

After serving the
Tyneside churches
for twenty years,
and Durban churches,
his privilege to visit
N. 11th, and
young Unionists of
and Bloor St. churches.
Office of Abraham's
is one long to be remem-
bered. Interest displayed
none given.

Rev. G. A.
pastorates are
Floor St. churches on.
They were heartily
congregation.
E'en late of Nova
in Berlin.
formally of India, goes
17.

Letter.

It is time, I confess,
invitations for a con-
ference and visitor
response other than a
"no." The church has
a better in this com-
to deal with purely
brother. Creed has in-
Frederick church
center, the pastor has
precipitated the Freder-
title over a year ago we
field, whether it
of God had led to
with what was that
day and we have re-
No man, certainly no
go as pastor to an in-
the church having
been a disappointment,
though it was tem-
church's reputation for
pastors and by a deter-
pation, in case the
with, to make
The reception which
over, was so cordial
at hand proved so en-
forget our fears and soon
happily and heartily
and the year the people
proudly their confidence
and to this, with God's
the success which we
to enjoy.

Annual news column has
been something of a
work here, though of
our blessing few are prob-
the present pastorate
of fellowship has been
hundred and seventeen
of whom were re-
The greater portion
men in with us since the
opened. A good work
and a number had been
March. Many of the
and for several weeks
of life to crowded audi-
were one week in our
early three weeks in the
church. Their good
was many professed conver-
impulse was given to our
a deep interest has con-
services since their de-
a week has witnessed com-
and we trust the end is not
since September 20th,
have obeyed the Lord in
analysis of the names
of interest. In the
great majority of these
suits, some of them, even
years. There are twenty-
five boys in the number,
married couples. On one
brothers entered the
sister. On another, three
baptized. Of one family,
and his daughter came,
and the father, son and
sister. Of still another,
and daughter accompanied
We tell our Fido-baptist
have had, within a few
my household baptisms as
in the New Testament and
used no infants. It should
we have done no prebap-
tism, we have courted the
light we have seen, there
have been, there have been
the Methodist, Presbyterian
and Roman Catholic
well as of the Salvation

The Boys in the Sunday School.

By G. H. McINTYRE.

What is the relation of the Sunday school toward the boys? What is a Sunday school supposed to do for them, and what, on the other hand, are the duties of boys to the Sunday school? Primarily and fundamentally it is a place where boys under pure and healthy influences, may come to learn something of Him who was once a boy among boys, Christ the Saviour. It is true they may learn much else, and thereby become better and nobler men; but no amount of refinement or intellectual polish must obscure the real object of Christian teaching. It is equally true they, very often, come with other motives. But from whatever cause they come, the Sunday school desires them gladly, and the superintendent stretches out to them a warm and tender hand. Those bright faces, agile limbs, and lusty lungs, must be gathered in. Energy is attractive, and everything stimulates it in an active boy, as well as in a steam-engine. It is a characteristic of the age, and no American, least of all an independent, American boy, can live without it. It is all very natural and proper. At the same time it is equally certain that in many of our great cities an exuberant spirit is apt to sow tares in the Sunday school, and ultimately produce a thorn in the side.

Let an impartial observer go into one of our city Sunday schools today, and what will he too often see and hear? There is Mr. A., a faithful and kindly teacher, endeavoring to instruct a class of uncontrollable. John and Harry are in the midst of sparring match, or James, it may be, is pommeling a small boy in another class, over the head with a hymn book. The teacher quietly pulls them down into the seat, and they temporarily become reconciled, only to resume operations again in a similar fashion. He may succeed in talking over the lesson with two or three of the class, and if he attempts to instruct the rest, they "can't hear," or don't want to hear, or "know it all," and so he might as well talk to the east wind. They don't see why they should be quiet for twenty minutes, or be expected to read over a lesson of a dozen verses, when they "don't get time."

