Day of Prayer at Wolfville.

The services at Acadia were full of interest, on Wednesday last, the Day of Prayer for Colleges. Lectures were suspended at 11 o'clock, and a prayer-meeting held for one hour. It was a genuine prayer-meeting. The time was spent in praying, not in talking about prayer. The place was solemn and sweet.

At 3 o'clock, a service was conducted by President Sawyer. It was a good meeting. After appropriate remarks by the leader, Rev. M. P. Freeman, the faithful and esteemed pastor of the Gaspereaux church, spoke briefly and earnestly, urging the importance of the religious element in education.

Dea. J. W. Bares, of Wolfville, referred to the former years when God's mercy had been so clearly shown to the students, and urged those now in Acadia's halls to give themselves to Christ. He also advised them to get as good an education as possible to prepare them for their life work. He noted the advance in general education and thought the general public knew as much now as college students of a generation ago; that college men must therefore advance. Especially was he pleased to know that the young men who expect to preach are anxious to secure a good theological training. The times demand not merely good intentions but a thorough knowledge of Christian truth, and he thought young ministers should seek thorough theological education as well as the general culture of the Arts Course. Prayer is a great power and should be used more by all. Referring to the gift to McGill University, he thought its value was greatly reduced by the fact that the money ($40,000), had been made by the sale of tobacco. He expressed his deep interest in the students and his desire for the increased usefulness of our institution.

Dr. Young, United States Consul at Windsor, fittingly spoke of his connection with the College as student in the beginning of Acadia's work, of the prayers and faith of the founders and of the heritage the young men now have. He commended the gospel to them all. The remarks of these brethren were timely and effective. The spirit of Christ was in them. Dr. T. A. Higgins and others spoke in harmony with the objects of the service.

At the evening meeting, which was largely attended, a great many spoke. Among them were a number who have lately entered into the new life. At the close, a number more signified their desire to know the blessedness of redeeming grace. Rev. T. A. Blackadar, of Hampton. N. B., whose daughter is attending college, spoke of the increasing interest of Baptists in the work of our schools, and of the large numbers who are praying for their welfare. Our readers will see from this report that it is a time when prayer is being answered on behalf of the students of College and Academy and Seminary. And it is also a time of great moment in the lives of all who are studying there. We hope to hear of greater blessings on all connected with our educational work. For this let all our people pray.

Reminiscence.

I was particularly gratified in seeing in your very interesting paper a few weeks ago the number of additions to the various churches of the Maritime Provinces for the last ten years.

While it is a source of much pleasure to me to know that the Lord's work has been prospering in many churches, yet I was particularly interested in the exceeding *great change* in the church at Moncton since my first acquaintance with that church.

Fifty-four years ago I removed from Amherst to Moncton, where I resided nearly three years, becoming acquainted with most of the inhabitants, particularly with the members of the church. I found that most of them required the admonition: "Awake thou that sleepest and arise from the dead." Notwithstanding that a few years before there had been a glorious revival of religion and many added to the church, there was now but one member in what is now the town of Moncton who would offer prayer in public. The late Deacon Thomas Prince, a standard bearer, was usually at his post, but the church had brought itself so low that previous to 1839 no letter had been sent by this church to the Association for two years.

Comparing that time with the present, when we see in Moncton one of the largest, if not the first in numbers, in the Maritime Provinces, one cannot but exclaim: "What hath God wrought." But how? By the help of man as His instrument. In 1856 the sainted Emmerson was engaged and the cause advanced. Under many difficulties a place of worship was built, which stands now as a monument of the enterprise of Mr. Jones and others, Mr. Emmerson not living quite long enough to see it opened for service. It may be that I feel more interested in this from the fact that it is situated upon a portion of the property that I owned fifty-two years ago. The cause has continued to prosper for many years under the very zealous ministry of those having the oversight of the church. Those ministers deserve high praise, but none deserve it more than the present incumbent, Rev. Mr. Hinson, who is now in the midst of a blessed revival. May it continue and spread to other churches.

