Home Missions.

BOARD MEETING.

The regular meeting for February was held on the 8th inst.

REPORTS

were received from thirty brethren, assisted by the Board. Many of these reports were very encouraging, telling of revival seasons and other hopeful indications. One hundred and ten were added to the churches.

GRANTS.

1. To Tryon, P. E. I., $75, for the year beginning Jan., 1892. Rev. E. A. Allaby, pastor.

2. To Greenville, New Annan, N. S., $100, for year beginning Jan., 1892. Rev. P. D. Nowlan, pastor.

3. To Newcastle, North County, N. B., $200, for year beginning Jan., 1892. Bro. Geo. C. Crabbe, missionary.

4. To Andover, Forest Glen, N. B., $100, for one year. Bro. H. G. Estabrooks, missionary.

5. To Rockland, N. B., $200, for year from Jan., 1892. Rev. J. C. Bleakney, pastor.

6. To Windsor Plains (African), N. S., $40, for year. Rev. J. W. Johnston, pastor.

RECOMMENDATION.

Rev. Hermon Shaw to visit the Queensbury field, with a view to a settlement. A. COHOON, Cor. Secy.

Hebron, Feb. 12.

Bridgetown's New Church.

A revolution in church architecture in these provinces has been wrought in the building of the new house of worship in Bridgetown. The plan was drawn by Mr. J. P. Kinney, of Yarmouth, under the direction of the pastor, F. M. Young, and is entirely unique, and for neatness and convenience we believe surpasses anything in these provinces. The brethren in Bridgetown have shown their wisdom in placing such matters in the hands of the pastor, and allowing him to have his own way without interference. The work has been completed and, strange though it may appear to some, not one is known to us who is not satisfied. People like to be trusted. Pastor Young said he had faith enough in his people to believe that when they saw the house completed they would respond to a call and pay for it. They have shown their appreciation of his confidence, and when the call came they responded so that a house costing about $7,000 stands completed, dedicated and practically clear of debt. The pastor has publicly expressed himself as proud of his people, and they say, "We hope he may be long spared to lead us."

It would be useless to attempt a description of the house—it must be seen to be appreciated; and it stands ready for the critical eye of the Convention in August.

With the new house we believe the cause will prosper, and already there are signs of refreshing revival showers. Rev. D. H. Simpson preached to a large congregation last Sabbath evening, and three deacons were set apart to their office in the church. Baptism is announced for next Sabbath, which we trust may be, but the beginning of a large work for God. Pastor Young has organized what we believe *the model Young People's Society*, viz., the church as a whole, and the results already indicate the wisdom of the plan. COM.

RELIGIOUS INTELLIGENCE.

NEWS FROM THE CHURCHES.

NEW TUSKET AND WEYMOUTH.—Pastor John Williams has paid us a visit. He will take the pastorate of New Tusket and Weymouth churches. Will enter upon his duties about the 20th inst. J. G. N.

PARRSBORO.—Since last report three have been added to our membership by letter. La grippe has hindered us in our work, but we are all doing well at present, and hope to do better work in the future. C. E. PISEO.

BAYFIELD, N. B.—In obedience to the Master's command, six happy converts were baptized on the 14th. Others to follow. The Lord is still blessing His own word in the salvation of the old and the young. Each night our hearts are cheered by hearing new voices. J. A. MARPLE.

ACADIA MINES.—We have no great things to report concerning our field of labor, but yet we find some hopeful indications. In spite of la grippe and bad weather, earnest brethren find their way to the house of worship. Our last week-night prayer meeting was one of the best attended we have held since the pastor came to the church. Our forces, which had been somewhat scattered at first, are becoming unified. These things give encouragement and lead us to hope for greater blessings in the future. H. G.

LAKEFIELD, SUSSEX.—We gave notice in MESSENGER AND VISITOR of Jan. 20th of a visit from J. W. S. Young, general missionary, which has been greatly blessed to this place. Bro. Young began work, earnestly laboring for Christ and for souls. On Sabbath, 17th, five happy converts were baptized, joining the Hammond church. Notwithstanding the following week was very stormy, the meetings were continued, and on Sabbath, 24th inst., nine more willing converts, making fourteen, were buried with Christ in baptism; two were added on experience. On Monday evening we had a prayer and social meeting—a meeting long to be remembered, the Spirit of the Lord being powerfully manifested throughout the meeting; some deciding for Christ and many others anxious about their soul's salvation. Sorrowfully did we say good-by to our esteemed brother, as he felt he must leave us to go to another field of labor. Many prayers follow him that he may be blessed in the Master's cause, which he loves so dearly. We hope and pray that he may return to this field in the near future. Our weekly prayer meetings are well attended and very interesting. Brethren, pray for us. J. M. HERRETT.

