

From the Churches.

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TABERNACLE, HALIFAX.—Baptized one March 18th, and five on the 25th.
G. W. SCHURMAN.

GERMAIN ST., ST. JOHN.—The interest in this church continues good. Two were baptized on the 1st inst.

OXFORD, N. S.—The Lord is still blessing us here. I baptized one believer in Christ March 11th. Others who expressed their desire to follow him prefer nature's baptism—the river—to the artificial one; hence they await the departure of the ice.
A. F. BAKER.

NICTAUX.—I have accepted a call to the pastorate of the Havelock church, N. B. We expect to begin work there on the first Sunday in May. We have spent five years of earnest work on this field, during which we have rejoiced many times in the grace of God, and shall carry with us many pleasant memories of these years.
J. W. BROWN.

Nictaux Falls, March 31.

MILTON, QUEBENS COUNTY, N. S.—Notwithstanding the partial failure of the lumbering industry, upon which our people chiefly depend, we are about beginning some extensive repairs to the church building. Some progress is evident in the different branches of work, but we are hopeful for greater advancement in spiritual things in the near future.
W. L. ARCHIBALD.

BERWICK.—Some "Mercy drops" have fallen upon us of late. Six have recently been baptized. A number of others have professed conversion, some of whom will be baptized soon. Spiritual life has been much quickened in the church of late. Though greatly missing some who have recently left us for the home above, we are hopeful.

WALLACE RIVER, N. S.—Special services at Wallace River. Bro. A. F. Baker, of Oxford came to assist in special services on March 12th. The work is progressing very encouragingly, quite a number have accepted Christ as their personal Saviour, and many others are pricked in their hearts and are asking the old time question, "men and brethren what shall we do?" and they have received the old time reply, "Repent and be baptized every one of you in the name of Jesus Christ for the remission of sins."
C. H. H.

PORT MAITLAND, N. S.—Four were received by letter during March. Interest good at Beaver River. At Norwood souls are enquiring the way to Christ. We hope soon to be able to report progress at Lake George. On the 17th we were again assured of the good will of the people here. A large number of our young folk took possession of our home and "pounded" us with luxuries and necessities until we feel more tenderly toward them, if possible, than ever. For these tokens of good will we "thank God and take courage."
E. A. ALLARY.

MELVERN SQUARE, N. S.—The congregation at Melvern Square paid their annual visit to the parsonage on Tuesday evening of this week. The homes were well represented and a happy and helpful evening spent, and when they left, the pastor and family were richer, not only in material things, but in the assurance that he and his work were not forgotten by those whom he tries to serve. Every year adds to the pastor's appreciation of the dear friends with whom and for whom he labors.
March 30th.
H. N. PARRY.

MARGARETVILLE, N. S.—I have been engaged in union meetings with Rev. Jas. Gasty, Methodist minister, at Margaretville. I am glad to say the meetings have been union in more than name. Great good I trust has been done. In both churches many who have for years been out of active service have reconsecrated themselves to the Lord's work. Many have become deeply interested in the salvation of their souls and quite a number are rejoicing in Jesus as their Saviour. Five have been received by us for baptism and more will follow. The Methodist church is also gathering in.
H. N. PARRY.

Melvorn Square, March 30th.

FIRST CHURCH, HALIFAX.—A quiet and very cheering work of grace is going forward among the young people. Five more were baptized on the last Sunday evening of March. Others will come immediately.

SACKVILLE, N. S.—We are still working away very pleasantly with these dear people, and hoping to see some good accomplished for the Master. We are continually made the recipients of expressions of their good wishes, from all over the field. The Sackville friends broke in upon us the other evening, and I was informed by Dea. Thomas they had called to give us a pounding. Well I wish to say the pounding was both pleasant and profitable to us. Also the other evening Mrs. S. was presented with a very handsome rocker. For all this we desire to thank these friends and pray that our Heavenly Father may reward them abundantly.
W. A. SNELLING.

FLORENCEVILLE, N. B.—Like many others of our pastors I have not reported to MESSENGER AND VISITOR for some time, because we could not report revivals. This I believe to be wrong as this column of our paper is probably read first, by many of us. Last Nov. I resigned the Hartland Church that it might unite in calling Bro. Wetmore to that field in connection with Rockland. God is blessing our Bro.'s labors on that field, he has baptized 20 at Hartland during the winter, and is now at work at Rockland. I am now closing up my 10th and 11th years' work on this field expecting to leave it at the end of the year. Sunday 25th, we baptized a young man at Simonds, and gave the hand of fellowship to two last night.
March 28th.
A. H. HAYWARD.

GIBSON, N. B.—One young man was baptized since last report. Our Sunday School in spite of bad weather and sickness has been doing excellent work of late. Bro. Bradley enjoys the co-operation of a fine corps of teachers, officers and large attendance. Recently, on the eve of departure from home for a few days, an envelope containing a goodly sum of money found its way through the parsonage door. Such thoughtfulness does not make the pastor here feel as though "some strange thing had happened" unto him. This is good environment for the cultivation of appreciation of kindness that wears not out.
J. B. CHAMPION.

BRIDGETOWN, N. S.—The work goes steadily on. For some time we have been anticipating a "gathering in." About four weeks ago we began a few extra services with hopeful prospects from the first. About two weeks ago God sent to our assistance Bro. Isaiah Wallace, who, with almost his old time power preached the gospel for a week and a half. This Bro. seems never to grow old and his many friends were glad to see and hear him. On the 18th we baptized four and on the 25th three, and others are received and will probably be baptized next Lord's day. We praise God for what he is to us. We are looking forward with pleasure to a visit from Bro. Cohoon on the 8th. He may count on a warm welcome from the brethren here.
G.