In another corner there sits a lady teacher striving to enlist the attention of some more boys. She is courteous, affable, and interesting. Yet Thomas coolly prefers to giggle with a playmate in an adjoining class, or pull her curls, and George, of course, like a candy better, than the boy Samuel. A few of the class comply with her request, and so she wearily plods through the lesson, and leaves the session tired and disappointed.

Then too, there is a class of boys behind a post, whose mind and heart are set on sports. They are busy discussing the merits of the Harvard and Yale eleven, they know the crack players on the baseball team, and their several "crews." Some of them have had four or five bicycles already, and are about to open a trade to dispose of their present one, in order to obtain the latest "bandy." A bright and instructive chapter in the life of Jesus is too tame for them. The speech of Paul before Felix is no model for such special pleaders as they, and the Sermon on the Mount is an idle fable in comparison with the latest novel on "The Misfortunes of a Lover in Timbuctoo."

Again when the superintendent calls the school to order, or attempts to make an announcement, listen if you will, to the babel of tongues. He admonishes and admonishes in vain. The scene is not unlike that "solemn council," which Milton paints at Pandemonium where "bees in spring-time, when the Sun with Taurus rides, pour forth their populous youth about the hive in clusters." If he announces, a roar of derision, or derisive views, or a harvest concert, he will soon get a hearing, but on topics of less excitement he frequently must expend considerable vitality before the boys sober down.

We have not space to go further. We have merely pointed out two or three phases of this question in Sunday school work. How shall we treat them? Every honest and sincere worker is perplexed over them, and needs further aid. It seems to me, however, there are several things a Sunday school cannot do.

(1) It cannot become a gymnasium in which loose and turbulent spirits may play. It believes in activity, life and vigor, but it deprecates coarseness, vulgarity and all kind of buffoonery. It seeks to cultivate ideas of gentleness, forbearance and courtesy; it encourages manliness among boys, by teaching them to preserve their self-respect, and not by catering to rudeness and egotism.

(2) It cannot become a nursery. In the primary department of course such a function may, to some extent, be performed, but among the boys it is out of the question. If boys are allowed to do as they please six days out of seven, if respect for elders is never taught them at home, if they must see "the world" every night in the week, is it not absurd, and even unjust to expect Sunday school to transform them into young angels? The grace of God is equal to any emergency we know, but we cannot deny the laws of habit and environment. Do men gather grapes of thorns or figs of thistles? Of course they do not, and without the co-operation of parents, Sunday school teaching will too often be largely a failure.

(3) It cannot follow day school methods. If it could, the question of discipline would be more readily solved. Herein lies at once its strength and its weakness—its strength, because the Spirit of Jesus is predominantly that of patience, forgiveness and long suffering; its weakness—because it lacks the sanction of law to systematically enforce its authority. Excessive crowding is a source of danger, and where four or five hundred scholars are herded together in one room, noise is certain to prevail.

There is, however, one thing a Sunday school can do. It can create a spirit of order and sobriety, that even boys will not wantonly violate it. Boys, the world over, appreciate fairness. Treat them all alike; when reproving them mean what you say, be firm yet kind, and do not play with their confidence. Good secondary and good manners and proper home training are a good foundation on which to build, but they are not everything. Intellectual traits and love of

learning save a multitude of sins. Lowell has told us that "the riches of scholarship, the benignities of literature defy fortune and outlive calamity." Graduated gifts though they be, they never will constitute the summum bonum of Christian living. The Sunday school should never cease to inculcate that kind of religion which Dr. Parkhurst has said: "they can no more lose than their backbone."

Be lively and cheerful as you may, boys, and if need be exercise your easy lungs, but remember, please remember, that there is a proper time and place for frolic, and by all means restrain your surplus energy in the Sunday school.

Steaming Eastward.

Look! yonder little sea-bird has folded its weary, weary wings; and now rests peacefully on the ocean wave. Its home is the broad bosom of the deep. In storms as well as sunshine there it is secured so rest, my soul, on the unfathomable ocean of God's love in Christ Jesus our Lord.

