

Home Mission Notes.

General Missionary Hayward reports a good work on the Aberdeen and Windsor field, where he has been for some weeks assisting Bro. Rideout in special meetings. Twenty-four have been baptized since the meeting of the association at Centreville, and others have been moving in the services. Bro. H. writes: "I would have liked to have had a little rest during the hot, busy months, but God is blessing our work so much of late that I think I shall wait until the winter. These meetings will be of great value to him and to the field as well. It will be a pity to leave these converts without care, after Bro. R. goes away."

GRAND FALLS.

Bro. Thomas J. Kinley, a student from Acadia, has been spending the summer on this field. The stations occupied are, Grand Falls, St. Leonards and Grand River. We have a house of worship at St. Leonards, and another is in course of erection at Grand Falls. Our prospects are much brighter than for years.

BOISTOWN.

Bro. Howlett is here laboring in conjunction with Pastor Wilson of Doaktown. A number have professed religion in various parts of the field. At Boiestown the brethren have decided to build, and already a good start has been made in this direction. Baptist sentiment has been spreading rapidly along the valley of the Miramichi and during the last two summers over sixty have been added to the churches by baptism.

CAMPBELLTON DISTRICT.

The Lord's work in this place continues to spread. Bro. MacPherson writes: "I visited New Richmond July 29th, and held special meetings for six nights following. Six expressed a desire to become Christians. I am going down again on Saturday and Bro. Porter is to come to my help the following Tuesday (16th). We hope to continue the meetings for some time. One of the pedobaptist ministers said I was ungentlemanly, and un-Christian, and that I was in the service of Satan. However we have now two halls at our disposal and the outlook is bright." Bro. Porter also gives a good account of the work at Flatlands.

KENT CO., &C.

A recent visit to this part revealed the fact that our denominational interests are steadily gaining. Bro. Bower has a good hold upon the people and has succeeded in gathering about him an interesting band of young folks. The Kent Co. Baptist Sunday School Convention is a live body, and held on the 13th and 14th a most inspiring session at St. Mary's. The brethren came from various parts of the county and manifested the deepest interest. Among the number present was a son of Rev. Donald McPhail, the former pastor at Buctouche. An aged sister at McLaughlin Road informed the writer that she was at the ordination of Elder McPhail in 1846. There were present Elders Parker and Joseph and David Crandall. The service was held at Little Buctouche. Here also at Little River the remains of the veteran Kent Missionary are buried. In more recent times Elder Normandy labored in St. Mary's, residing at McLaughlin Road. A daughter of this pastor was an honored and active member of St. Mary's church until her death not long since.

LUTES MOUNTAIN AND SHEDIAK

Bro. Borrie has been spending the summer in these parts amid good congregations. Quite recently the field has extended a call to him to remain permanently. Our brother has not yet given them a decided answer. At Shediak our greatest need at present seems to be a new house of worship. The old building is very much out of repair; it is also badly located, being somewhat away from the natural centre of the place.

ST. ANDREWS.

Bro. Goldart of Acadia supplies here. The Sabbath schools are in good condition and congregations on the increase. A large number of tourists have been spending the summer in the town and in consequence important opportunities are opening up.

MUSQUASH.

Since the fire of last year this place has suffered a decline. Many comfortable homes have been broken up and several of the former residents have removed. Bro. Allen however has good congregations at some five or six stations and is much encouraged in his work.

W. E. M.

Notes on the XXIII Psalm and Paraphrase.

BY REV. D. O. PARKER.

Nothing in the literature of the world is truer to life, and richer in real poetry than this Hebrew pastoral—The Shepherd's Psalm. To know and feel its divine beauty and power it must be read in the Syrian light of its own poetry land.

"He leadeth me beside the still waters"—Still waters in the pastures are usually stagnant. In the heat of the sea-

son the brooks and rivulets dry up, and the shepherd leads his flock to wells and perennial fountains. These are the still waters.

"Thou restorest my soul."—Not rest from weariness, nor restoration from disease. In the Syrian land when one of the flock strays into neighboring premises, if not at once restored its ownership is forfeited, and it is no longer under the tender care of its own shepherd. It is good to be restored to its old and careful keeper.

"He leadeth me in the path of righteousness for his name's sake."—While there are many paths, some of them are to be avoided. The shepherd leads and the flock follows in the safe and chosen way, and "For his name's sake;" that is he is esteemed for his ability to do so.

