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News from the Churches.

TEMPLE CHURCH, YARMOUTH.—It is our privilege to report that the Lord has richly blessed the earnest active labors of Bro. Young among us, during the past two months.

Our Sabbath services have been very largely attended.

A deeper interest has been manifested in the weekly prayer meetings, and consequently a much larger attendance. The Sunday School has rapidly increased in number, and the brothers and sisters have been more ready to acknowledge the claims God has upon them "not by word only, but in deed," shewing that they have a mind to work.

As a result sinners have been awakened, some of whom have found Christ, while others are anxiously waiting. Sunday evening, Aug. 6th, three young sisters put to Christ by baptism in the presence of many witnesses; and last Sabbath evening two more were buried in the likeness of his death, rising again in the likeness of his resurrection. Four of the number were members of the Sunday School. A young people's prayer meeting has also been organized with good results. Thus are we enjoying "a time of refreshing from the presence of the Lord," to whom we look for further blessings, and to whom we ascribe all the praise.

REV. W. C. RIDGOUT writes from Oak Bay, N. B., Sept. 4th, 1882, and wishes to address a few words to his old friends. He says:—"My voice is much better than it has been for the year that is passed. I am able to preach once on the Lord's day, and some times twice. I hope that after a few weeks of rest I shall have the pleasure of visiting old fields and preaching Christ to poor sinners. I have encouragement already. My voice is gaining strength and the Word preached is blessed. Yesterday a young man and his wife living at Wawig professed their faith in Christ. Another man in years asked for baptism and will be baptized in two weeks. There is no church in Wawig. Some years ago God manifested his power there and I baptized a number. Some have crossed the dark river and others have gone away to seek a new home. For a few days past I have been thinking of my first visit to Yarmouth I have a great desire to visit that country again before the Master calls me home. If able and the Lord will I shall do so.

LOWER STEWACKE.—Rev. C. Haverstock writes Sept. 4th, 1882:—"Mr. Editor.—After having attended the Convention at St. John, I spent a few days up the St. John river. On Wednesday morning we took passage on the steamer *Town*, at 8 o'clock, A. M., and arrived at Chipman at 6 o'clock, P. M., at distance of 100 miles. The day was all that could be desired to make the trip a pleasant one. The scenery on either side of this beautiful river is really grand. In looking upon the cedar-clad banks one could but call to mind the words of the psalmist David, "Praise the Lord from the earth, ye . . . mountains, and all hills, fruitful trees and all cedars." We found several inviting fields of labour on the shores of the Grand Lake. Fields white unto the harvest, waiting as it were for the reapers to thrust in their sickles and reap. How can men who profess to have been called of God to preach the gospel, go about the country seeking some other office or situation here and there, with these fields staring them in the face? Does this call to preach only continue until we can find something that pays better?

During the week we were up the river we had quite a heavy frost which did a great deal of damage to the buckwheat, so abundant in that part of the province.

The potatoe bug and army worm are also very destructive in that locality. This state of things makes it somewhat dark for the farmers.

On my arrival at home I found one person waiting baptism, and yesterday Sept. 8th, we visited the baptismal waters and buried that one in the likeness of her Saviour's death. To God be the praise.

REV. W. J. BLAKENET, late pastor Nictaux has received a unanimous call from the West Yarmouth Congregational Church, and we believe has accepted the invitation. We trust the union may be a happy one to pastor and people.

The Canso Baptist Church is at present without a pastor, and would be glad to hear from a minister with a view to settlement. Address L. C. Cook, Clerk Baptist Church, Canso.

PERSONAL.—We are glad to hear that Rev. J. A. McLean has returned from his trip to Colorado, and other parts of the West, much improved in health. He preached acceptably at Windsor, on 3rd inst, and at Parrsborough, on the 10th inst.

WINDSOR.—Quite unexpectedly to the people here Rev. E. W. Kelly preached on Sunday evening. He spoke with power and it was very pleasing to the church, that his last address in this country for the present should be given in Windsor where his labors were so greatly blessed, and where he was ordained. The prayers of a host of friends go up for him and his companion in their travels and work.