CAMBRIDGE, N. S.—Since last reporting to MESSENGER AND VISITOR we have continued meetings on the different parts of this pastoral field, and have met with some success. I baptized and received into the fellowship of Cambridge church two more at Black Rock, two at Grofton and two at Coldbrook. Three others were received at Coldbrook, but were not baptized on account of sickness. The interest continues. The pastor begins special meetings at Prospect this week, but the meetings will be continued at Coldbrook by the brethren. J. H. J.

OSBORNE, Shelburne Co., N. S.—Rev. J. W. S. Young is engaged in evangelistic services here. After four days of faithful and hard work, very encouraging results were seen. There was a wonderful coming up on the part of the church—wanderers returning and sinners being saved. Sunday, the 14th inst., was a good day at Osborne. Bro. Young preached twice here and once at Green Harbor. At the close of the morning service, a large number gathered at the sea-side, and seven happy converts were baptized.

WEST JEDDORE.—God is still displaying His saving power in the salvation of souls in this place. On Sabbath morning last, Rev. D. W. Crandall baptized nine willing converts. The church is greatly revived and strengthened in the faith, and we are led to exclaim, "Behold what great things God has done for us. He has led us through many trials and sorrows into pastures green and by living waters." Oh, praise the name of the Lord. The interest still goes on, and we are praying God to continue His blessing till every heart becomes a fit temple for His Holy Spirit to dwell in. Many are deeply concerned about their souls. Bro. Crandall is working hard and much loved by the people. Like some of the old ministers who were instrumental in establishing the Baptist churches in this province, he preaches sermons full of Jesus and His love, and yet not shunning to tell the justice of God and the doom of unbelievers. Pray God to continue this glorious work. The glory shall be and is His; the blessing shall be ours. P. W. N.

P. S.—The East Jeddore church also have good tidings to report.

WOLFVILLE, N. S.—On Friday, Feb. 12th, a convention of the W. M. A. Societies of this county was held here. All the societies but one were represented. Reports were given by the delegates and various matters discussed. In the evening a public meeting in the church attracted a large number of women and a number of men. Miss A. E. Johnston, of Dartmouth, presided. After prayer by Pastor T. A. Higgins, papers were read as follows: Mrs. Noble Crandall, "Faith and obedience necessary for missionary work"; Mrs. J. F. Tufts, "Work in the North-west"; Miss Alice M. Fitch, "The Grande Ligne Mission"; Mrs. G. F. Currie, "Our Telugu Mission"; Mrs. W. H. Young, "The Centenary of Missions"; Mrs. J. H. Jenner, "The Missionary Crisis." Mr. A. Murray spoke of the work of Acadia Missionary Society, and Mr. A. A. Shaw of the Acadia Volunteer Movement. Music was furnished by the choir under the leadership of Mr. G. V. Rand. The papers presented were in good literary form, and showed that the sisters feel a deep interest in missionary work at home and abroad.

FIRST CHURCH, HALIFAX.—A little over a year ago I received a unanimous invitation from this old church to become its pastor. Since that day pastor and people have worked to build up the church both spiritually and financially. Financially we have had much success, and spiritually not a total failure. We raised in 1891, for current expenses, $3,039.79; for reducing debts on our own and the West End church, $1,230; for benevolence, $1,327.39; total raised for all purposes, $5,597.18. Every cent of this sum has been raised by freewill offerings. Spiritually the results have not been so satisfactory; but having sown the pure seed of the Gospel, we know that the next pastor will reap abundantly, for God says His Word shall not return unto Him void. Five have been received into fellowship by baptism and ten by letter. Our Sunday-school has been well sustained by a faithful staff of officers and teachers; a good average of the scholars on the roll have regularly attended, and the pastor's Bible class had a good attendance through the year. The Young People's Union was organized in October, with thirty-two active members and twenty-nine associate members, and we hope it will be a training school for our young Christians. Our Woman's Baptist Missionary Aid Society met every month, and raised the sum of $110. The year '91 witnessed some changes in our membership roll. Eleven of our members died, being the largest number for one year within the memory of the oldest among us. A committee was appointed to urge all our non-resident members to get transferred to Baptist churches in their locality. After much faithful work many have applied for letters of dismission. So that our present number more actually represents the real strength of the church than the past statistics have done for many years. And the two or three dozen Baptists residing in this south end of this city, who are non-resident members of Baptist churches elsewhere, we hope soon will be transferred to the membership of this church. Oh for a denominational system for the transferring of the membership of our moving members! What a blessing it would be to all. Our entire church property cost over $43,000, on which the debt is only a little over $11,000. The church has paid off the mortgage $1,000 every year since it was opened in April, 1887; but it will leave a little for the next generation to remove. Last evening the church adopted six hundred dollars as its proportion of the one thousand dollars, which it is proposed shall be raised by the twenty-five churches in this county towards the centennial fund. And of course the old