Now let me ask: Why could not other churches enjoy the same blessings? Is it because the Lord's hand is shortened that He cannot save? Is it not rather that our iniquities have separated between us and our God? While the Lord is the same, always ready to grant His blessings upon His churches, may we be ready to receive them.

I have enlarged quite beyond my intention when I began this article. I intended just to compare the Moncton church fifty-two years ago with the present. For many years I have rejoiced in seeing, and even of hearing, of revivals of religion, as it has a right to lead any person over four score to think of heaven and how soon I will be at *home over there*.

CYRUS BLACK.

Amherst, Feb. 18.

District Meeting.

The Kings county district meeting convened in regular session with the Upper Aylesford church, on the 24th February, at 2 o'clock p. m.

The following churches were represented:—Wolfville, Canard, Billtown, Berwick, Lower Aylesford, Upper Aylesford. There were present: Dr. T. A. Higgins, Rev. S. B. Kempton, Bro. Vincent, of Billtown, Rev. E. H. Howe and Rev. J. T. Eaton, of the Lawrencetown and Valley West church. A large number of lay brethren were also present. The first hour and a half were spent in hearing reports from the churches and general religious exercises. It was an enjoyable season. Very encouraging reports came from nearly all the churches. God is manifesting His quickening and converting power. Dr. Higgins tenderly referred to the sad accident at Springhill, and by request prayer was offered for the bereaved by Rev. J. T. Eaton.

The chairman, Rev. S. B. Kempton, then referred to the matter of having more complete statistics from our churches, and gave an interesting talk referring to his own church. He also spoke at some length on special hindrances to church work.

H. N. Parry read a communication from our beloved and greatly afflicted brother, Rev. R. S. Morton, in reference to his continued interest in the Master's work, and what to him appears the dangerous tendencies of our time. The meeting showed its appreciation by taking up a good collection for our brother.

At the evening session the Rev. Mr. Vincent, of Billtown, occupied the pulpit, and in a very earnest and pithy way presented much truth respecting the Holy Spirit.

Before closing the following resolution was adopted:

This District meeting has heard, with deepest sorrow, of the sad calamity which has befallen the town of Springhill, and would convey to the bereaved ones our warmest sympathy.

We would also recommend the churches composing this District meeting to take up a collection at their earliest convenience and forward to the sufferers, through the resident pastor, Rev. H. B. Smith.

This was one of our best attended and most successful meetings, a blessing to the church entertaining, and we trust an inspiration to all.

H. N. PARRY,
Sec'y *pro tem.*

Religious Intelligence.

NEWS FROM THE CHURCHES.

GIBSON.—Since our last report five more believers have been baptized into the fellowship of our churches and one received on experience.

Feb. 26. B. N. NOBLE.

GERMAIN STREET, St. John.—Pastor Gates reports: Two were baptized on March 1st. There is a good interest in this church in all the departments of work.

LEINSTER STREET, St. John.—The work is moving on steadily. The first Sunday of last month, we had the pleasure of receiving eight, and six more were welcomed to our fellowship yesterday (March 1st), and others are coming.

JACKSONTOWN, N. B.—The gospel power is working mightily here. We are enjoying fresh evidences of the divine favor every day. The church is much revived, backsliders are getting into line, and some are inquiring. The general break must come soon. B. H. THOMAS.

Feb. 24.

SPRINGFIELD.—Our churches here have been somewhat revived of late. A few weeks ago, I baptized and received one into the Second church. We held a few extra meetings also with the First church; as a result our brothers and sisters have gone more earnestly to work, and last Sabbath we had the pleasure of administering the ordinance of baptism and welcomed into the church another to work for the Lord.

