

Northwest Scandinavian Mission.

THE ONLY SCANDINAVIAN BAPTIST CHURCH IN CANADA.

We respectfully ask your attention to the following:

There have been ten and twenty thousand Scandinavians—Danes, Swedes and Norwegians—in Manitoba and the Northwest Territories, and the tide of immigration brings large numbers annually. They are ignorant and inquisitive people. They learn the English language and adapt themselves to the requirements of the country very quickly. Those outside of Winnipeg are mostly farmers. They live in large colonies or settlements.

Our missionary efforts commenced amongst them about two years ago, when a young Norwegian from the States was engaged for the summer months, supported by the Woman's Missionary Society of Manitoba and the Northwest. Winnipeg was made the center of the vast field and a little church was organized with 13 members. This is the only Scandinavian Baptist church in Canada.

The missionaries visited some of the colonies and found great spiritual destitution. In one colony of 800 families they had not seen a missionary before since their settlement in this country. They had no religious service of any kind amongst them.

Other districts were almost equally destitute. There is a large and important settlement of these people near Fort Portage. This is in Ontario, but near our border, and as no one was caring for them our missionary gave them an occasional service and some have been baptized. This young man returned to the States to do evangelistic work and a student took his place last summer with encouraging success.

At our last Convention the District missionary for Western Minnesota, Rev. L. M. Stober, visited us and became so deeply impressed with the needs and opportunities for work here, he resigned his position and became our missionary. The Manitoba Woman's Society became responsible for his salary (\$800) and travelling expenses; of this the H. M. Board of New York gives \$300 and the Woman's B. Y. P. U. Society of Ontario an equal amount. The church raises \$100 of the balance. Under Mr. Stober's energetic efforts the work has enlarged; other colonies have been visited. Arrangements have been made for the settlement of a missionary at Scandinavia, a colony of 100 families near Minnedosa, and fields are opening in other places.

There are 2000 Scandinavians in Winnipeg. This is the gateway by which they enter the country. The little church has increased to a membership of 36 and the congregation to 70. From this centre will go forth spiritual light and influence to the most distant colony that will contribute largely in moulding the future of these people. The church has been laboring at a great disadvantage for want of a house of worship. They have been using a small room in the basement of Selkirk Hall, but this has become too small to accommodate the congregation comfortably. It is poorly lighted and is under the stairs leading to the audience room of Logan Ave. church. The two congregations disturb each other in their worship, by being so close together. The church has asked the assistance of the Manitoba Woman's Society to build a house of worship. A committee of two local business men were appointed by the ladies to meet a committee of the church to select a lot. They have found one available in a central location. The price is \$1,000. It is proposed to erect a building costing \$1,600. This will make a total of \$2,600. The church itself can raise only \$160 of this amount. The Edifice Society, which is a department of the Woman's Society, cannot appropriate money for a lot. Nor can they loan or give for building until a clear deed of the lot is registered. The general board cannot give money for edifice work. The brethren in Winnipeg are overburdened already, the first church having opened their new chapel about two years ago, and Logan Ave., which was organized out of their membership, bought Selkirk Hall this spring.

As this is the only Scandinavian church in Canada the erection of this house of worship will not only be of local interest, but of interest to all the Scandinavians of our country, and the whole Baptist denomination in the Dominion. We, therefore, on behalf of this struggling church and the Scandinavians of our country, appeal to the Baptist churches of Canada for help.

There are about 800 Baptist churches in Canada between the Rocky Mountains and the Atlantic. An average of \$200 from each will equal the cost of the building. It will be necessary to apportion this to the lot, to secure the deed and meet the requirements of the society for a gift or loan. The large churches will remember to give good measure to even up what the weak ones may lack. The Sunday schools and B. Y. P. U.'s can still out the space for the edifice, and the individuals will make the amount sure by private donations, and their efforts to interest their respective churches.