Our ship is midway between the "New World" and the "old." This day as on previous ones, we look out upon the wide, wide sea. How wonderful, how vast, how mighty and how free! We seem exceedingly small and weak, the sport of the waves, the helpless bubbles upon their surface, and in constant danger of destruction. But our ship steams resolutely forward, rolling now this way, then that, then plunging into the chasm left by the receding billow, her great heart throbbing every moment night and day, as she speeds across the trackless Atlantic.

At 10.30, Sunday morning, Dec. 1st, just before the Halifax church bells begin to call the worshippers to the S. S. St. John City, Furness Line, leaves the pier. The day is clear and cool, a fair December day. A little company of kind friends linger on the pier waving their tender "good-bies" to dear ones sailing away to the "home land," England. They watch until distance hides their view. How peaceful the city, the harbor, Dartmouth and the landscape all appear! Farewell my loved ones, my brethren, my friends! May the rich blessings of Heaven rest upon you all.

The S. S. St. John City makes good speed. She steamed two hundred and eighty-eight miles the second day out. She is a real, clean, and well arranged for the comfort of passengers. Saloons and staterooms are tastefully finished. Electric lights add greatly to the appearance of the ship at night, as well as to the convenience of the passengers. The Captain and officers seem to be well adapted to their position. They are strictly attentive to duty. A light breeze from the south-west, day after day, helps us forward. The weather, most of the time is spring-like rather than winter-like. We look for snow these short days in December.

At length we enter the English channel. Here it is necessary to keep a sharp lookout lest a collision take place between us and some other of our enormous crafts that move about in all directions. Half speed! Slow! Stop! Fog whistles here and there. Full speed ahead! as the fog lifts above the water. Thus we make our course and reach the harbor of London. The ten day's steaming from Halifax. But the way is too foggy and too dangerous by reason of the many steamers moving up and down the river. The pilot "boat anchor" is on the ground in the morning in the fog. If the fog continues thick we must wait longer still.

R. SANFORD.
S. S. St. John City,
Thames, Dec. 11, '95.

York and Sanbury Counties Quarterly Meeting.

The above quarterly meeting convened with the Maryville Baptist church on the 13th inst. Rev. John Robertson, of Frederickton, preached the introductory sermon on Friday evening, to a large and attentive congregation. The business meeting was not held on Saturday morning; the different pastors, so far as heard from, being so engaged that it was impossible for them to be present.

Rev. J. D. Freeman has been holding special meetings with his church at Frederickton and on that account could not come. Rev. E. C. Jenkins is leaving his present field of labor and has his final appointments out for the 15th and could not leave. Rev. A. Freeman of Margerville, (the only Baptist pastor in the county of Sanbury), had to attend a funeral. Rev. Mr. Goodwin, the pastor elect for Prince William and Kingsclear, had just undergone an operation on his throat, so he could not come. Rev. J. Young, of New River, and Rev. Knight, did not hear from, but presume they did not get notice in time.

So far as we could get reports the churches are enjoying special blessings. Frederickton has received between 30 and 60 members by baptism, and the good work is still going on. Prince William and Kingsclear have accepted the resignation of Bro. M. B. Whitman and called Bro. Goodwin to succeed him. They speak very highly of Bro. Whitman as a young man of excellent christian character, of sterling integrity, a faithful pastor and an earnest preacher of the gospel. Bro. Goodwin has taken up the work and has already won golden opinions from his people.

Bro. Davidson was holding special meetings at Gibson's had baptized 16 and had six others received for baptism, also received eight on letters and experience. Their debt was a thing of the past and the good work of this church's work was prospering. Maryville was simply holding the fort, four had been received by letter and experience.

Bro. Leverett Batesbrook was appointed chairman and Bro. F. D. Davidson secretary and treasurer, with Bro. Hiram Bradley assistant. A resolution was unanimously passed changing the date of meeting from Friday to Tuesday, the object being to get a larger number of the pastors present.