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First church will raise it, for none of its present members will have the opportunity to commemorate the bi-centennial of Baptist missions. While talking on missions we do not forget that Miss Wright is one of our members; that our Sunday-school contributes fifty dollars a year to missions, and that the primary class supports a boy in one of our foreign mission boarding schools. It was very clear that, soon after my family arrived in this seaside climate, the attacks on several throats which the climate made rendered it impossible for them permanently to reside here. A long sickness in the spring of '91, and a longer and more serious one in the winter of '92, necessitated removal to a dry and inland atmosphere; a course advised by two medical members of my church. Accordingly, we notified the deacons before the close of the year '91, that we would have to seek another and more favorable climate in the spring of '92: so we have resigned, the resignation to take effect May 31. The writer of the "Halifax Notes" in MESSENGER AND VISITOR of February 10, stated that we were "looking to the New England States for a settlement." This is news to the writer. If he had said that a church in the States was looking to this city for a pastor, he would have been nearer the truth, though that is not absolutely true. We have not written one word to, nor received one word from, any church neither in the States nor in Canada on this subject. H. F. ADAMS.

MAIN ST., ST. JOHN.—Rev. Sidney Welton, the pastor, is very pleasantly settled with his old church and greatly enjoys his work. He entered upon the third year of his pastorate November 1, and considers the conditions and prospects for building up most promiseful. The services are all largely attended and are marked by the spirit of earnest devotion and activity. The most desirable harmony exists between pastor and people. The church at its last business meeting, gave expression in most tangible form, to their high appreciation of Bro. Welton's work by passing a unanimous resolution to increase his already liberal salary. The church has been called upon to mourn the loss of a number of valuable and active members. The last removed by death, Mrs. James Watson, was universally beloved. She was a good woman and deeply interested in every good work. The church, for whose prosperity she prayed and labored for so many years, as well as the poor, will greatly mourn their loss. She loved God and His house. Among the last things she did was to bequeath one thousand dollars to the church of which she was a worthy member. She also remembered the cause of Christian missions. "Though dead, she yet speaketh."

TABERNACLE CHURCH, HALIFAX.—I acknowledge with thanks the following towards Tabernacle Building Fund:

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S. Spurr, Esq., Melvern Square	2 00
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" Morristown, "	3 93
Dayspring church, per S. March	2 80
Rev. J. F. Avery, New, York	100 00
	$185 56

Some "mercy drops" are falling upon us. One has been added by baptism and four by letter this month. "But for the showers we plead." Our house of worship is progressing, and we have confidence in God and our brethren. WM. E. HALL.

UNION CORNER.—Union Corner is on the boundary line between Carleton Co., N. B. and Hodgdon, Me. Part of the members of this church live in Richmond, N. B., and part in Hodgdon, Me., hence the name Richmond and Hodgdon church. We have been without a pastor since last September. Our membership is small and we have some careless ones too. But there are the "faithful few" who try to meet every Sabbath morning and on conference day to worship God, who, we believe, is always in their midst. We wish to be remembered at a throne of "God's rich grace" by all praying people, that we may continue firm to the end. And we pray that God will put it into the heart of one of His "called ones" to be willing to come and labor in this part of His vineyard. B.

LOWER GRANVILLE.—We have been holding some special meetings, assisted by Bro. W. M. Field, whose services were well received; and the Lord has blessed the efforts in the salvation of precious souls. Thursday, the 18th inst., I baptized five candidates and welcomed them into the Lower Granville church. Others manifested a desire to be saved. Hope the work of the Lord may extend through the whole field. W. L. PARKER.

DIGBY.—Two more were baptized, and three received into the fellowship of the Digby Baptist church on Sabbath, 14th inst. We had a three days' visit from Evangelist Young, when on his way to Shelburne Co. Bro. Young's short stay with us was very helpful. A. T DYKEMAN.