SACKVILLE, N. B.—The Rev. W. E Hall, after a pastorate of more than five years, has left here at the call of the Tabernacle Baptist church, Halifax. By this change the Sackville church is in unfeigned sorrow. Our Bro. Hall has been enabled to do a grand work for the Master in this church. He leaves with a large place in the affections of the people, and he also leaves a beautiful and well appointed place of worship as a monument of his skilful toils. The church is now carefully casting about for a successor. The coming man will find plenty of work, a large field, a comfortable parsonage with land adjoining, all in one of the finest farming sections of the Maritime Provinces. He will find much to stimulate him along intellectual lines in the educational institutions of the Methodist brotherhood which flourish here. During the pastorate now closing, and under the leadership of the pastor's wife, the sisters have wrought vigorously in the support of missions. Already some fifty dollars have been gathered up for Home Missions, while the usual amount is being raised for Foreign and Grande Ligne mission work. The church appears to be thoroughly united, and so prepared for hearty co-operation with the man whom the Lord may send to shepherd them.

OAK BAY, Charlotte Co.—We are still encouraged in our work. Our prayer and conference meetings are quite interesting and regularly sustained in all sections of the field, and pleased to say that the kindness of my friends throughout this field is unbounded. On the evening of the 19th inst., the members and friends of the Ledge church met at the parsonage, and after spending a very pleasant evening, left us many useful presents. It is my daily prayer that they may be richly rewarded for their great kindness to me. F. S. TODD.

ST. JOHN.—The U. B. ministers' conference met March 2, at 10 a. m., in the Baptist room, 85 Germain St. Present: Revs. W. J. Stewart, Jas. Spencer, S. Welton, C. H. Martell, H. G. Mellick, G. O. Gates, E. Hickson. Rev. E. Hickson presided. Baptisms reported for last two weeks:

Rev. W. J. Stewart,	10	Rec'd by letter	2
" S. Welton,	2	" "	4
" C. H. Martell,	0	" "	7
" G. O. Gates,	2	" "	
" H. G. Mellick,	3	" "	3
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Reports of the churches, and the mission under the care of the Rev. A. E. Ingram, were very encouraging. An interesting paper on the doctrine of Regeneration was read by Rev. S. Welton.

MONCTON.—We are thankful to say the Lord is still saving souls in our meetings. On Sunday last we baptized eleven more into the fellowship of this church. Thus far sixty have been baptized since January first. These eleven complete the number of five hundred received into our fellowship during the past five years. And still the work goes on. And without excitement, or aught of attraction outside the simple testimonies of God's people, seeking souls are still asking for salvation. We are continuing our services this week, and are looking for the Lord's blessing. And our hearty prayer is for an outpouring of Holy Ghost power on our entire Baptist brotherhood; but especially do we look for blessing on this N. B. Eastern Association. W. B. HINSON.

Feb. 25.

CAMBRIDGE, Queens Co.—We are glad to be able to record that the Lord is graciously pouring out His spirit in our midst. Backsliders are returning with deep confession of their wanderings. Sinners are being converted from the error of their ways and seek for mercy. Feb. 22 was a good day in the Master's work. In the morning, at Mill Cove, we baptized an excellent young man who, in the face of many inconveniences, pressed his way along to baptism, and then, like the eunuch, went on his way rejoicing. In the afternoon, at Macdonald's Cove, where for some time special effort has been made on the part of the church, we had again the privilege of baptizing five happy believers. The congregation on Lord's day filled the house to overflowing, and the interest is still good. Further meeting this week. K. M. P.

WOLFVILLE, N. S.—At the conference of the church last evening, thirteen persons were received for baptism, among whom were six young ladies, at present attending the Seminary, and four young men at present attending College.

Feb. 27.

WESTPORT, N. S.—The days of gladness and power are being prolonged to us. Yesterday, eight more were welcomed into the fellowship of this church—five by baptism, three by letter. Thirty-four have been baptized, three received by letter, two by experience, and one restored during the month of February. The end is not yet. We "Thank God, and take courage." C. C. BURGESS.