We ask you to make this the subject of your next prayer meeting, and take the offering then or instruct the treasurer of your church to pay the small amount asked for out of your treasury, and pray that this "Lone Star" may become a great constellation. An average of \$200 from each church will erect a building that will be a substantial proof to the thousands of Scandinavians amongst us and the unnumbered multitudes yet to come of the goodness of our brethren in Christ.

Send all moneys "For Scandinavian House of Worship" to Mrs. G. H. Stewart, acting treasurer of Northwest W. H. and F. M. B. Co., Pacific Ave. and Victoria Park, Winnipeg, Manitoba, on behalf of the church.

THE SCANDINAVIAN MIA. COM.

We most heartily endorse this appeal, and commend our Scandinavian brethren to the sympathy of the churches.

H. G. MULLER, N. W. Mia. & S. J. McKee, Pres. of Com. L. M. STOBBER, Sec. Mia.

Rev. A. T. Kempton gave an illustrated lecture on "Scenes from Evangelical Land" in the Stoughton St. Baptist church, Boston, April 2nd. One hundred and fifty different views were presented. The lecture was highly appreciated by a good sized audience. Last June

DENOMINATIONAL NEWS.

Churches and individuals contributing to the work of the denomination should send their contributions to the treasurers of denominational funds. Bro. A. C. Brown, of Waukegan, N. B., is treasurer of the Maritime Convention funds for New Brunswick and P. E. Island. Bro. J. H. Martin is treasurer of the funds of the N. B. Convention.

BATHURST, WEST. CO., N. B.—I baptized two at Bathurst last Sunday. Others have professed conversion, but as yet have not fully obeyed Christ.

C. F. WILSON.

HILLSBORO, N. B.—It was my privilege to baptize on Easter Sunday, a promising young woman, recently married. Her name is Mrs. Connell T. Steves.

PASTOR.

YARMOUTH, WEST.—A special work of grace is in progress at Yarmouth. Notable conversions have taken place and a serious difficulty of some years standing has been adjusted.

CARLETON, N. B.—A flying visit to Carleton found Rev. G. W. Schurman hard at work. He is one of those men who cannot rest except with plenty to do. His church is united in him and together they are doing steady work, and are looking for refreshing from the presence of the Lord.

C. C. BURNES.

MUSQUAM, N. B.—Under the abundant and efficient labors of our pastor, the Rev. J. D. Wetmore, many are being led to the Saviour all over this extensive field. On the 5th three were baptized at Clinch's Mills, and on the 12th two at Chatham Harbor. Others have been received and many are seeking.

C. F. C.

PORT STURDY.—Four received the hand of fellowship last Lord's Day, three by baptism and one by letter. All the island churches are supplied. Bro. Smith has settled down to work in Sydney and Bro. Allen, who has been supplying Sydney since Bro. Brown's departure, has gone to Margaree and Mabou to take up the work left by Bro. Everett.

D. G. M.

ANDOVER, N. B.—Last Sabbath, 12th, the hand of fellowship was given to sister Margine Vassine. Our forces are continually being strengthened with soldiers that are true to God and His church. The B. Y. P. U. is deepening in interest and the Sabbath school is growing. Progress is noted along all lines. Brotherly love continues. Hear from us later. Pray for Zion.

E. C. JENKINS.

TRURO, N. B.—The Immanuel church is inviting the churches of Colchester and Pictou counties to a "rally" in the interests of Young People's work in our churches to be held May 4th and 5th. The presence of the Maritime Executive is, with their consent, to be made use of to stimulate and educate in the direction sought. A good time may be expected. Every church should be represented.

W. FARBER.

HAMPTON, N. B.—Two members received the hand of fellowship last Sunday evening which makes about thirty added to the church during the last six months. Our pastor Rev. Geo. Howard, placed his residence in the hands of the church, but by a unanimous vote of both churches it was decided not to accept it, as we think Bro. Howard's work is not done here yet, and we intend if possible to hold our own house.

