

A Visit to Margaret's Bay.

DEAR EDITOR:—"Tis the unexpected that happens." Returning recently to Halifax from the eastern shore the writer had arranged to return home by a train, leaving in about two hours, but while taking some refreshment at a restaurant a young friend from St Margaret's Bay came in and was apparently agreeably surprised to meet this scribe and after a most cordial greeting said, "Won't you go out to the Bay and see the folks. They will be delighted to see you and hear you preach, for they have no pastor. They often speak of you and your family. But," was the reply, "I am expected home to-night or to-morrow"; but the invitation was pressed so earnestly that one dare not say "No," less he fly in the face of Providence. So a way to the Bay is sought, found, and readily furnished by our friends, Mr. and Mrs. Norman Hubley and in a short time we are on the way to and in a few hours arrive at the beautiful seaside home of our host and hostess.

The next few days are devoted to visiting friends of former days of whom many are well and prospering, but some are sick and many are sad, for death has entered the home and the church, but all are evidently glad to welcome a former pastor, as he goes from house to house at Seabright and Indian Harbor, etc., to greet and read and pray and talk of the things pertaining to the Kingdom among this flock so long pastorless. Soon arrangements are made for preaching on the coming Lord's day, and as a result three fine congregations in which are many young persons of great promise, assemble to listen with close attention and interest to the messages from the servant of God. God grant that the precious seed of the word sown may not be fruitless. By way of financial reconnaissance, the collections were so generous and general, that an amount quite equal to that usually paid to a city "supply" was cheerfully handed to the writer. If one may thus judge; this people are abounding in this grace also, i. e. the grace of liberality.

Two things especially impressed the writer. First, the great importance of this field being immediately supplied with the necessary pastoral oversight and care, and secondly, the magnificent opportunity for training this large and interesting Baptist Constituency in aggressive work for Christ and the church. It was the writer's privilege, at the request of the First Church to give, on their behalf, the hand of fellowship to brother Frederick Hubley who in the providence of God, has returned from Massachusetts, to his native village and settled down for life. Thus God has apparently provided for his cause there a brother beloved whom we believe is well qualified to fill the place made vacant by the removal to higher service of the late deacon J. J. Hubley.

With hearty appreciation of abounding hospitality and kindness, and earnest prayer for the welfare of this dear people.

Yours sincerely,

A. E. INGRAM.

Lower Stewiacke, May 1st.

Quarterly Meeting, Queens Co., N. S.

The above meeting convened with Charleston church on May 4th and 5th. The weather was agreeable. This being a busy time of year several of the churches were not represented, however the attendance was good especially at the evening services the house being crowded and the interest throughout most gratifying. The writer preached on Monday evening. Tuesday morning was given to transaction of business. Being the annual meeting several matters of a routine character were attended to. The officers elected for the ensuing year were Rev. C. W. Corey, Pres.; Bro. Bernard McKenna, Vice-Pres. for South Queens, Bro. Albert Morton Vice-Pres. for North Queens and the writer secy-treas.

The reports from the churches represented were very encouraging. The discussion on methods for raising denominational funds resulted in the passing of the following resolution:

Resolved, that this "Quarterly" commend the action of Finance committee appointed by convention in providing literature, setting forth our denominational needs and the reasons why we should contribute, etc., and further suggesting a plan as contained in their circular, for the raising of Denominational Funds, (we would say in this connection that any church in the county desiring the literature and circular mentioned in resolution may secure the same upon application to Rev. A. Cohoon).

The standing committee on Sabbath Ob-

servance having reported the following resolutions were passed:

Whereas Sabbath desecration is on the increase in this county:

Whereas, Rev. J. G. Shearer of Dominion Lord's Day Alliance intends visiting the county early in June for the purpose of addressing a few public meetings on Sabbath Observance and effecting branch organizations where necessary:

Therefore resolved, (1) That we, the members of the Baptist Quarterly now in session do herein express our gratification at the prospective visit of Mr. Shearer.

Resolved, (2) That we recommend Mr. Shearer and the work he represents to the consideration of our people, and ask that they give him their sympathy and co-operation, and that delegates be appointed to represent our churches at the meetings to be addressed by him.

Resolved, (3) That a copy of these resolutions be inserted in county papers and MESSENGER AND VISITOR.

The Conference meeting led by Pastor Langille on Tuesday afternoon was a season of spiritual refreshing. At the evening service Pastor Corey preached to a large and attentive congregation. Sermon was followed by social service in which a number took part, three expressing the desire to be Christians. Then followed an ordination service. Bro. Ambrose Freeman, being set apart to the office of deacon in Charlottetown church. Pastor Langille offered the ordaining prayer and Pastor Corey gave the hand of welcome. The singing of "Blest be the tie that binds" and benediction brought to a close a most helpful quarterly.

Two things to remember.

(1) The next quarterly meets second Tuesday in September.

(2) Program will be framed along the lines of our young peoples work. Will our churches in this county please govern themselves accordingly. R. B. SLOAT.

N. B.—Owing to the uncertainty of the weather in February the "Quarterly" was unable to meet with the church at Kempt. We regret very much that we were "hindered."

H. B. S.

An Enjoyable Social Gathering.

