

The Pastor and His Bible.

It may seem like presumption on my part to offer a plan of "Bible reading," for young pastors, especially at a time when so much excellency of plan for Bible study is before us. But with all their worth—and that is a good deal—they did not meet my needs as a pastor, for a daily reading of the Word. If the following simple plan will help any young pastor to a more systematic and helpful study, I shall be glad. It has helped me. Amid the multiplicity of good papers, magazines, quarterlies and homiletical helps, the danger is the neglect of the pure Word of God. As a rule, pastors do not read their Bibles enough. There is a dearth of Scripture language in the modern sermon. We are looking for something fresh and striking, and in our blindness we pass the only fountain of pure water—the Bible itself. A Bible illustration or a Bible story is always fresh and striking. They sparkle like jewels in the sermon. The people will carry them home, and hold them in mind long after our eloquence has faded from their memories. Here is the plan—The first hour of each morning in the study given to the reading of your English Bible.

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MELCHERD.

The York and Sanbury Quarterly Meeting.

Was held in connection with the church in Gibson, in the new and attractive house of worship which has been Phoenix-like from the ashes of the house destroyed by the late fire.

In some respects the present building is an improvement upon the old, and the devoted band of workers are to be congratulated upon their new church home.

The services began on Friday, March 9th, with an appropriate sermon by Pastor Steeves of Macquodoch.

On Saturday morning there was a prayer-meeting for an hour, led by Pastor Reese. The thought of the meeting was for greater devotion to the work. At 10 o'clock the chair was taken by the Rev. P. O. Reese.

Interesting reports were then presented by delegates from the seven churches represented. The interest taken in this Quarterly Meeting is not what it used to be. Out of 25 churches only seven sent delegates.

Quite a work of grace has been enjoyed by the Prince William and Gibson and Maryville churches.

At Macquodoch Pastor Steeves has his work well in hand, as also Pastor Reese in Second Kingsdale.

Bro. Jenkins who has charge of the Queensbury group of churches, sent an excellent report of the condition of his field.

Bro. Davison has baptised 25 at Gibson and has received five more by letter and experience. He is just now engaged in special services at Marysville with encouraging prospects.

Owing to so many of the churches failing to report, Deacon D. W. Estabrooks was requested to visit as many of them as it was possible for him to do and report their condition and prospects at the next meeting.

The next Quarterly Meeting is to be held with the Second Kingsdale church on the second Friday in June. The quarterly sermon is to be preached by Rev. F. L. Davison, with Rev. O. E. Steeves as his alternate.

The Saturday afternoon service was a season of refreshing to those present. At the close of the meeting the attention of the brethren was called to the condition of the funds for carrying on our denominational work, and the brethren were urged to do their best in meeting promptly the claims of the different Boards.

There was a mass missionary meeting in the evening, at which addresses were given by Rev. W. D. Manser in the interest of Home Missions, by Mrs. Churchill and the secretary-treasurer of the F. M. B., in the interest of our F. M. work.

On Sabbath the Gibson pulpit was occupied by Rev. P. O. Reese in the morning, by Dr. Saunders in the afternoon, and by Rev. J. W. Manning in evening.

The collections amounted to \$13.75, for denominational work.

Leverett Estabrooks, Esq., of Prince William, is the active and efficient secretary-treasurer.

OSLOKOR.

—A Turin despatch of March 21, says: It has been decided that the expenses of the burial of Louis Kosuth are to be paid by the city of Pesth. Hundreds of public and private buildings in the city are draped. All the newspapers appeared this morning with black borders. A cast of the face of the dead patriot has been taken, and the body has been embalmed. It is stated the remains will be buried in Pesth.

Beatrice—"The lectures on entomology was very interesting. I thought it rather singular that fleas should be classed among the most intelligent of insects." Her Cousin Tom (just back from Florida)—"Well, I don't know. They get on to a great many clever people."

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DENOMINATIONAL NEWS.

(All monies except legacies) contributed for denominational work, by Home Missions, Foreign Missions, Acadia University, Ministerial Education, meetings at Fundamentals, Mission, Northwest Mission, from churches or individuals, etc., in New Brunswick and Prince Edward Island, should be sent to the Rev. J. W. Manning, St. John, N. B., and all monies for the same work from Nova Scotia should be sent to Rev. A. C. O'Neil, Wolfville, N. S. Envelopes for collecting funds for denominational work can be had by application to the above, or to the Baptist Book Room, Halifax.

GERMAIN ST.—Six were baptised by the pastor on Sunday last.

TUSKET.—Rev. T. M. Munroe, of Shelburne County, N. S., has accepted the call to the pastorate of the Tusket and Argyle Baptist churches, and expects to commence duties May 1st, D. V.