NEW GERMANY.—Last Sabbath was a good day in this place. A very large number gathered on the shore of the beautiful lake to witness the ordinance of baptism. As the day was fine and the place was all that could be desired, it was a very impressive service. The work, somewhat bright, giving evidence of brighter days for this church.

THE large attentive congregations, the three spiritual prayer-meetings, the three large well conducted Sabbath schools kept up through the year, the two W. C. M. S., and the well attended conferences cannot fail in doing good work for the Master.

J. L. READ.

HAMPTON VILLAGE AND NORFOLK, N. B.—This is one of the most delightful places to be found anywhere. Here Rev. George Howard, one of our most successful ministers is settled, and for five years he has most faithfully and affectionately presided over these churches. He is thinking of making a change, but he is tenderly loved by his people and it seems needless that any change should take place. The writer found Bro. Howard suffering from a cold and to relieve him took his appointments last Lord's Day. The day was pleasantly spent and trust some good work was done in the name of the Lord.

C. C. BURNES.

KANSAS, KANSAS CO., N. B.—Recently we have held a few special services at Kansas, which resulted in the quickening of the church and the salvation of souls. On Sunday, the 19th inst., after listening to a very able and impressive gospel sermon by Rev. C. C. Burgess, from Eph. 5: 32, we repaired to the water and buried in baptism six believers. Their names as follows: Isaac Gerow, Abner Brayman, Frederick Thorne, Debbie Worden Edna Akertley, Annie Jones. There are we believe, others to be gathered in. This is a large field. The work is testing all my powers; but in God we trust. Brethren pray for us.

S. D. ERVINE.

HIWATWA, KANAWA.—Rev. W. B. Bradshaw of the First Baptist church, after a successful pastorate of three and a half years, has resigned. During this time a new church building has been erected at a cost of \$6,000, and other expenditures in paying off debts and in building make a total of over \$9,000. Another house of worship has also been built at a cost of \$2,000. The church has also contributed regularly and generously to benevolent enterprises—missions, etc.—besides providing for current expenses. The spiritual exercises of the church have been carried on with regularity and vigor and 98 persons have been added to its membership. Mr. Bradshaw, who is a native of P. E. Island, is well known in these provinces. His last pastorate in the east was at Niagara, N. S.

PASQUAY, Y.—The religious life of the church is vigorous. Brethren and sisters move forward in the unity of the Spirit and the bond of peace. Last June

our beautiful house of worship was completed and dedicated free from debt. Since then congregations have increased, the Sunday School and C. E. Society have made good progress in aggressive work "for Christ and the church." Our salary is promptly and fully paid. Benevolent appropriations for the year, aside from home expenses, have been made to the amount of \$250 per member. Special services of late were productive of much good. Twelve persons united with the church by baptism, among whom were the two sons of the pastor. The power of the Spirit is still manifest in our meetings.

J. D. SKIDMER.

PERITODIAC.—The Baptist cause has for some time been in a low state. After Rev. A. F. Brown resigned the pastorate in Nov. last, efforts were made to secure the services of Rev. A. F. Baker, but he did not visit us till about the beginning of this month. He has for three weeks been holding meetings every day with gratifying results. Members of the church that for years have been in the back ground have got to work again and so far sixteen have been baptized and these with eleven others have joined the church. Last Sabbath Rev. G. Swin, P. C. Baptist, baptized five persons who have found light in our meetings. It has been years since this place has been baptized here on one day at one place by two clergymen. Bro. Baker is a workman that needeth not to be ashamed and God is blessing his labors. That these tokens may be but the drop before the more plentiful shower, is the prayer of his people.