MELVERN SQUARE.—Our tea meeting was a success, realizing \$501.83, expenses to be deducted. Miss F. E. Davis, Electionist, gave us an entertainment in the evening. She is an excellent reader, and will surely please those who appreciate voice culture.

Our house at Margareville will be opened next Sabbath, 17th inst. We will be glad to meet any of our brethren who can make it convenient to attend. We return our thanks to all who have aided us in the work.

Yours, &c.,
WM. E. HALL.

MR. W. MORTIMER McVICAR—a graduate of Acadia College of 1872, who has been some time Principal of the Model School at Truro has resigned his position there to take charge of the Baptist Academy, shortly to be opened in St. John, N. B. Mr. McVicar has secured for himself a high standing in his profession. We wish for him all the happiness and success in his new field of labor he can desire for himself.

MISS FREEMAN who has secured for herself a good reputation as a Teacher is also engaged as Preceptress. We hope she may find the position she is to fill all that her most sanguine wishes would have it to be.

The Rev. E. Husband, of Folkestone, in a sermon referring to the parable of the Marriage Supper, and the excuses of those who were invited, said:—"Lastly, there was the man who had married, and therefore could not come. I must say that I have just a touch of pity for that last man. For I may be wrong, but I cannot help thinking that that man had a wife who was master. (There are such to be found occasionally in the world, although I am glad to think they are an exception to the rule.) And that when in a weak, vanquished voice he said, 'I should like to go to that feast,' had answer, 'Then you won't go; you'll just stay at home, and help mind the house.' And so, with a pathetic sigh, he says, 'I cannot come.'—*Christian Life.*

Correspondence.

For the Christian Messenger.

Newspaper Consolidation.

To the Editor of the Christian Messenger.
DEAR BRO.—With your leave I propose to give your readers their demand and due, that is, some information and explanation with reference to the "one paper" movement. These seem necessary from the nature of friendly enquiries and objections made since the late action was taken.

ONE PAPER DESIRED.

The logic of circumstances has been the chief factor in producing a strong feeling and conviction in favor of a single paper for Maritime Baptists. Any labored advocacy of the principle of consolidation is therefore unnecessary. The only questions are those of feasibility and method. The words of the Circular recently addressed to the public, which, with your permission, I give, put the case for consolidation:

"1. One paper, strong in the support of the whole body, would be stronger and abler.

"2. One paper, making known the work and wants of the denomination to all, would call common sympathy and interest and fuse its membership into one.

"One paper, assuming a single policy, would secure denominational unity and expansion."

More might be added, but the intent of this article is not to plead for this measure but to give some

EXPLANATIONS OF THE PROPOSED METHOD

of meeting the wishes of the denomination in regard to one paper. As some of your readers know already, it is proposed to form a Joint Stock Publishing Company, with a capital of \$20,000 in 800 shares of \$25 each. The stockholders are to be persons eligible for membership in the Convention. They are to be liable to the amount of their stock only. They have a vote for every share up to 80. The intent of these provisions is obvious. This amount of subscribed stock will place the enterprise on a sound financial basis. The distribution of stock among so considerable a number of ministers and laymen throughout the three provinces will secure support, strength and stability. When the Stock Lists, which are being circulated throughout the limits of the Convention, show a sufficient amount subscribed, the stockholders will be called together at some convenient time and place, the Company duly organized, its permanent directorate chosen, and application will be made for an Act of Incorporation.

What then? Start a third paper to "run the others off"? By no means. Buy out one and "choke out" the other? Not at all. The endeavor will be made to buy out the existing papers at a fair valuation. Informal negotiations indicate that this endeavor may be made successfully. But what if it is not for the interests of both or either of the present owners of the papers to sell? What if it cannot be made to their interest to do so? What then? Wait; wait prepared to work when it shall be or can be made to their interest. The brethren who have this matter in heart and hand are not hurried. They believe that undue haste and pressure would only make impossible the accomplishment of their work, or mar it fatally in its very inception. In due time the day will dawn, may it be soon, on which all the necessary contracts will be willingly and heartily signed by those concerned. For that to repeat, we can wait—prepared. The preparation is a full Stock List and an organized Company.