ABRAHAM S. LENT.

THE RANGE, Queen's Co.—The Lord is still blessing us here in this place. The power of His love is moving many to seek after God, and there are visible signs of His saving power here. On last Lord's day seven more happy souls were buried in baptism with the Lord. The Rev. S. D. Devine administered the sacred ordinance for me, and others are coming. Oh may God deluge this community with His saving power.

H. D. WORDEN.

OXFORD.—The good work of grace is progressing favorably. Since my last report others have put on Christ's yoke of Christian service, and a number more are awaiting baptism. Already thirty-five have united with the church—twenty-three by baptism. Expect to baptise next Sabbath. Our B. Y. R. U. is flourishing, meetings are interesting and full of interest to old and young. I have tendered my resignation as pastor of this large field to take effect in April, and am open to receive a call from any vacant charge that my health would permit me to serve.

E. C. COREY.

BUILDINGS.—"The revival services in connection with the Baptist church in this town," says the *Monitor*, "are still full of interest; the vestry being filled at each service, and overflowing audiences in the large audience room on the Sabbath. Nine more members were added to the church last Sunday evening and a number more are to be received next Sunday. Among those who have been and those yet to be received are some of the most prominent of our town. Services are to be continued during the week, on Wednesday and Friday evenings and Saturday afternoon."

ST. STEPHEN, N. B.—Baptist interests in the Border town are in a fairly healthy condition. For many weeks a spirit of earnest enquiry has prevailed among the unconverted. A number have accepted Christ and entered upon His service. Last Sabbath evening, after the sermon, five young ladies followed their Lord in baptism. Their names are: Mary Cross, Alma Cross, boom, Charly White, Lucy Haman and Jennie McDonald. We are in hopes that others who have begun the Christian life, will see their way clear to ask for baptism at our next conference.

MARCH 16.

FOURCHIE.—The Lord is blessing the word, backsliders are being reclaimed and souls are being saved. The following persons were baptised: Mrs. J. C. McDonald, Mrs. M. J. Cann, Misses H. M. Severance, S. A. Cann, Mary A. Sovereign. Still they come to us from the other church. Some of the leading young people at this place have joined the church for five weeks. Catechisms and tracts on baptism are sent flying around here thick and fast by our Pado-baptist friends, but the Word of God is sufficient to convert them all. Others have professed faith in Christ.

J. A. MARBLE.

MARCH 12.

ROCKLAND AND CARLISLE, N. B.—The gracious work of Grace in the Rockland church still continues. Since Brother Snelling's report, 23 have been baptised and added to the Rockland and Carlisle churches. It has been my privilege to be with Bro. Snelling for five weeks. Bro. H. J. Shaw is now assisting in the good work at Carlisle. Others will doubtless come forward. The following persons have been baptised since last report, at Rockland: Ella Shaw, Mrs. Stewart, Miss Johnson, Annie Eastbrooks, James Cook, Matthew Stephenson, Alice Clark. At Carlisle: Frank Shaw, John Shaw, Lillie Clark, Minnie Stockford, Amos Belyen, Herman Shaw, Jess Foster, Phebe Kinney, Joseph Clows, Albert Omer, Geo. Swin, Joseph Parsons, Coll Sewell.

A. H. HAYWARD.

FLORENCEVILLE, March 13.

GROTON.—It is some time since you heard from us, and I thought you would like a word or two concerning the state of our church. Every year of our four year pastorate we have been blessed with saving blessings. The church is grandly united in the love of Jesus. Earnest prayers have gone upwards for the dear young people of our community, and last night the blessing began in answer. Three young men in response to the invitation to come to Christ. Before they left the after-meeting they came out joyously into the light of life, and went away rejoicing. Our hearts are glad, for we know many more are on the way. All the south-eastern part of our state is receiving this winter the showers of blessing. I earnestly desire the prayers of your readers, so many of whom are my warm personal friends. Pray for us that we may be faithful, and that we may reap heavy sheaves for the garner of our Saviour.