We hope to have a full attendance and a prosperous meeting in March. Please notice the time of meeting will be the second Tuesday in March. Bro. M. S. Hall was appointed a committee to locate the next quarterly. Any churches wishing to have us visit them will please correspond with him.

F. D. DAVIDSON, Sec'y.

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DENOMINATIONAL NEWS.

Churches and individuals contributing to the work of the denomination should send their contributions to: Rev. A. C. O'Brien, Wolfville, N. S., is treasurer of Maritime Convention funds for Nova Scotia. Rev. J. W. Macdonald, St. John's, is treasurer of Maritime Convention funds for New Brunswick and Prince Edward Island. J. R. Trites Esq., St. Martins, is treasurer of the funds of the N. B. Convention.

HAMPTON VILLAGE, N. B.—The good work still continues in this place. Last Sabbath five were baptized and eight received the hand of fellowship at the evening service. Expect to baptize next Sabbath. GEO. HOWARD.

GRISON, N. B.—Five baptized here Dec. 15th, their names are as follows: Burt Brown, Mrs. Burt Brown, Edgar Bleakney, Howard Allan, Mrs. Henry Davenport. Will continue the meetings this week. F. D. DAVIDSON.

MARYVILLE, N. B.—Three were received into the church by letter, Dec. 16th, the hand of fellowship was extended to them at the close of the sermon Sunday afternoon. We feel greatly encouraged. F. D. DAVIDSON.

QUEBEC—Rev. C. H. Day has resigned the pastorate of the church. In reluctantly accepting Mr. Day's resignation we are greatly encouraged, and are pressing his high esteem for him and appreciation of his ministry during the four years in which he had served the church as its pastor.

RICHMOND, CHARLOTTE CO.—Prospect brightening a little, and as a consequence our hope is gaining strength. All our meetings increasing in interest. On the evening of Dec. 16th, the South Richmond church made its annual doation, the fourth for us and the best, which is a great encouragement indeed. The amount raised in cash and useful goods, was \$36. The church is small, but has a large christian heart. Among those at our donation were members of both the Presbyterian and Methodist churches. May God bless them all in their homes and hearts is our daily prayer. CALVIN CURRIE.

CAMBRIDGE, HANTS CO.—Interesting dedicatory services were held at Cambridge, Hants Co., N. S., on Lord's day, Dec. 28th. Bro. E. F. Roop, pastor of the Walton and local church, presided and the opening sermon, taking for text 1st Cor. 3:9. Showing the honor and duty of laboring together with God in building up the great spiritual homeless church. In the afternoon he preached a sermon, following his discourse on 1st Cor. 3:9. Both sermons were packed full of good things. In the evening Bro. G. F. Mitchell, Methodist, came to our help and gave us an excellent sermon from Gen. 28, 16-17, teaching to attend the worship of God's house and to cleanse ourselves in a proper manner. Mrs. E. Rose, well known as a fine organist, was present and gave the benefit of her musical talent, while Professor C. H. Burgess, led the vocal music. All passed off well and the friends were well pleased with what they had seen and heard, leaving a good collection for the benefit of the house.

BARRINGTON, N. S.—As a year has passed since Bro. C. I. McLane came to the Barrington field, we feel a duty we owe to him, as well as a pleasure to ourselves, to make this public expression of our appreciation of his work; and a short report of the result of his labors. Beginning last August, we led the friends were well pleased with what they had seen and heard, leaving a good collection for the benefit of the house.

At a meeting of delegates, from different parts of the field, reports showed that the work was being done on account of his interesting efforts on our behalf; and it was unanimously resolved to engage him for another year. And as another result of his good influence, it was also resolved not to haggle off the salary for any aid this year, but raise the salary on the field. May the Bro. laborers be still more abundantly blessed. GEORGE WILSON.

Dec. 16.

CHRISTMAS GREETINGS TO ALL.

It was an accident, and we will try not to have it occur again. All the papers that missed have been sent to Book Room. Please get one there. Some of our Halifax subscribers will understand this. It concerns them.