GIBSON.—We have received four into church fellowship since last writing, two of them by baptism. The regular services of the church continue to be well attended and interesting. B. N. NOBLES.

GUYSBORO.—We are still holding special services and the power of the Lord is present to save. On Lord's Day, 14th inst., baptized five more and received five by letter from other churches. Twenty-six thus far have been added to the church since the week of prayer. During our pastorate here of two years we have been privileged to baptize fifty-one. We are yet hoping for greater things. To God's name be all the praise. WILLARD P. ANDERSON.

PETITCODIAC GROUP.—The Lord has here a faithful band of workers. The converts of last year are holding fast their profession. Our prayer meetings are well attended, nearly one half of the membership being present at each meeting. Two have been added lately—one by baptism and one by letter. The Lord is blessing the people at North River also. Five have stood for prayer. We are now holding special meetings at North River Platform. About fifteen have manifested a desire to come to Christ. G. W. SCHURMAN.

PERSONALS.

We are pleased to learn that Rev. G. F. Mainwaring, of Kentville, who has been very seriously ill, has so far recovered as to be able to drive out.

Rev. J. L. Shaw, since our last mention of him, has been very low, but his many friends will be glad to learn that he is now somewhat better, and it is hoped the improvement will be permanent.

Bro. H. C. Creed, of Fredericton, dropped in upon us for a few minutes the other day. We were pleased to learn that the good cause in Fredericton is being well sustained—pastor and people being cordially united in the work.

Rev. A. Cohoon passed through St. John on Tuesday of last week en route for Montreal to attend the annual meeting of the Grand Ligne mission. We hope to have a letter for the MESSENGER AND VISITOR from Bro. Cohoon giving us some account of his visit.

Rev. Isa Wallace supplied the Carleton pulpit on Sunday last, and was present at some other services during the week. He expected to leave for Sydney, C. B., on Monday, where he will be engaged for a time in evangelistic work. We are pleased to know that Bro. Wallace's health is more vigorous than it was a year ago. He is greatly cheered by the success of the work in which he has of late engaged in connection with Bro. Marple, in Westmorland county.

NOTICES.

The next session of the York and Sunbury Co.'s quarterly meeting will convene (D. V.) with the Maugerville Baptist church on Friday, March 11th, at 7 p. m. The opening sermon will be preached by Rev. B. N. Nobles; the quarterly by the writer. All the churches are requested to send their pastors and delegates. S. D. ERVINE, Secy.-Treas.

The next session of the Queens Co. quarterly meeting will be held with the 1st Cambridge Baptist church, MacDonald's Corner, on Friday, March 11, commencing at 7 p.m. A public temperance meeting will be held at the session on Saturday evening. Foreign missionary meeting on Sunday evening. All our ministering brethren and delegates are cordially invited to attend. W. E. MCINTYRE, Secy.

The next session of the Carleton, Victoria and Madawaska counties quarterly meeting will be held (D. V.) with the Jacksonville Baptist church, on the second Friday in March (11), at 7 p.m. Preaching by Rev. C. Henderson; missionary sermon by Rev. Thos. Todd; quarterly sermon by Rev. J. C. Blakney. The executive of the Sabbath-school convention will please meet at 3 o'clock p. m., on Friday, in the church edifice. All Sabbath-school workers are invited. THOS. TODD, Sec.-Treas.

QUARTERLY MEETING.—The thirty-seventh session of the Albert County Quarterly Meeting was held with the Second Hillsboro church, Dawson Settlement, on Tuesday, the 18th of Jan. The usual conference, led by Rev. W. Camp, was one of great spiritual power; indeed, all our gatherings were characterized by the same unction. In the absence of Rev. S. W. Keirstead and his alternate—Rev. W. W. Corey—the Quarterly Sermon was preached by the writer—subject: "The Mediator"; 1 Tim. 1: 5. We also had excellent discourses from Rev. S. H. Cornwall and Rev. M. Gross, the one from Ps. 85: 6; the other from a clause of Mark 6: 37: "Give ye them to eat." The usual reports were read and followed by animated discussions. We fall directly in line with Convention work, as such meetings held with each of the churches in the county are calculated to be productive of great good. The platform meeting in the evening, as addressed by Rev. J. E. Fillmore, Rev. I. B. Colwell, and Rev. D. Bleakney on Foreign Missions, and Rev. W. Camp and the writer on Home Missions, was generally interesting and stimulating. Collections for Convention purposes amounting to $18 were taken. The choir furnished excellent music, dismissing us with "God be with you till we meet again." W. MCGREGOR, Sec.-Treas.

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