

from the General commanding and the admiration of veteran soldiers. How they went into battle along with the Gordons, is told by Archie Cameron in a letter to his father at Westmount, Ont. We quote a few sentences: "We crossed the river with arms round necks, four Gordons and four Canadians, both regiments in quarter columns. Some of us had to swim. When we got over to the other side we separated and marched in extended order under a perfect hail of bullets, but not one man of our regiment even ducked his head. Well, we got the order to lie down, that is, the left half did. The right half of the regiment went right up to the firing line. I was ammunition carrier that day, and how I ever came out of it safe is more than I can tell. The Boers used dum-dum and any other kind of bullets, and they had a fine position. All we could do was to hold them there. The Gordons say we are the best regiment they ever went into action with, bar none. All the different regiments were surprised at us. We have made our name and are going to keep it.

—The suffering in India on account of the famine, so widespread and so terrible, must appeal strongly to our sympathies. There are, no doubt, among the readers of the MESSENGER AND VISITOR many who will desire to do something, be it more or less, according to their ability, to relieve the awful distress of the famine-stricken people, and churches will desire to take collections for this object. We are glad again to call attention to the fact that the Secretary-Treasurer of our F. M. Board will receive and forward any contributions sent him for this purpose. It has been thought well that an assurance should be given that any funds thus contributed and sent for famine sufferers will be wholly devoted to that object,—that is to say no part of it will be used for the ordinary purposes of our Telugu mission. While there is some distress on our mission field there is much more elsewhere. As will be seen by the note from Secretary Manning on the 8th page, any contributions for the famine sufferers sent him will be forwarded to one of our missionaries in India, and any portion of it not required for relief purposes on our own mission field will be placed in the hands of missionaries in some district where the need is pressing. We do not know that any better method for forwarding relief funds could be devised. There is no new machinery to create. There will be very little expense incurred in forwarding the funds, so that nearly the total amount of contributions will reach the sufferers whom it is desired to aid.

—The Jubilee services in connection with the Brussels Street church, of which intimation was given in these columns last week, have been attended with a good degree of interest. The visit of Rev. Charles A. Eaton, of Toronto, was very much enjoyed. Mr. Eaton spoke to large audiences on Sunday, especially in the evening, and his discourses were heard with great interest and profit. The lecture on Monday evening, on "Anglo-Saxonism," was a broad-viewed and masterly discussion of a great subject. Mr. Eaton possesses a commanding presence, an attractive manner, a fine voice, and his discussion of serious themes is so enlivened by flashes of wit and humorous illustration as to save his audience from any sense of weariness. Such a lecture as that of Monday evening is something which, when it comes within reach, no intelligent man or woman can afford to miss. And, yet, we are ashamed to write it, the church was only half filled. This, in view of the fact that the lecture was well advertised, is not creditable to the people of St. John, and especially it is not creditable to the Baptist people of the city who easily by themselves, and with great advantage to themselves, might have filled the Brussels St. church to overflowing on Monday evening.

The War.

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proclamation. The position gained by the advance is an advantageous one and is strongly held. A very unfortunate affair occurred on Saturday morning about 20 miles east of Bloemfontein, where a British force walked into an ambush of the enemy with the result that six guns were captured. No official reports of the disaster are as yet at hand, and it is not known how many men were taken with the guns. It appears, however, that the guns were a part of a convoy connected with a force under General Broadwood who had found it necessary to retreat westward from Thaba N'chu before a superior force of the enemy. General Colville's division went from Bloemfontein to the relief of General Broadwood, and some hope is expressed that the lost guns may be recovered. While the southern part of the Orange State appears to be in comparative quiet under British control, the Boers have been showing great activity in the northern portion of the State as well as in northwestern Cape Colony and in some parts of Natal. The object of the raiding parties, which seem to have been more or less successful, has been to harass those who are submitting to British authority and to drive off the cattle. Mafeking, though not yet relieved, was able, it is said, a few weeks ago to secure some provisions from outside sources. The garrison is also able to manufacture ammunition for itself and can probably hold out some time longer if necessary. No doubt Lord Roberts is carefully maturing his plans for further operations against the enemy, but what those plans are is not likely to be disclosed until they are put in operation. Later despatches

give the number of the lost guns as seven, with all General Broadwood's baggage, and report that 200 men are missing. These are included in the 350 casualties reported. There is a report that the captured guns, or at least part of them, have been retaken, but this is not officially confirmed. This blow delivered so effectively, so near Lord Roberts' headquarters, indicates unexpected strength and boldness on the part of the enemy. It may have, as it was doubtless intended to have, some effect in emboldening the Free Staters to stick to the cause of Steyn and Kruger.