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CHARLOTTETOWN.—Baptized brother Neil Simpson Dec. 8th, and brother Geo. Finlayson and sister Belle Billingsley, Dec. 15. We expect to bring others into the church soon. Messrs. Hunter and Crossley left this city for Amherst last Saturday. They are devoted men of God, and have learned to love their while here. About 250 persons signed the cards expressing that they desired to follow the Lord. How many as a result of the meetings will unite with the Baptist church, we do not yet know. Our prayer meetings have been greatly quickened and many are giving evidence that they have been revived in spiritual life. The plain preaching against intemperance, blasphemy, wine, cards and dancing will have a lasting moral effect upon the city. Also their faithfulness to proclaim the atonement of Christ, full and free to all who believe, has been marked by all. Many prayers will follow the evangelists in their future work. Dec. 19. C. W. COVAT.

WESTPORT CUMBERLAND CO., N. S.—We have closed the special meetings at Southampton. Three more have been brought in, two by letter and one by baptism. A number of others have professed conversion and trust that ere long they will see their way clear to follow the Lord in all his appointed ways. The people are thoroughly awakened and have taken upon themselves the responsibility of constructing a house of worship. A site has been secured and the following officers appointed viz: Trustees, Geo. Davidson, John Siddell, J. W. Blenkinsorn; Building Committee, Arthur Filmore, O. B. Schurman and Bro. Filmore; Treasurer, Deacon Canning. All persons who are anxious to feel in their pockets can help us along by sending to Deacon Canning their surplus cash. Leaving Southampton we came to Westport and have been laboring here for about two weeks. Bro. Maclellan still continues with us and he is working with the greatest zeal for the salvation of souls. He has been labouring on this field day and night for the past six weeks and God is blessing his efforts. Bro. Howe, of Parrabro, through his deep anxiety for the conversion of sinners, assisted us this week. We have enjoyed together some sweet feasts of the Holy Spirit's presence, week and a great interest is being manifested. We will continue our meetings next week and trust that many more will surrender to the Lord. Do not forget us in your daily prayers. WARREN H. MCLEOD.

Dec. 21.

NOTICES.

The P. E. Island Baptist Association having requested its secretary to procure a complete set of its published minutes, any person having copies on hand are requested to forward them to the undersigned at Bay View post office.

ARTHUR SIMPSON, Sec'y.

The churches are requested to take notice that the P. E. I. Baptist Convention did not meet at North River Nov. 18th and 19th, but will meet at North River on Monday, and Tuesday, December 30 and 31st. As this is to be the number business meeting at which matters of importance are to come up, a large attendance is requested. Delegates will be met at Charlottetown station and conveyed to North River.

M. C. Higgins, Secretary.

WANTED.—1. All the Minutes of the New Brunswick Association, from 1821 to 1847, except the years 1841, '42, '44 and '45. 2. Minutes of the Eastern N. B. Association, for 1850. 3. Any copies of the Eastern, Western and Southern N. B. Associations that have been published since 1841 apart from the Year Book. 4. Baptist Missionary Magazine of N. S. and N. B. for Jan., April and July 1827 and April 1829. 5. Second Annual Report of the Woman's Baptist Missionary Union. Reports of the Canadian Baptist Tolu Mission previous to 1887. Any pamphlets containing histories of Baptist Churches or Associations in the Maritime Provinces. The stamps necessary for transmission will be forwarded if names and addresses of senders are given. Address: Rev. A. C. CURRIE, Halifax, N. S.

The Queens County Quarterly Meeting will convene with the Mill Cove Baptist church, on the first Friday in January, 1896, 2.30 o'clock, p. m. (i. e. v. j.) Friday morning, 10 o'clock, p. m. Any pamphlets containing histories of Baptist Churches or Associations in the Maritime Provinces. The stamps necessary for transmission will be forwarded if names and addresses of senders are given. Address: Rev. A. C. CURRIE, Halifax, N. S.

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