E. T. MILLER.

NEWCASTLE, North, County, N. B.—I am still holding the fort, preaching to the three small churches in this place, Newcastle, North East and South East. The field is large and the work is large. I have been to drive from eighteen to twenty-four miles every Sabbath, preaching from two to three sermons every Sabbath. This winter has been a very hard one; deep snow, severe cold, they have missed only one Sabbath this winter on account of storms or cold. My health is good, thank God. I have received an invitation some months ago to visit a church in the State of Maine in view of becoming their minister. I am anxious to remain here if it is the Master's will. I am praying for Divine directions in the matter. My horse has been lame for

some two months; I have not been able to use her. The friends have been very kind in furnishing me with a horse during the two months past. At the close of my first year on this field the board on account of the want of means, was forced to withdraw our grant, leaving us in a hard place. At that time I expected to have to leave the churches, I felt it a hard matter to do so. Our interest coming up, growing congregations, especially in the town. The churches thought I had better hold on, they would try hard to raise my support. I do not expect the whole of my salary will be raised on the field, yet I am holding on, trusting the Master will provide. Our preaching meetings are well attended, considering the roughness of the winter. Religious matters are at a low ebb in the town, very few take deep interest in Christ's kingdom. Oh that God would wake up His people to a sense of the responsibility that rests upon them, that they may come up to the help of the Lord God against the mighty, in my prayer, I am preaching God's truth to the people, believing the promise, "It shall not return void." Pray for us.

W. J. BLAKENEY.

HANTSFOOT.—Since our last report our church has been greatly strengthened and our joy increased. We have received valuable help from brethren from Wolfville and members of sister churches. On the first Sunday evening in March the following persons were baptised in the presence of a crowded house: Capt. Geo. L. Holmes, Capt. Altona, Houghton, Messrs. John McLeod, Lewis Fielden, James Faulkner, David Palfifer, Terry Borden, Ennie McDonald, Wilfred Holmes, and Miss Nettie McLeod. These with three previously baptised, and people who will unite with us soon. We are glad to-day that the political excitement which prevailed for the past weeks in our Province did not lessen the interest in our meetings. We hope to report more good news soon.

P. S. MACGREGOR.

MARCH 16.

WATERSIDE.—I left my home at this place Jan. 12 to visit the place of my birth, and after encountering storms and bad roads, I arrived at the home of my mother, Mrs. Mary Ann MacGREGOR, in Queens Co., N. B., found the church in a very low state, many of the good friends nearly discouraged. Although the weather was cold and stormy we had some special meetings. The Master was surely with us. The house was crowded nearly every night. Six were baptised in obedience to the Divine command, and many others were earnestly seeking, and some obtained pardon of sin. My time here was well spent. I will unite with us soon. This is a large field and should not be neglected—a large district of country without Baptist preaching, the people thirsting for the truth. Oh, that some strong earnest ones made more active, and sinners have been converted. On Sunday, the 4th inst., Bro. Young baptised three young ladies in the placid waters of the Bay of Fundy, they professing that Jesus Christ has washed away their sins in His own blood; and others are saved. On Friday, 9th March, Bro. Young turned his face homeward, intending to preach at Fort Lorne, (by the way) on Sunday, the 11th inst. Bro. Young's ministry and visit were highly appreciated, and the prayers of God's children are going up on his behalf; the more so as his health was not good during the greater part of his stay with us. On Tuesday of this week Bro. Tingley commenced services in the Prince Albert section of his church. Three evening meetings have been held, and already sinners are inquiring the way to be saved, and have been directed to Jesus Christ alone. Brethren, pray for us that God may look upon us in mercy and bless His people and save the lost.

W. E. S.

Acknowledgment.

On the evening of March 1st, Rev. P. A. MacEwen, pastor of the Baptist church of Windsor, and some of the leading brothers and sisters of that church drove out to our home in number fifteen or sixteen. When landing they said, "Do yourself no harm, for we are all here." We were glad to see them and to welcome them into the house with baskets filled with good things. The ladies soon laid the table, filling it with nearly all kinds of nice food, which they all seemed to enjoy. After supper they sang the songs of Zion until it was time for them to leave for their homes. Deacon A. Pishand gave an address and then handed me an envelope in which was \$10.25, which I did receive very thankfully. I am indebted to those good people for their kindness to us. Rev. P. A. MacEwen then gave an address, followed by singing and prayer. They then bid us good bye and left for their homes, all expressing their appreciation of our visit. But when we went into the pantry we beheld the groceries which they had left, and all of the very best quality. They will last us for some time. May the Lord always give plenty to those who are ever ready to help the needy ones while they are here below, and when they leave this world may they receive that crown which the Lord has promised to all His believing children.

J. W. JOHNSON.

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AMHERST.

W. H. ROGERS, another of our best known citizens, has passed away in his 73rd year. Mr. Rogers was of Welsh extraction, being son of the late David Rogers, of Piquah. He was intelligent, well-read and always receptive to new ideas. He was an authority upon the temperance question and while at home upon the platform at all times, never so eloquent as when advocating the total suppression of the traffic in intoxicants. From his youth a Baptist, he was a life-long exponent of the principles which are dear to us as a people. For years he was agent of a society for the revision of the Bible, and while not a scholar in the close acceptance of that word, nevertheless was well informed in regard to that momentous work, years before the English and American Revised Version made its appearance. Feeling the need of a liberal education he strove to please his family within reach of the best advantages of our age. For many years an officer of the Dominion government in the Department of the Fisheries, he was the author of several expeditions for the preservation of the finny tribes, but notably of the Fish Ladder that bears his name. Above all was a humble follower of the great Master, Christ, and died trusting fully in the merits of His atonement. He leaves a widow and a large family of sons and daughters. The funeral obsequies will be held at the Baptist church, Amherst, on the 24th inst., and were participated in by Rev. Messrs. Steele, MacDonald and Macgregor, (Presbyterians).