But suppose those preliminary difficulties are surmounted. What then? Where shall the paper be located? Who shall be its editor and manager? These questions may be most safely left to the

Company. Their material interests and representative character will cause them to do the thing best for all. It is proposed to start the Company free from all liens of persons or places, to do that which shall be in their judgment best for the Baptist public, whose servants they become, and upon whose support they depend. And just here let it be said that this is not a sectional or personal movement. No person or persons seek thus to "wreak themselves on expression." No person or persons seek thus place or power.

At a future time I may ask the favor of space to answer some enquiries as to comparative usefulness of one rather than two organs, and as to the prospects of holding to one paper after it is obtained. The object of this paper, written *currente calamo*, is not to awaken discussion, but is that already stated.

J. A. DURKEE.
Lockport, Sept. 6, 1882.

For the Christian Messenger.
FREEPORT, Sept. 8th, 1882.

Dear Editor,—

You will, I am sure, congratulate us on the fact that our fog season, long and dreary, is about over. September seldom fails to bring clear weather, and now that king Sol smiles upon us, our islands look more cheerful than they could possibly appear, only for the fact that they have been so long enshrouded in the grey mist. This is one advantage of fog—a fine day seems all the more beautiful from the fact that it so seldom comes. Then, again, ordinary mortals have no difficulty to keep cool. It costs but little money for ladies' fans or sunshades. It would be very difficult for a New York sunstroke to visit Long or Briar Island. It would expire before it reached us, or, like the steamer *Domination*, pass us by because of the fog.

The season has been very healthful, a few cases of disease and death only, as was noted yesterday.

MISS ISABELLA POWELL, who died almost instantly of hemorrhage of the lungs. It was a great surprise to her and her friends, still she did not seem alarmed. She threw herself in her mother's arms, saying, "I believe I'm going home!" She claimed Christ as her Saviour and heaven as her home.

This comforts her afflicted parents and friends. May the same grace be given to all the mourners that we hope sustained Isabella.

The following beautiful stanzas were found in her Bible:

Our Heavenly Home.

BY REV. ALFRED J. ROUGH.

The clouds roll back! Oh, glorious sight!
Sweet scenes of heaven unfold,—
A multitude in garments white,
With harps of purest gold.

Through sickness, pain, through fire and flood,
Up from the earth they came:
They washed their robes in Jesus' blood,
By faith in Jesus' name.

They wept below: they weep no more:
God wipes their tears away.
There are no graves on that bright shore,
No sickness, or decay.

There stand the martyrs who have trod
Through fire's devouring test,
Before the great white throne of God,
In everlasting rest.

And with them all who meekly bore
The Saviour's hallowed cross;
Who, for the heaven which lay before,
Have suffered earthly loss.

The pangs of hunger now are gone,
The thirst for righteousness;
While Jesus gently leads them on
To streams of heavenly bliss.

And this is home, with Christ our Lord,
Where many mansions be;
And Jesus tells us in his word
There's one for you and me.

Come, let us to the fountain go,
And wash our garments white:
It is the only way, you know,
To that sweet home of light.

Yours very truly,
J. F. KEMPTON.

Denise Deneen, farmer, Lower Lachine, threatens to sue the Society for the Prevention of Cruelty to Animals for bringing sparrows to Canada. "This year so far, they have eaten 30 acres of barley and destroyed his potatoes and early vegetables." There are, 5,000 sparrows, he says, on his land.

All these collections should be sent to the Finance Committee residing in the Province in which they are taken, that they may appear in the Annual Report.

The Master's work on our Foreign

Notices.

SABBATH SCHOOL CONVENTION.
Delegates and other friends who purpose attending the S. School Convention of the N. S. Central Baptist Association, to be held in Falmouth, on Thursday, Sept. 21, are requested to notify the clerk of the church by card, stating whether they will come by their own conveyance, or by rail and if by the latter—whether on the evening of the 20th or morning of the 21st.