On Thursday evening, April 30, quite a large number of friends met at what has been long known as the "Church Home", that of Deacon Robert Marshall, Clarence, to celebrate his 82nd birthday. We found our aged and much loved brother in the enjoyment of good health, his memory and other faculties unimpaired by the advance of time. Brother Marshall well deserves the great respect and love of the people of Clarence, which he so largely enjoys, and visitors of whom there are very many, cannot but be impressed with the generous hospitality and the elevating, refining Christian influence of this ideal home.

After partaking of a sumptuous tea we repaired to the parlor where we enjoyed excellent music, many beautiful pieces were well rendered, such as "Jesus lover of my soul," "The everlasting arms," "God be with you," and etc. Some time was spent in enjoyable social intercourse and all expressed the wish to assist our brother in celebrating the return of many more birth days.

Deacon Marshall has attained a good age, enjoys much his present life and has bright prospects of the life to come.

ONE PRESENT.

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To the churches of the N. B. Western Association:

Any church prepared and desirous of entertaining the Association this year will please communicate with either the moderator, Geo. Fowar, Keswick Ridge, York Co., or the clerk, B. S. Freeman, Centreville, Carleton Co.

The Albert Co. quarterly meeting convenes with the Baltimore Baptist Church, June 9th, at 2 o'clock. This is a fairly central location and we hope to see a full representation from the Church. A good programme has been prepared. There will be a paper on 'Church discipline,' and one on 'Grouping the churches.'

F. D. DAVIDSON, Sec'y-Treas.

Acadia Anniversaries.

TRAVELLING ARRANGEMENTS.

The Dominion Atlantic Railway will issue excursion return tickets from all stations, including St. John and Parrboro, on May 29 and 30, and June 1, 2 and 3, at single fare, good up to and including June 8 for return; and from Boston, May 26 and 29 good to return leaving Wolfville not later than June 10.

The Intercolonial Railway will sell tickets on the days named above. Purchasers of tickets must be careful to get Standard Certificates, which must be signed by me in order to secure free returns. Through tickets are via Windsor Junction.

The Midland Railway same as I. C. R. Those coming by this road from Truro can purchase through tickets to Wolfville. Do not fail to get the certificate also.

Standard certificates of the I. C. R. will be honored at Wolfville, Windsor Junction, Truro and St. John. Those of the Midland Railway at Wolfville and Windsor.

The Nova Scotia Central will issue excursion return tickets same as the Dominion Atlantic Railway.

A. COHOON, Secretary R. C. Com.
Wolfville, N. S., May 7.

Will our mission pastors in New Brunswick kindly forward to me not later than the 2nd of June a full report of their work, etc., for the entire year.

Carleton.

B. N. NOBLES.

The annual examination in connection with the normal work of the Nova Scotia Sunday School Association will be held on Thursday, May 28th instant. Candidates should send their names to the Provincial Superintendent, E. D. King, K. C., Halifax, together with the fee, 25 cents, on or before the 10th of May instant. Examination papers with full instructions will be sent out on or about May 18th.

N. B. Southern Association, July, 1903

So far no invitation has come offering entertainment to our Association in July next. Will some church do us the honor, and confer upon itself the blessing of inviting us to enjoy the hospitality of the people for a few days in the early part of July, while we transact business for the Lord? Remember the words of Jesus when He said: "It is more blessed to give than to receive; and the words of the writer of the Epistle of Hebrews, "Be not forgetful to entertain strangers." Please communicate with W. CAMP, Moderator.
Sussex, April, 1903.

Hants County Baptist Convention.

The next session will be held at Summerville: Hants and on Monday and Tuesday, May 25th and 26th. The steamer will probably leave Windsor for Summerville between 11 and 12 a.m. The first session of Convention will be at 2 p.m. A good program may be expected, we are hoping to have Dr. Boggs and other returned missionaries with us.

S. N. CORNWALL, Sec'y.

The Union Missionary Conference of the Quarterly Meetings of Westmorland and Albert Counties will meet in the Baptist church, Petticoat, Tuesday and Wednesday, May 19th and 20th, beginning at 2 o'clock p.m. Instructive and profitable programs are arranged and will be announced later.

N. A. MACNEILL, Sec'y West. Co.

I am informed by Chairman of Committee of Arrangements that it will suit local conditions better for Central Association of N. S. to meet at Canard on June 26, to a.m. instead of 2.30 p.m.

H. P. SMITH, Sec'y.

The N. S. Central Association will convene with the Canard Baptist church, June 26th, 2.30 p.m. H. B. SMITH, Sec'y.

All correspondence intended for the Baptist church in Tanook, should be sent to the address of James Wilson, Tanook, who is the clerk of the church.

Will any who have occasion to communicate with the Second Ragged Island church, kindly address Leonard McKenzie, East Ragged Island, Shelburne, who has recently been appointed clerk in place of Elbridge Hardy, resigned.

"All communications intended for the Home Mission Board of N. S. and P. E. I. should be addressed, Pastor E. J. Grant, Acadia, Yarmouth, N. S."

THE TWENTIETH CENTURY FUND \$50,000.

Will subscribers please send all money from New Brunswick and Prince Edward Island to Rev. J. W. Manning, St. John, N. B.

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