"Though I walk through the valley of the shadows of death, etc." Some of the right paths through which it is necessary to go lead through valleys and dark ravines. Names are given to these places suggestive of the peculiar dangers in them. However dark and fearful they may be, the shepherd's presence keeps away fear.

"Thy rod and thy staff they comfort me."—The shepherd's equipment is a mantle in winter, a wallet with a little food, a sling and a staff, the latter of which serves the double purposes of a weapon against foes, and a crook for the management of the flock. Sometimes in going through wild places the shepherd carries a second staff with which he beats down the wild and rugged way and makes it easy and comfortable.

"Thou preparest a table before me in the presence of my enemies." At this point in the Psalm its unity and completeness is often misunderstood, and its sense and beauty destroyed by dividing it into two parts, as if the last were a disconnected banquet, while in truth the whole is a happy and finished picture of the shepherd's pastoral life as it was then, and is to-day. Frequently the shepherd has to lead his flock into unfriendly places to find fresh pasturage, and has to contend with its wild beasts, reptiles, and poison shubbery. These are enemies. Now the day closes. The flock is ready to be folded. The shepherd stands at the door. He calls, and the sheep enter the fold and are inspected and numbered as they pass "under the rod."

"Thou anointest my head with oil, etc."—As they pass under the rod here is a feeble one, weary and exhausted and famishing from thirst. The shepherd from his horn of olive oil bathes its head, and its thirst is assuaged from an overflowing cup of pure water.

"Surely goodness and mercy shall follow me all the days of my life, etc."—Now all are in the fold and the language is that of exultation, and the whole is a true and faithful picture of God's tender care of his own. In the land where David tended his father's flocks, the shepherd's call today is "Ta-a-a-a, Ho-o-o-o," but our shepherd's call is "Come unto me all ye that labor and are heavy laden and I will give you rest."

The Lord most high my shepherd is,
For he is mine, and I am his.
In pastures where sweet herbage grows,
He makes me rest in soft repose.
And fainting 'neath the sultry heat,
He leads to fountains cool and sweet.
And when a lamb I go astray,
Restores me to the rightful way.
For his own name and endless praise,
He leads me in his righteous ways.
And through the vale of death I tread,
With chilling death shades on my head,
My faith in God shall banish fear,
And all my weary way shall cheer.
Thy rod and staff are with me still,
And guard my life from every ill.
Before my foes thou dost prepare,
My table laid with luscious fare,
And on my head glad oil doth pour,
And make my cup of joy run o'er.
And surely to my end of days,
God's love shall be my song of praise,
And from his fold no more I'll roam,
His house shall be my endless home.

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THE CONVENTION.

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A. Pineo spoke to the report which was reserved for further consideration. The session closed with prayer by Rev. W. F. Parker, of Windsor.

SATURDAY EVENING.

The evening meeting was given to addresses on education. Principal Sawyer made a strong plea for Horton Academy. He traced the history of the school, its value to the college at various periods, the need the country still has of its work to prepare men for college, the value of the plant and the purpose of the school in providing solidity, efficiency and thoroughness of scholarship and in seeking to develop manly character by means of religious truth and personal influence.

Professor Sawyer's address received generous applause. Rev. L. D. Morse, Pastor of the Wolfville church, paid a high tribute to the worth of education and showed the necessity of the Christian element to produce true education. He illustrated his points from the story of John the Baptist. His address strengthened the position of the college with the audience by whom it was applauded.

Dr. Trotter delivered with fine effect a carefully prepared address on the assets of the College, naming its location, its property worth \$140,000, its endowment of \$240,000, its encouraging financial prospects in the matter of the Second Forward Movement, its history, its present standing, its host of friends who are devoted to its welfare, and its resources in the love of God. Mr. Lewis Rice sang in fine form "Just as I am." The music of the choir was appropriate. The evening was very pleasant and profitable. The first day of Convention has been a good one.

LOUISIANA DAY, AUGUST 21.