FREEPORT, N. S.—We are glad to report good news from this church. We have held special meetings for two weeks, and God has graciously blessed our efforts in the return of wanderers, and in the salvation of precious souls. Last Sabbath, eleven happy believers were added to our number—nine by baptism, one on experience, and one restored. And still the good work goes on. The Spirit strives, the anxious seek, and the saved rejoice. This is indeed the Lord's work. Brethren, pray for us. J. W. TINGLEY.

PARKER'S COVE, Annapolis Co., N. S.—This church has been without pastoral labor since Bro. Erb left us in the autumn to go to Acadia. Bros. N. E. Herman, of Acadia, (Lic.), and Wm. M. Field, of Bear River, (Lic.), came and labored on this field a couple of weeks at the commencement of the year, with much acceptance. A unanimous call was then extended Bro. Field to return and become our pastor, which he consented to do after careful and prayerful consideration, feeling that the Lord was guiding him in the matter, and accordingly entered upon his work, Sabbath, Feb. 15. We are trusting in the Lord for an outpouring of His spirit. Pray for us, brethren, that our brother's labors among this people may be abundantly blessed.

Feb. 18. CLERK.

ACADIA.—For some time past a quiet work of grace has been going on in our midst. A number of those whose voices for a time have been silent, are in their places as of old. New ones also are seeking and finding peace. Members of each of the institutions are being led to the Saviour. This seems to be a very critical time in the history of many a soul. Nearly *all* are serious. So far all the work has been carried on without help from outside. It has been a work of grace—indeed a true *revival*. Mothers and fathers, you have sent some noble sons and daughters to Acadia. But they have not accepted *Christ*. Will you not pray, as you never prayed before, that they may receive Him? K.

LUNENBURG TOWN.—The little Baptist church, organized some time ago (under the direction of Bro. Brown), is holding on nobly against the tide and adverse winds. With their sails unfurled they continue in a position to catch the favoring breeze. They have had some good additions, but death has thinned out a dozen of their number. Bro Brown with his faithful band of workers stood by the Lunenburg Jordan Sunday last, and buried in the liquid grave another who rose to walk in newness of life. Hundreds stood by witnessing the solemn scene; some for the first time; but all were respectful. "Be ye faithful unto death," then will come the crown—eternal life. Friends who aided the house building for the Lord in this town will be glad to see the work of their hands prospering. W. J. G.

NORTH WILLIAMSTON.—Rev. Mr. Bradshaw is holding some special services at North Williamston. There are encouraging indications. Several have confessed a new found hope in the Saviour.

THIRD YARMOUTH CHURCH.—We are enjoying a gracious revival at Deerfield and Pleasant Valley. For the past two weeks meetings have been attended every evening by large numbers of old and young. A spirit of prayer and supplication has been poured out upon the people, and these prayers are being answered. Backsliders have rejoiced again in God, and sinners have been converted. The whole community seems to have been moved with the power of God. It was my great privilege last Sunday, Feb. 22, to baptize fifteen into the fellowship of this church. Others are seeking. Some have professed faith in Christ who will probably soon follow Him in baptism, and the work still goes on.

E. P. COLDWELL.

WOLFVILLE.—We have had a helpful visit from Rev. Dr. Hopper and Mrs. Hopper, of St. Martins. Dr. Hopper preached two strong, earnest sermons on Sunday last. His expositions of truth were much appreciated and his personal testimony to the work of what he preached was adapted to strengthen conviction. Much regret was expressed that his health seemed so precarious, while all admired his faithfulness and courage in working so heartily for the cause of Christ. Mention should have been made of the visits and addresses of other brethren who have been with us during the year. Your correspondent has been off duty. Among those who have spoken to the students have been Rev. J. Clark, of Antigonish, Rev. F. M. Young, of Bridgetown, Rev. J. Denovan, of Wolfville. Prof. Young has also delivered a number of able sermons and lectures, in addition to his college work, which is said to be of a high order.

