blessed results. In this connection it is interesting to note that in Shakki, a city of 8,000, in Canton Province, a new church has been erected in connection with the Presbyterian Mission, costing $2,000, and of this sum $1,200 was contributed by Chinamen returned from Australia.

—A Berlin despatch reports, on the authority of a newspaper of that city that 200,000 Russian Stundists are preparing to emigrate to Canada. The Stundists are a Russian religious community originating, it is said, about the year 1860. They are distinctly Protestant and evangelical and as such of course outside the pale of the orthodox Greek church. Their views and practices, we believe, coincide to a considerable extent with those of Baptists. For a long period after 1870 the Russian Stundists were harshly persecuted by the Government, but they remained faithful to their convictions and are said to have increased considerably in numbers. Of recent years little has been heard regarding the community, but from their resolution to emigrate it may be inferred that they are still the objects of Government ill-will. The name Stundists is derived from the German "Stunde" (hour), and was given them on account of their habit of meeting periodically for Bible reading.

—It would seem that there is some danger of hockey in Canada becoming as rough and brutal a game as foot-ball has become in the United States. Several cases have lately been reported in which players have suffered injuries more or less severe at the hands of their opponents, and last week at Cornwall, Ont., a young man named Allen Loney was committed in the magistrate's court to stand trial at the approaching Assizes on a charge of murder, he having, as is alleged caused the death of Alcide Laurin in the course of a hockey match by deliberately striking him on the head with his stick. It is said that Loney was known as a rough and reckless player. Evidently he is a man of an ungovernable temper, who should have been inhibited from playing in a match. If the punishment he deserves shall be meted out to him he will likely have much time to reflect on his criminal folly. It is to be hoped that the incident may prove a salutary warning to all who engage in this exciting sport to exclude rigidly all unsportsmanlike conduct both on their own part and in those with whom they play.

—Mr. Edward Candler, one of the correspondents who accompanied the Younghusband Tibetan expedition, writes concerning Lhassa, the sacred city of the Tibetans: "We found the city squalid and filthy beyond description, undrained and unpaved. Not a single house looked clean or cared for. The streets after rain are nothing but pools of stagnant water, frequented by pigs and dogs searching for refuse. Even the Jokhang appeared mean and squalid at close quarters, whence its golden roofs were invisible. . . . The few Tibetans we met in the street were strangely incurious. A baker kneading dough glanced at us casually and went on kneading. A woman weaving barely looked up from her work." For any traces of the buildings of the Capuchin mission, which were erected in the early part of the eighteenth century, Mr. Candler sought in vain. The most enlightened Tibetans were ignorant, or pretended to be so, that any Christian missionaries had resided in their city. In the cathedral, however, a bell was found with the inscription, "Te Deum Laudamus," which may probably be set down as a relic of the sojurn of the Capuchins.

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Basis of Union.

EDITOR OF MESSENGER AND VISITOR:—

Please add to the list of churches already published as favorable to union with the Free Baptists of N. B. on the Basis as passed by the Free Baptist Conference and our Convention the following:—

N. S.—Carleton, Jordan Falls, Falmouth, Oxford, Hammond Plains, East Jeddore, Litchfield, Kingston, Indian Harbor, 1st St. Margaret's Bay, 2nd St. Margaret's Bay, Mira Bay, Homeville, West Jeddore, Aylesford, Morristown, Lunenburg, Chester, North Brookfield, Diligent River, New Germany, Amherst.

N. B.—Petitcodiac, South Musquash and Dipper Harbor, Peel.

P. E. I.—Bayview, Dundas, Alexandia.

Our commitees will now be called together in a few weeks after which we hope to make announcements relative to the consummation of the union. There seems to be no good reason for delaying longer the desired end. If other churches have any word to send our Committee we shall be delighted to receive their message. Why not all come to the front in the aid of a movement that means the good of Baptists—the whole Baptist family and as well the glory of God.

St. John, March 13. G. O GATES, for Com.

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Acadia Notes.

THE ABUNDANT SNOW.