J. G. A. BAKER.

PORT MAITLAND.—We are enjoying one of the richest blessings that has come to this church for years. Last Sabbath (April 19) we received twenty-three new converts into the fellowship of the church, making thirty in all baptized since the work began. Only nineteen were received at the conference meeting Saturday evening; but in the afternoon of the 19th, four noble young men came to the parsonage, stating that they had been baptized at Port Maitland and desired to be baptized with those who had been received the evening before. This was to us an impressive illustration of the power of the gospel. This week our hands are full. The movement is so extensive that we are holding meetings here and at Beaver River, a section of this church. Last night ten stood up for prayers at Beaver River and seven more at a devoted stand for the Master here. We were led to make this division of the work on account of the extensive character of the movement and also because Mr. Marple's stay with us is necessarily limited.

D. H. McQUARRIE.

CHATEAU, N. S.—Many will be interested to know that the cause of God in this church has been greatly revived. Extra meetings have been held since January in Chester, Marlett's Cove and Chester Basin. God's presence and power were experienced in each of these sections. As a result nine happy believers were baptized at Chester on Easter Sunday: Mr. Elford Fuller, Della Hiltz, Avery Hiltz, Florence Marlett, Belle Webster, Morley Miller, Martha Granger, Grace Hamblin, Harry Hawbolt. These following others were received and on Sabbath, 13th inst., baptized at Chester Basin. Their names were Mrs. J. A. Brown, Carry Hatt, Owen Briggs, Bernice Hatt, John Hatt, Jacob Hatt, Harry Hatt, Henry Hatt. It was a beautiful day and a very impressive service. We expect others at our next conference. This only partially represents the good done. The church has been greatly revived and many backsliders have come home; several who for years have not walked with the church. Though the field is large and on this account presents many difficulties to successful work, we are looking hopefully to the future.

E. H. P.

NEW GLASGOW.—The special union meetings are ended and Evangelist Gale has gone, but his work here will ever be remembered by the thousands whose lives and homes have been blessed. Over one thousand names are signed. Four rumormongers are closed, because their keepers have turned to Christ and His service. Many men have given up drinking intoxicating liquor and are now devoting their lives to God. The town has been for better, because of the efforts of E. L. Gale and his assistant, Mr. Everts; and concerning them, and their methods of work we hear, and give, only words of commendation—at the same time saying, if they do, all the glory to the Holy Spirit. Our own congregation shared largely in the blessing, and we expect an increase in spiritual life and membership. Since last reporting we have received the following amounts towards the building fund: Truro, \$10; Mrs. Governor Wm. Murray, Halifax, \$1; Ohio, Yac. Co., \$2; North Temple, Yac. Co., \$7.02; Sydney, \$9; Mrs. A. M. Ross, Margaree, C. E. \$1; F. S. Cunningham, Antigonish, \$4; N. A. Rhodes, Belmont, \$25; Charlotte, \$20; Acadia Mines, \$6.44; Boylston, Guy's Co., \$4.25; Great Village, \$5.25; Funk & Wagnall's Co., Toronto, \$5; Diligent River, \$2.25; Onslow, \$5; Belmont, \$3; West Onslow, \$4; Mrs. J. Gunn's S. S. class, Belmont, \$1; J. Gunn, Belmont, \$1; J. W. D. Lanenburgh, \$10; Willis Newcomb, Moncton, \$2.

April 18. G. P. RAYMOND.

CHARLOTTE CO., N. B.—I had the privilege of visiting some of the churches in this county of late, a few notes of which I would make among church news. George and Upper Falls are beautiful for situation, in spirituality healthy, in outlook, promising, and in all church work united. The pastor, Rev. A. H. Lavers is certainly the right man for the field. He has already secured the cooperation of old and young in the Lord's work. His people rejoice in him as a grand preacher, and trust him as a judicious leader in all our denominational work. You may expect to hear of "showers of blessing" upon those people in the near future. Penfield and Beaver Harbor are pastorless, but it is an inviting field of labor to the right man. Rev. L. E. Storer, the honored pastor at Oak Bay, Rollidown, Lodge Harbor and Bartlett's Mills, is tireless in preaching the Word over those extensive fields. He needs some help for a short time at least to gather in the harvest. You may expect to hear of the leadership of the pastor, Rev. W. C. Goucher. The progress made by this

church is very marked; and at the present time they are rejoicing in additions from week to week. As an aggressive people they may be classed among the leading churches of the Maritime provinces. Our Baptist Book and Tract Society is being taken hold of by the churches of this county with renewed earnestness.