One affliction follows another. Seymour, eldest son of Hon. Hiram Black, after a short illness, died on the 21st at Mount Allison, where he had entered as a regular student. What makes the case all the sadder for the bereaved family, Mr. Black is at present in England, where the funeral services were held at his father's residence, and also at the Methodist church, Amherst, on Friday afternoon. A large deputation of the students attending in a body. The services were participated in by President Allison, Principal Borden, Professors Dr. Stewart and Andrews, and Revs. Messrs. Williams, MacGregor and Steele. The kindly sympathy shown by the professors and students of Mt. Allison was highly appreciated by the bereaved family and their friends; and their thanks were expressed in a few appropriate words by Rev. Mr. Steele. While we were lamenting over the remains of the young, and engaged in the solemn burial services, the grim Reaper has gathered another sheaf. Another of our mothers, Mrs. B. wife of one of our respected physicians, breathed her last. Thus our whole community has a pall spread over it. May the Lord be merciful, and may the people learn the lesson He intends to teach. Such continued afflictions must have a meaning. Whilst there should be a close scrutiny as to the physical causes of such fatality, there should also be great searchings of heart to discover the spiritual meaning. When God's judgments are abroad in the land, the people should learn righteousness.

Receipts for Denominational Work.

FROM NOVA SCOTIA.

From Feb. 24th to Mar. 13th: Hantsport church, \$17; Weymouth, \$11.46; Shelburne Co. Q. meeting, \$5; Mrs. Frances M. Woodworth, Canning, \$2; Mt. Vernon church, \$4; E. M. McLaren, Lower Argyle, \$4.50; Mrs. J. H. McLaren, do., \$3; Miss Lillian McLaren, do., \$1; Mrs. Ben. McLaren, 50c; G. P. Payant, East, Windsor, \$1; J. H. Hall, Kingston, \$1; Bridgetown church, \$21; Rev. M. P. Freeman and wife, \$5; Clementaport church, \$4.43; 2nd Hillsburg church, \$4.35; Mrs. A. G. Masters, Church St., \$2; Annapolis church, \$30; J. T. Sillers, River John, \$1; New Glasgow church, \$11; First Horton church, \$33.45; First Horton church, \$36.51; Digby \$21; Musquodoboit church, Rev. I. R. Skinner, \$4.16; Macan, \$8.32; Lawrenceton and Valley West church, \$4; Fort Simpson and Upper Economy church, \$4; Debert, \$5.25; New Germany, W. M. A. S., \$5; Osborne church, \$3.65; Inglesville B. Y. U., \$5; Cornwallis (Africa), \$6; Brookline, Kings Co., \$2.50; Lower Economy and Five Islands, \$3; Third Yarmouth church, \$1—\$17.90. Before reported, \$6,289.98. Total, \$6,769.06.

REMARKS.

The \$100 for G. P. Payant, Esq., the \$38.45, special of the First Horton, the \$11 from 3rd Yarmouth, and some others of the above are special donations for Acadia College deficit.

We have now reached the middle of the eighth month of another Convention year, but we have not yet reached half of the \$15,000, which is the minimum amount that we hope to receive from Nova Scotia for the present year. Some churches are doing nobly, but a few have not been heard from.

A. COHON, Treas. for N. S.
Wolfville, N. S., Mar. 14.

NOTICE.

The Annuals Co. M. and M. conference will hold their quarterly session at Clementaport on Tuesday, April 10th, at ten o'clock, a. m. A full attendance is requested. The Sunday-school workers are reminded that their annual meeting opens at the same date.

Mar. 24. C. T. Eaton, Sec.

The next session of the Albert Co. quarterly meeting will be held with the second Hillsboro church on the second Tuesday of April (10th). Rev. H. Saunders will preach the quarterly sermon; alternate, Rev. W. Camp. Commencement: Foreign mission, Rev. M. Gross; home mission, Rev. J. C. Steadman; Sabbath-schools, Rev. W. Camp; temperance, Rev. S. H. Cornwall; W. A. Societies, Rev. B. N. Hughes. We hope to see a large representation of the churches. All will be welcome. Any coming by rail will take the Albert line to Baltimore siding.

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