MILTON.—Rev. W. L. Archibald, pastor of the Milton, N. S., church in his church paper, pays a deserved tribute to the memory of the late Prof. Charles E. Gates, and states that after having given generously in his life time, he bequeathed the balance of his money to the support of Bible women in the Telegu Mission Field, and directed that \$200 of that amount be applied to making eight friends life members of the Maritime Woman's Baptist Missionary Union. Certificates of Life Membership have accordingly been sent to the following: Mrs. Mary A. Skinner, Milton, N. S.; Mrs. William Patton, Hebron, N. S.; Mrs. W. J. Gates, Halifax; Mrs. G. O. Gates, Truro; Mrs. B. F. Wood, Melvern Square; Mrs. Grace McLeod Rogers, Amherst; Mrs. Stephen March, Bridgewater, and Mrs. Conley Phinney, Melvern Square.

BOYLSTON, N. S.—Sunday, March 18th, closed the second year of the Pastorate of Rev. R. H. Bishop with us and at the close of the morning service the church and all interested in its prosperity were asked to remain. After a few words of appreciation of our pastor's services by several present, it was moved and unanimously adopted by a rising vote that the present relationship between Rev. R. H. Bishop and the Manchester Baptist Church as pastor and people continue. During the pastorate,

sixteen have been added to the church, besides the pastor and wife. We have adopted the weekly offering system of collecting for pastor's salary and our finances are in a more hopeful condition, and promises better things for the future. We have three regular preaching stations, and two weekly prayer meetings all of which are fairly well sustained.
H. L. M., Clerk.

JEDDORE, N. S.—As business connections with colonizations for British Columbia, together with sickness in my family kept us here during the winter months we kept on working for the Master. There was considerable sickness in the place during those months which together with numerous severe storms hindered any other than regular work being done in the church. However, there is no reason for discouragement. The Lord will and does bless the regular work of his people. At Oyster Ponds and Lakeville he has awakened a great interest in religion. Fifty have risen for prayers. Some of those are professors of religion who had wandered away. They now wish to return to their father's house. The majority come from the unconverted in the Sunday School, some of whom have found peace. This causes great joy in our Sunday School and church. In the Sunday School much good work has been done. We have the largest number of teachers on the honor list of certificates in Halifax county and now the Lord has wonderfully honored this work in the conversion of the scholars, they have therefore two seals on what they have done, the seal of their co-workers on earth and the seal of the Triune God. Happy the man who may be permitted to labor with them. We have received many tokens of kindness from this people and continue to pray for their prosperity. Although I have been here as a helper only, they treated us as though in the pastorate. Their liberality is great compared with many of our churches. They have now on hand nearly \$500 towards building a new church edifice. A wise and energetic man is needed to go forward with the work. C. S. STERNES.

Oyster Ponds, March 29th.

NEW MINAS, N. S.—On Sunday, March 4th, we extended the right hand of fellowship to one sister in the South Alton section of our field. Mrs. Leander Mosher was received by letter from the church at Mahone Bay. On the 11th inst., the ten young people recently baptized were received into fellowship at New Minas, and Mrs. Burpee Wallace who came to us by letter from the Wolfville church was received into the church at Canaan. We had with us our good brother, Rev. A. Cohoon, who administered for us the sacrament of the Lord's Supper. The work in all its departments is encouraging. The young people who lately united with the church have all joined the Young People's Society and are making gratifying progress in the Christian life. On Sunday the 18th, the C. E. Society took a free will offering for the Indian famine sufferers, amounting to over \$25. But greater things than these in liberality we have to report. The church has long felt the need of a new organ, and on Sunday, the 25th, we were filled with wonder and joy to find a handsome and expensive new organ in place of the old. This new instrument is the gift of two of our good brothers in New Minas, viz., Messrs. Trueman Bishop and Henry Turner. In response to the church's expression of gratitude for the gift so unostentatiously presented, Bro. Bishop said in behalf of the donors, that it had not been made for the sake of any show, or glory to themselves. They felt that they were merely giving back to God a little of that which he had given to them, and the new organ was an expression of the desire in their hearts to do something for their

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Master and for the furtherance of his cause. May God put into all our hearts to emulate this noble act of our brothers. May each one of us have a like willingness and desire to give back to him each week, each day something of all the bounties he is constantly pouring out to us. "What shall I render unto the Lord for all his benefits towards me?"
H. G. COLPITTS.

TEKKALI.—Three believers were received on Saturday and baptized yesterday. Two were Savaras and one a Mala. The Mala woman has lived a bad life, but seems truly converted. Praise God for his grace! The woman's name is Yerralama. Will you not pray for her that she may live a pure life and exemplify the power of Christ to save from the power of sin? Pray also that God may reveal his mighty power in the lives of many others this year on these fields.
W. V. H.

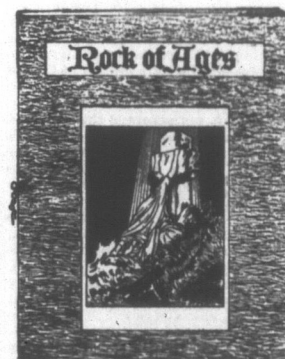
Henry Williams, a burglar, who shot and killed J. E. Varcoe, a storekeeper, in Toronto, on 9th November last, will be hanged in Toronto on Good Friday. The case of Williams was before the cabinet on Thursday and an order-in-council passed allowing the law to take its course.

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