leinster street, as reported last week, nine were baptized on the 31st, and one received by letter. At Carleton Baptist church, Bro. Ford has large congregations and the attendance at the prayer-meetings is excellent. Bro. Hartley, of the Carleton P. C. B.

church, baptized two last Sabbath, and reports his church in excellent working order. Bro. Capp is encouraged. Portland church is doing its ordinary work. The remainder of the session was occupied in reviews of books recently read by the brethren. The subject for next session is "The best methods by which the present generation of Christians can reach with the Gospel the present generation of heathen," to be opened by Bro. Stewart.

SECOND FALLS.—I baptized three persons into the Second Falls Baptist church, March 17. We held a very interesting missionary meeting March 11th. The chapel was well filled. Missionary intelligence was brought before the audience by thirteen persons, which kept their profound attention for two hours. At the close of the meeting there was an offering for Home and Foreign Missions. C. E. PINKO.

April 5. GREENFIELD, Queens, N. S.—We baptized three believers last Sunday at Greenfield. J. E. BLAKENY.

WESTERN SHORE, Lunenburg Co., N. S.—Bro. W. J. G. writes that the interest here, where Bro. Kempton was assisted to build a house of worship, still continues, under the labors of his successor, Bro. Taylor. Five were baptized here March 31.

The members of the church and congregation at Oboya have lately paid their pastor two surprise visits at his residence, bringing with them a great variety of good and useful articles in housekeeping. Both Bro. Potter and his wife wish to express their gratitude for the thoughtfulness and kindness shown.

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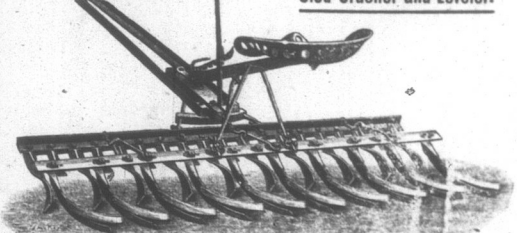
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