The "beautiful" snow has been as beautiful this year as ever, but the descriptive adjectives oftenest upon the lips of Nova Scotians this winter when speaking of the snow have been those denoting its unprecedented abundance. The story has been graphically told in the daily papers and need not be repeated here. The blocade brought Wolfville to the edge of a very serious situation, as the supply of fuel was well nigh exhausted. The public school, the public laundry and all the churches had to be closed, and many private houses were reduced to serious straits. "Lest we forget." Miss Barss and a couple of young lady friends have published a neat four-paged sheet entitled "A Snowball," in which the outstanding facts of those miserable weeks are recorded for preservation. Our children's children, therefore will have a chance to learn the facts, and to escape the impositions of the legend makers. During the blockade the work of the College and Academy was suspended for several days, to enable the students to give their assistance to the railroad. They did yeoman service.

THE SECOND FORWARD MOVEMENT.

This movement like all other movements demanding extensive travel, has been somewhat hindered by the weather conditions. It has not, however, stood still even for a week. Since my last report, Mr. Archibald has made an extensive tour in Queens Co., embracing Liverpool, Milton, Brooklyn, Maitland, Grafton, Kempt, Harmony, Caledonia, S. Brookfield, N. Brookfield, Libby Mines, Middlefield, Greenfield, Charleston, Mill Village, Port Medway. The Baptists throughout most of this wide region are but a scattered folk, nor have they a great abundance of this world's goods, but the aggregate receipts make a generous sum, and we are very grateful for the encouraging response. Mr. Archibald has also canvassed Berwick, Waterville, Lawrencetown, and Bridgetown. These places have all done splendidly. Mr. Archibald is a most devoted and successful helper in this great undertaking. We cannot speak too highly of him. The writer has visited Nictaux, Moncton, Fredericton, and Springhill, and during the blockade has been plying his pen in behalf of the movement, as well as attending to other important duties at Wolfville. The spirit of our people everywhere we go is nobly responsive, and carries with it the pledge of great possibilities not only for the educational institutions, but for all our denominational enterprises.

A GENEROUS BEQUEST.

The executors of the estate of the late Rev. Ralph M. Hunt of the class of 1870, have recently communicated the fact that Mr. Hunt, in the disposition of his means, generously remembered the college. He bequeathed to the Governors the sum of $500.00 for the general purposes of the college, and instructed his executors to make over to the Governors, annually, the interest on another $500.00, for the aid of some needy and deserving student. The will provides also that later, when certain annuities to two aged friends have expired, a further sum of $1,000.00 shall become available, the interest to be employed in aiding needy and deserving students and in founding prizes.

Mr. Hunt, it will be remembered, was a son of the late Rev. A. S. Hunt, who for so many years was himself a devoted friend and servant of the college. He was a brother of Messrs. Johnstone and Aubrey S. Hunt of Halifax, of Mrs. Savary of Annapolis and of Mrs. A. C. Chute of Wolfville. He was pastor successively at St. Stephen, N. B., and Jamaica Plains, Mass. For a short time before his death in 1902 he was acting pastor of the James St. Baptist church, Hamilton, Ont. He was a man of scholarship and refined tastes, of warm sympathies and noble Christian character. He maintained the liveliest interest in the work of his Alma Mater, and had great sympathy with needy students in their struggles to obtain an education. The record which will be necessitated in the calendar, in connection with the "aids" furnished by his generosity, will constitute a perpetual memorial of his name.

Wolfville, March 10th. THOS. TROTTER.

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Notes From Horton Academy.

DEAR MR. EDITOR:—I fancy some of your readers may have been wondering why they have seen nothing from my pen concerning Horton Academy. Several times it has been in my heart to send you word of what was going on at the Academy, but I have learned that purposes and deeds are not exchangeable terms. Press of immediate duties interferred each time until I have been forced to find the time lest it may appear that I am unmindful of what the public knows about us.

Our work, in the main, has been pleasant and encouraging. The spirit of both teachers and pupils has been commendable. Eagerness for the advancement and strengthening of the pupils has characterized the patient and untiring efforts of the teachers. These efforts the various classes have responded to manfully. True, all the pupils have not been marked by the same degree of earnest application, but the great majority of the young men have showed a willing diligence that made it a delight to work with them.

Our accommodations have been taxed to their utmost ever since the school opened in September. The Home has been more than full and we have been obliged to find rooms for several of the young men outside our own walls. This large attendance has been an encourgement and speaks of better days ahead. The growing interest shown in Horton Academy calls loudly for extension and enlargement. We trust the day is not far distant when the Academy may be so situated as to be able to meet in every respect the demands which our constituency may make upon us.