The pulpits of several churches in town and in other places were supplied by appointments of Convention by the following brethren: Rev. W. F. Parker, Rev. H. F. Waring, Rev. W. A. White, Rev. P. S. McGregor, Rev. J. H. Jenner, Rev. W. M. Smallman, Rev. D. Hutchinson, Rev. H. G. Estabrook, Rev. R. O. Morse, Rev. A. J. Vincent, Rev. H. H. Roach, Rev. G. A. Lawson, Rev. J. C. Spurr, Rev. C. K. Morse, Rev. I. W. Porter, Rev. S. W. Schurman, Rev. J. W. Brown, Dr. Steele, Dr. Gates, Rev. M. W. Brown, Rev. E. J. Grant, Rev. W. J. Rutledge, Rev. W. R. Robinson, Rev. L. M. Baird. At the first Baptist church, Rev. Mr. Cohoe, of St. John preached in the evening and an evangelistic service was led by Rev. D. Hutchinson.

The convention sermon was preached at the morning service by the Rev. G. R. White, B. A., of Charlottetown, P. E. I. The congregation included most of the ministers and delegates in attendance at Convention. It was an audience intelligent, sympathetic, devout. The music, with Mrs. Hill at the organ, was strong and adapted to the occasion. Rev. W. N. Hutchins, the pastor offered the prayer of invocation. Rev. J. W. Manning, D. D., read John 1:1-14 and Rev. Joseph McLeod, D. D., of Fredericton offered prayer. The president of Convention, Bro. William Cummings, introduced the preacher. Mr. White was graduated from Acadia in 1887. He has been a successful pastor. He has served the churches at Jacksonville, and Fairville in New Brunswick; the Temple church, Yarmouth, and the church at Hantsport in Nova Scotia, and is now in the fullness of strength at Charlottetown. He was in good form on Sunday. His voice is strong, his articulation distinct, his delivery effective. His language is clear, his thought made luminous with illustrations and his spirit in harmony with his theme—"The Unchangeable Christ." Hebrews 13:8—"Jesus Christ the same yesterday, to-day, and forever." Christ is unchangeable in his Deity, in his humanity, in his love. So we have a sure resting place for our troubled souls, an inexhaustible fountain of love and inspiration for service. The earth and all things seen are transitory and swiftly passing. Meanwhile we can build more stately mansions for our souls in his fathomless being and grace. Swiftly must we bear this message to the heathen world. The sermon was very well received by the Convention.

Sunday afternoon was devoted to missions, the speakers being Rev. H. F. Adams, secretary of the Twentieth Century Fund, Rev. A. J. Vining, Eastern Representative of North West Missions. It was a great meeting, both speakers discussed Canada, both breathed a spirit of loyalty to the nation which has already been born within the empire and both pled eloquently for the establishment of the kingdom of Christ within the kingdom of Edward.

Mr. Adams traced the law of God in the history of our country and drew a graphic picture of its vast resources and almost limitless possibilities. But its future will depend upon the moulding and vitalizing touch of to-day. He emphasized the influence of the home, the school and the open Bible in making and conserving of the higher life of the nation. The purpose of the 20th Century Fund demonstrates the ability of our people to do large things in the future if wisely led. He fondly hopes to see the completion of the work to which he had set his hand during the ensuing Convention year.

Mr. Vining tells the story of the North West with the same skill and pathos with which Ralph Connor relates it in fiction. The future is high with promise, 400,000 settlers are expected this year, nearly 100,000 of whom will come from the United States. No chapter in the Acts of the Apostles is more thrilling than is the work among the foreigners of the Northwest. Already there are 114 Baptist churches, 300 missions, 414 places where the gospel is preached, there are yet 200 places where work needs to be undertaken and missions and churches established. Mr. Vining in closing hoped to see the Baptist Congress, the first session of which was held in Winnipeg in 1900, meet in St. John in 1906. He also took occasion to make a touching reference to Rev. W. C. Vincent, the beloved pastor of Logan Ave. church, Winnipeg, who stands before God and his brethren who know best, innocent of the slanderous reports which were unfortunately circulated concerning him.

At the Sunday evening service, Rev. A. B. Cohoe, pastor of Brussels St. church, St. John, was the preacher. His message was to the man who did not know the love of God based upon the words of Jesus in Matt. 18:3, 4, "Except ye be converted and become as little children ye shall not enter the kingdom of heaven." He developed his subject with an originality of treatment and with a depth of feeling which made a favorable impression on the large audience present. The day closed with an aftermeeting led by Rev. D. Hutchinson, of Moncton, in which a large number participated. The Sunday of the Truro Convention will linger long in the memory of the delegates, visitors and good people of Truro.