Those coming by rail will be met at the station and cared for.
We hope to see a large attendance.
ANDREW SHAW, Clerk.

Sabbath School Convention.
The Sabbath School Convention of the Nova Scotia Central Baptist Association will be held with the Falmouth Church, Hants Co., on Thursday, Sept. 21st, 1882, at 10 o'clock, A. M. Forms for Returns have been sent to the Superintendents, and if not received by them they will please notify the Secretary and others will be sent.

Arrangements have been made with the Windsor and Annapolis Railway for those who have paid a full first class fare to Convention to receive a Return Ticket at one-third first class fare.

JAMES CRAIG, President.
A. A. PINRO, Secretary.

August, 1882.

SABBATH SCHOOL CONVENTION NOTICE.
The Committee have made the following arrangements with regard to subjects for discussion at the Sabbath School Convention to be held in Falmouth, Sept. 21st, 1882, viz:

"Baptist Literature in Baptist Sabbath Schools," by Rev. David Freeman, A. M., Canning.

"Aims and Encouragements of the Sabbath School Teacher," by Mr. James Craig, Cornwallis.

"Importance of gathering the whole church in the Sabbath School for the study of the Bible," by Mr. John Nalder, Windsor.

"Training the scholars in practical beneficence," by Henry Lovett, Esq., Kentville.

"Best method for propagating and fostering Sabbath School among our churches," by Mr. Andrew Chipman, Berwick.

"Training the scholars in an intelligent Christian character," by Mr. Chas. Bacon, Falmouth.

"A model class with practical suggestions on the art of questioning will be conducted," by Rev. S. B. Kempton, A. M., Canard, Cornwallis.

Committee.

As I am to teach the "Model Class," at the Sabbath School Convention to be held at Falmouth, I give notice that the lesson for that day will be Mark 12: 28-34. I desire the class to commit to memory, vs. 28 to 34. The "Model" Class will prepare the Lesson in a model manner, I hope.

The Committee of arrangements are evidently making a strong effort to secure a pleasant and profitable session of Convention this year. Will not those interested in this grand Christian enterprise see to it that full returns from their own schools are sent promptly in and that a good representation attends the Convention.

S. B. KEMPTON.

Canard, Sept. 5th

HALIFAX BAPTIST CHURCH DIRECTORY.

GRANTVILLE STREET CHURCH.—Lord's Day Services at 11 A. M., and 7 P. M. Pastor, Rev. Alex. McArthur. Sabbath School in the New Vestry Spring Garden Road at 2.45 P. M. Prayer-meetings in the same place on Wednesday and Bible studies on Friday evenings at 7.30.

NORTH BAPTIST CHURCH, GOTTINGHAM STREET.—Lord's Day Services at 11 A. M. and 7 P. M. Pastor, Rev. J. W. Manning. Sabbath School at 2.30 P. M. Prayer-meetings on Wednesday and Friday evenings at 7.30.

TABERNACLE, NORTH BRUNSWICK ST.—Lord's Day Services at 11 A. M. and 7 P. M. Pastor, Rev. J. F. Avery. Sabbath School at 2.30 P. M. Prayer-meetings on Tuesday and Friday evenings at 7.30.

DARTMOUTH BAPTIST CHURCH.—Lord's Day Services at 11 A. M. and 7 P. M. Sabbath School at 3 P. M. Prayer-meeting on Wednesday evening at 7.30. Pastor Rev. E. J. Grant.

AMERICAN BAPTIST CHURCH, CORNWALLIS STREET.—Lord's Day Services at 11 A. M., and 7 P. M. Sabbath School in the vestry at 3 P. M. Prayer-meetings on Wednesday and Friday evenings at 8 o'clock. Rev. H. H. Johnson, Pastor.

Moneys Received.
J. D. Masters, \$2; Rev. O. Chute, \$2; Mrs. A. E. McLeod, \$2; D. Whitman, \$9; A. J. Ledbetter, \$2; S. J. Bacon, \$2.

The Government have ordered 25,000 blue spectacles or "goggles" for the use of the army in Egypt. The contract price is 2½d. a pair.