The religious life of the school has been healthful. The Academy Y. M. C. A. has been doing good work and its meetings have been well attended, interesting and profitable. The spiritual life of very many of the Academy students has been deepened during this school year, and several who were not professing Christians have expressed a strong desire to become Christians and to live the Christian life.

Mr. Mersereau's serious illness, by which he was incapacitated for work during a good part of the Fall Term, added materially to an otherwise pretty full list of duties to be performed by the Principal. We were glad to welcome him back to his work at the opening of the Winter Term, and to find that he was able once more to face the responsibilities of his position with his usual vigor.

Mr. Shepherdson, the master in charge of the Business Department, has been forced to resign his position since the holidays, owing to impaired health. Mr. Shepherdson had made a large place for himself in our school life and his departure is regretted by both teachers and pupils alike. He is succeeded by Mr. John Fowlie who comes to us from New Brunswick well recommended for experience and ability.

The school to-day is practically working at full capacity. But in spite of this, Horton Academy does not begin to do the work for the denomination that it ought to do. In very many sections of our Provinces the name of the school is practically unknown, and in many others the merits of the work done are as little known. Were the Academy to do for our people what it ought, the numbers now in attendance would be multiplied two or three times, perhaps even more. Such an increase in numbers, however, is not to be thought of today, because the Academy has no place in home or class for such additional pupils. The problem, then, that faces us today in Academic work, is how to meet the needs of our people in this respect. But of this, Mr. Editor, I hope to have more to say later. The Board of Governors already has projects for enlargement under consideration. I hope at an early date to bring before your readers certain facts concerning our Academy which will show what is required at our hands as a people to whom God has committed grave responsibilities.

Respectfully yours,

Wolfville, March 9, 1905. EVERETT SAWYER.

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From Halifax.

BAD STORMS.

"The oldest inhabitants agree that this is the winter above all others within their recollection, the most distinguished for storms, cold and deep snow. Letters have taken eight days to travel from Wolfville to Halifax. It is a fortnight since the D. A. R. was clear.

STUDENTS CLEARING THE TRACK.

The students both of the Academy and the College, the Seminary is held as reserves, have been wielding pick and shovel to clear the rails. Say not that Acadia's student have degenerated. Fifty years ago Wolfville called on the students to do work on the public roads. Every one absolutely refused. This brought them face to face with a court of justice. The students retained Dr. Camp. Led by the venerable president, all marched down to Lower Horton. Before Mr. Bergen, the magistrate, Dr. Cramp examined the law handling a volume of the Statutes of Nova Scotia with the skill of a well practiced lawyer. The justice of the peace was soon found to be in sympathy with the students attorney. Dr. Cramp saw this, this plea having been on the spirit and not on the letter of the law, he seized the favorable signs and generously offered to pay all costs and let the matter drop. This was accepted by Mr. Bergen. Dr. Cramp acted, quickly turned out the contents of his purse and paid up the costs. In those days there was no "yah, yah, yah, Acadia." Had there been, it would have gone off as soon as the students emerged from Mr. Bergen's office. It is needless to say, that Dr. Cramp was reimbursed, and thanked for acting as attorney for the students. Contrast this lazy, selfish conduct of the students of fifty years ago, with the public spirited, self-sacrificing conduct of the students of today.

REVIVAL IN HALIFAX.

A spirit of revival has seemed to hang over the churches of the city through the winter; but there has been no "cloud burst." In one Methodist church, Charles street, and in the North church gracious seasons have been enjoyed. The labours of Mr. Shaver have been blessed in a high degree. Mr. Jenner has baptized twenty-one converts and more are expected. The labours of the evangelist were extended until Wednesday the 2nd of March. I have heard that he will then commence services in Brunswick street one of the principal Methodist churches of the city. The Rev. Mr. Vincent baptized five last Sunday. His services at the Tabernacle is assured. The ministers wives are taking an active part in the work of the Lord in the city. Mrs. Jenner, as President, is leading the Women's Christian Temperance Union; and Mrs. Waring is conducting a Bible class and leading in missionary studies in

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