C. C. BURNES.

April 16. Gen. Agent for B. B. & T. S.

WILMOT, N. S.—The second week in November, our pastor the Rev. R. B. Kinley engaged in special services at Paradise, assisted by our young brother A. V. Dimmock, L.C., who came to us last fall from Dr. Simpson's Missionary Training Institute of New York—Bro. Dimmock is one of our own boys and one the Lord has without doubt called to do grand work for the Master. The load of the services was given into his hands and it was with pleasure we report that great good was the result. After some eight weeks there, and a short time spent with the church at Bridgetown, services were begun at Clarence. They were attended with great spiritual power, such as the church had not seen for a long period of years, it seemed that the blessed Spirit was at work in every heart and many of the converts showed most clearly that a deep work of the spirit had been wrought. A goodly number of young men and women with some of the children were gathered in, but the most remarkable feature was the great number of strong men, heads of families, who had previously withstood all revival movements—no less than fifteen of these and five married women were among the number. The attendance was full for the entire series of services, and from seventy-five to one hundred and fifty took part in each service. At conference on April 11th one hundred and thirty-two took part. At Paradise fifteen were received by baptism, and at Clarence sixty-four by baptism, two by ex-communication and three by letter making an addition in all of eighty-four. We feel to thank God for such glorious results. Brother Dimmock is now assisting Bro. Young of Centerville, and our prayer is that the Lord will make him an honored instrument in leading souls to Christ there. At the county conference of the churches held at Annapolis in March, a committee was appointed to draft a plan by which a county evangelist and general helper might be secured—and very strong reference was made by the pastor in favor of Bro. Dimmock. He is a young man full of zeal for the Master, and we believe his success is largely due to the fact that he depends on the Holy Spirit to direct him. We would say to the churches, you will make no mistake if you secure him for such work, and he needs help in order to the better preparation himself for the Lord's work. Bro. Kinley is still holding three services a week and the interest is good. We trust there are more to follow their Lord's commands.

S. N. JACKSON.

Clarence, April 22. Church Clerk.

PERSONAL.

Rev. Dr. Carey desires to have his friends informed that he has removed from Princess St. to 24 Paddock St.

Rev. N. A. McNeill, of Havelock, has resigned his charge of that field. There is some talk, we hear, of his going to Ontario. Bro. McNeill is too good a man to be allowed to go away, while we have a number of recent churches in these provinces.

Pastors Gates and Gordon of Germain St. and Main St. churches of this city, having spent the month of April in Chicago, engaged in a special course of biblical study, are expected home during the present week. They will receive a hearty welcome from their churches and their many friends in this city. No doubt they have made excellent use of their opportunities and their congregations will be sure to profit thereby.

Rev. Thomas Trotter, of Wolfville, supplied the pulpit of the Germain St. church last Sunday, and the large congregations by which he was greeted showed that the people appreciated the opportunity of hearing him. Mr. Trotter wins the hearts of his hearers from the first by his simple, natural and unassuming manner in the pulpit. His reading of the Scriptures is a benediction in itself. His sermons bear evidence of careful preparation, they are thoughtful, spiritual and very helpful. We are pleased to welcome Mr. Trotter on this which may be called his first visit to St. John. We shall all be glad to see and hear him again.

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The next Colchester County district meeting will convene with the Immigrants' Baptist church, Truro, May 4, at 3 p.m. and continue in session throughout May 5. Work taken up will be principally in the interests of the B. Y. P. U. As previously announced, the executive of the Maritime B. Y. P. U. meeting in Truro on the evening of May 5, we hope thus to have the benefit of this course. Let all the pastors in the county with their delegates come up to Jerusalem to work for the King.

J. D. SPIDELL, Sec'y.

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