From Halifax.

Halifax, which has never been suspected of disloyalty, has had a rare chance in the past winter to exhibit that national sentiment. It may be hoped that when the world gets nearer the millennium, other means of showing devotion to the crown will be adopted: that "Smoking concerts" will not be among the devices whereby the loyalty of a people may express itself. Such offerings to a monarch, like the Queen of England, should not be impregnated with a vile mixture of the mal odor of rum, whisky, and tobacco. In the demonstrations of fidelity to the Empire in sending off contingents after contingent, and this fidelity is good, the worldly, and not the godly spirit has prevailed. Let the apology be what it may, nothing could be more certain than that the dominating spirit of the winter past has been the spirit of this world—emphatically the spirit of this world. If the Queen got a fuller and more intense expression of devotion to her crown, there has not been a corresponding improvement of whole-hearted devotion to the King of kings. An attempt was made at first to put religion in the front, but the world dashed ahead with a bound. A number of Christian women made a great supper in the basement of the Brunswick St. Methodist church for one of the contingents, and a service of a religious type was to follow. A part of the invited guests came: but the "Smoking" concert put this entertainment wholly in the shade.

Ministers and churches who had looked forward to this winter as a special time to win souls to Christ have found the public mind so distracted that it seemed impossible to awaken and unite any church in its own specific work. However a marked improvement, notwithstanding these disadvantages, has appeared in some of the churches: and a little advance has been made. With commendable zeal the North church and the Tabernacle commenced and sustained a series of extra services. Although there has been no very marked revival in the churches themselves, yet some quickening has been observed, and a number of converts have professed faith in Christ. About seventeen have been baptized at the Tabernacle, nine at the First church, and twelve or more at the North church. One has been received for baptism at the West End. Since the departure of the Rev. Mr. Robinson for the United States, where he naturally belongs, the Cornwallis St. Church has been supplied by Rev. E. M. Saunders, who reports a marked improvement in the unity and peace of the church, and indeed some are enquiring for the way of life. In the First church the work is chiefly in the Sunday school, in which devotional meetings are held for the purpose of increasing the good work among the pupils. At the North church the work has been largely in the Bloomfield Mission.

We had a very pleasant visit from the Rev. E. N. Archibald of Lunenburg. He reports large departure from his congregations to other parts of the world, but still there has been steady progress. The church is united, devout and resolute. Replying to interrogation, Mr. Archibald said that he graduated at Acadia in 1865, went to North River, Alexandra, and Tryon, P. E. I., for five years; thence to Illinois for three years. In 1873 he found his way as a servant of the Home M. B. to Shelburne, where he toiled three years: a church structure was erected, \$2,100 collected outside the place in aid of the \$4,000 church building. At Sand Point a \$300 house was built. After spending three more years at Osborne, he found his way to Bedeque, P. E. I., in 1879, where he spent three more years. Then he had four years on the O'Leary and Alberton field. There were revivals in this place and a church organized at Lot 10. Clementsport then had four years of his labor, in which time the one church became two churches. Thence he went to Sackville and Hammonds Plains. Now at the end of April he will part with the Lunenburg church, where he has spent eight years and six months, in which time \$600 has been paid on the church building and \$300 on the parsonage. Revivals and baptisms were enjoyed in all these places.

But this is not all the good brother and his equally good wife have done in that time. They have been providing for posterity. Their daughter Mabel graduated at Acadia five years ago, and is now in India at F. M. work; William, seven years ago, and is now looking after the venerable church at Milton, Queens; A. J., four years ago, and was lately ordained in Kansas, next day after ordination gave 57 converts the right hand of fellowship; and Arthur graduated two years ago at Acadia. Theological courses followed the A. B. run through Acadia.