PARADISE.—Our special services at Clarence have resulted in quickening many of the members of the church, and reclaiming some who have been wandering in the paths of sin. Quite a number of those who have never professed religion have shown their desire to lead a Christian life by rising in the meetings to ask the prayers of God's people. May the good Shepherd and Bishop of their souls lead them into the green pastures of His grace. The W. M. A. societies are doing their part to keep up the missionary interest of the field. In Clarence the regular meetings are well sustained. The Paradise society, though newer and smaller, is working vigorously. An excellent programme, prepared by the ladies for a meeting of the society, but which, owing to stormy weather, was not carried out, was, by their consent utilized by the church in a public Sunday evening missionary meeting. The meeting proved a grand success. We are hoping for more help from our sisters in the future. During the four months we have been on the field, our ranks have been frequently broken by death. Besides Bro. Poole, whose death has been noticed in the MESSENGER AND VISITOR, father Enos Munroe, one of our oldest and most highly esteemed members, passed away to his home in heaven. The writer had the privilege of visiting him in his last hours and hearing his dying testimony for Christ, and with an old divine, thanked God that our people die well. On the 27th of November, Sister Longley, the wife of our esteemed deacon, after three months of great suffering passed from the church on earth to the church in heaven. In her death a happy family circle has been broken. Bro. Longley has lost a devoted wife, and his three little ones an affectionate mother. Also, on the 12th of January, Bro. James Phinny, who for years had been in failing health, peacefully fell asleep in Jesus. When asked one hour before he died how he was, he answered that his disease was so flattering he could hardly tell, but it was all right, the Lord was letting him down easy. We are glad that the MESSENGER AND VISITOR is well received in the families where it goes, and we hope it will soon find its way into every home on the field. R. B. KINLEY.

PERSONAL.

Rev. G. Seely writes: Your readers will be glad to learn that our venerable and excellent brother, Deacon Allen McDonald, of Cherry Vale, New Canaan, is getting better from his severe illness of several days past. Our brother is a man very extensively known and as well respected and loved by his brethren everywhere throughout this country. His long experience, great wisdom, large common sense, and deep piety, have given this man's life a usefulness that but few attain unto. We join with many in praying for his full restoration.

Bro. M. Lewis writes from Lunsden, Albert Co., that he has been laid by for some weeks from the results of an accident, which occurred while travelling in the woods. Stepping into a hole he fell forward, and a gun which he was carrying was discharged, the bullet passing through the hip and fracturing the bone. Fortunately the accident occurred near a camp where three men were at hand to render assistance. Bro. L. continues: "By the blessing of God I am recovering. Am now able to walk with a cane and hope to be able to resume my work in a month." He asks the prayers of those who pray that he "may be directed to the work that will please God."

NOTICES.

The Lunenburg Co. Baptist S. S. Convention, holds its next session at Mahone Bay, on the third Tuesday in March. A profitable session for S. S. workers may be expected. The district meeting also will convene at that time. The previously published programme will be carried out. C. W. COREY, Secy.-Treas.

The Carleton, Victoria, and Madawaska Counties Baptist quarterly meeting will be held (D. V.) with Albert street Baptist church, on the second Friday in March, prox. (13th), at 7.30 p. m. The executive committee of the Sabbath-school Convention will meet at 3 p. m., (Friday). Superintendents, teachers, and all who are interested in Sabbath-school work, are especially invited to be present. Please send in a report from your schools. A large delegation from the churches is requested.

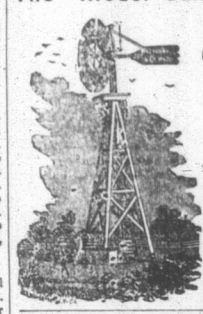
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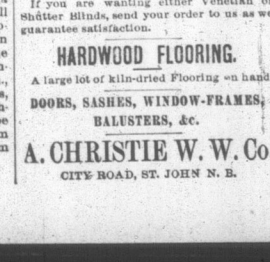
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