After all this work it is not to be wondered at that our brother feels a little out of repair. To settle the matter he got the opinion of the Hon. Dr. Parker, and in accordance with a scheme already in his head, he was told to go to Melvern Square, do some light out of doors work, and expect better health. This he has resolved to do. Mr. Parry, the beloved pastor at that place, will find a genial parishioner in E. N. Archibald, and the good community another good family congenial to its tastes and habits. After a little the good brother hopes to be again in the thick of the fight where he has spent his life. In preparation for this rainy day dripping through the sunshine, our brother has, beside all his other financial feats, put \$200 into the Annuity fund from which to draw while recruiting his shattered health. "Go thou and do likewise," is the word to any brethren who have not as yet distinguished themselves in this regard.

REPORTER.

Horton Academy Home.

Knowing the deep interest that is felt in our Institutions at Wolfville by Maritime Baptists, and having been providentially thrown into the Academy Home for a brief space, I may be permitted to give expression to some impressions received whilst mingling with teachers and pupils as I ministered to my son suffering from pneumonia. The principal and resident members of the faculty are evidently thoroughly awake to their obligations and opportunities. They evidently have clearly before them the combined interests of parents, pupils and Institution, and upon these are bestowing their best energies and judgment. Peace and harmony are notable features of the Home. Wholesome rules and regulations have been prepared and are applied with a minimum of friction. The students are gentlemen in the true sense of the word and reflect credit upon the homes from which they have come. The teachers not only recognize this but discern in it glorious possibilities by way of future achievements for the boys. Their mature judgments and warm hearts are constantly exercised on behalf of those under their charge. The boys are made to feel that their best interests and highest success are closely identified with faithful application to work and careful deportment, and are reasonably applying themselves. The results of even a brief sojourn in the Home must necessarily be marked upon the individual. I have been delighted with all I saw, heard and felt as I mingled with the inmates, and have a stronger conviction than ever that here is a safe and serviceable place for boys in general, and Baptist boys in particular.

Permit me here to give expression to our gratitude to all who rendered such kind assistance and generous sympathy to my son and myself during his severe illness. Thanking you for this space in your valuable columns, I remain most truly,

TRUKMAN BISHOP.

Notes From British Columbia

We regret exceedingly that we are forced to lose Rev. C. W. Rose, of Nelson, from the active work of the pastorate in this province, at this important season. The church at Nelson has made rapid growth under his faithful labors and able ministry. And the members of the church and congregation with whom he has toiled in the Master's vineyard are filled with sadness at the thought of parting, even for a few months, with so kind an under shepherd and so wise a leader. Bro. Rose is a young man of large ideas of God's thought of mankind, and possesses a soul that is big with tenderness and love for the needy.

In the execution of his all-absorbing work, and in the strength of his spiritual power of mind and heart, he forgot his weakness of body, until his physician interposed and said, "You must take absolute rest for a season." And now we trust the well deserved rest will have the desired results, in the perfect restoration to his physical strength.

Bro. Rose is the right stamp of man for the West, or for any other field where God may place him. He can adjust himself quickly to the circumstances that surround him; is able to make the needs of his people his own; and is a preacher and pastor of rare ability. May his trip to the Eastern Provinces bring to him his usual vigor, that we may not long be separated from this one of our youngest pastors, and one who has won the confidence and esteem of the people of this great country.

The Interior of British Columbia has for the past few weeks been more or less depressed over the mining and labor problems, but we hope the whole matter will be very soon settled. There is no greater opening for the successful use of brain and money on this continent than is found in British Columbia; and those to whom it is permitted, will see developments in this country along all lines in the next five years that will surprise the most sanguine.

In view of the hopeful prospects of this Interior Country, we are endeavoring to push Baptist work as rapidly as possible. Our greatest need is money and men. Men who are prepared to start with nothing by way of Baptist organization and work up a cause; men who know no defeat; men who can preach. Rev. R. W. Trotter has done a work in the Boundary Country that will shine in the Kingdom of Righteousness, and grace the annals of Baptist history in this province.

Rev. Hugh Saunders is now pastor of the Greenwood Baptist church, the first church organized by Bro. Trotter in the Yale District; and where under the leadership of Bro. Trotter, a house of worship was built, paid for, and dedicated last May. Mr. Saunders is a bright fellow, and a clever preacher, and we expect to see a strong cause at Greenwood.

The little church at Trail is without a pastor for the present. The work in the churches on the Coast, under the able leadership of our pastors there is progressing encouragingly. W. B. Hinson, of Vancouver First church, is a host in himself. More again.

W. T. STACKHOUSE.

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