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## Religious Intelligencer.

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## Among The Churches.

No. 6.

We had intended to be at the Fifth District meeting held in Upper Hampstead, but were denied the pleasure. On reaching home from the First District Meeting, after an absence of a fortnight, there was such an accumulation of matters requiring immediate attention, that three days were consumed in attending to them. We are glad to learn that the brethren had a good meeting, as appears from the report published in our last issue.

The next in order of appointments was the Sixth District Meeting, held at Lower Millstream, K. Co. The meeting began Friday afternoon (8th inst.), and continued till Sabbath evening. The first service, a conference meeting, was one of interest and quickening, and the devotional spirit throughout was good.

Twenty-five churches sent reports. All but one of them had, and now has, regular pastoral care. Four churches were unreported; it is fair to assume that they are weak. The number of baptisms reported is fifty-eight; the total membership about eighteen hundred. One new church, that at Long Point, Springfield, was received into the District. The business of the meeting was chiefly routine. Rev. G. W. McDonald was elected Chairman. A committee was appointed to visit Lutes Mountain Church to adjust a difficulty there. Five delegates to Conference—Brothers G. McLeod, Jonas Taylor, S. Johnson, C. Erb and W. B. Wiggins—were appointed. A resolution approving the INTELLIGENCER was passed.

Bro. W. B. Wiggins, a lieutenant of the District, asked to be referred back to his church; but the meeting declined to grant his request and, instead, granted him a D. M. License. The preaching services were as follows: Friday evening and Sunday morning, Rev. A. C. Thompson; Sabbath afternoon, Rev. J. McLeod; Sabbath evening, Rev. B. H. Nobles; Sussex, Berwick, Apohaqui, and Midland were supplied by Brethren DeWare, W. H. Perry, Swin, and A. H. McLeod. All the services were good, and we think good must result.

The Woman's Mission Society of the District had its annual meeting. The reports from the local societies indicate a steady interest in the mission work. The receipts are in excess of those of last year. The jubilee missionary meeting Saturday evening was good. The claims of both mission societies were considered and presented to the people. Rev. G. W. McDonald presided, and addresses were delivered by W. B. Thompson, Miss Weyman, A. C. Thompson, Miss Heine and J. McLeod. All the speakers sought to make clear the great importance of the work urging interest in it and contributions from right motives—for Jesus sake. There was a generous collection. The next meeting is to be held in Moncton in July 1881.

The prospects of abundant crops—as in Carleton and Victoria Counties, of which we have written—are good. It is a real delight to drive through the country now; and no one doing so can fail to be impressed as to its great agricultural capabilities.

The circus has been in Sussex and

gone. We mention it only because it arrived on the Lord's day. It is bad enough to have in any place, the wretched thing with all its demoralizing accompaniments, but it is worse to have it come on the Sabbath and spend the day in pitching tents and doing its other work preparatory to swindling the people on the following day. The Intercolonial Railway authorities should be called to account for this flagrant violation of the Sabbath law. The same or another circus crowd only a week or two ago was carried over the N. B. R. on the Sabbath. There may be some works of necessity on the Sabbath, but carrying a circus through the country is not one of them. If railroad managers have not respect enough for God's law and the country's law and for moral and religious feelings, to refuse to do such work, then the people owe it to themselves and the moral well-being of the country to take steps to prevent these repeated desecrations of the Sabbath. We do not believe the God-fearing and morality loving people of the Province can see unmoved the introduction of customs which are a blow at the things which have made this a safer and more desirable home than many other countries. If Sabbath-breaking by railroads and like corporations are unchecked, it will not be long before the Lord's day will be regarded as every other day, and all the consequent evils be upon us and our children.

A poor fellow fell under the train here, (Sussex) last night and was killed almost instantly. It is the old story. Rum did it. He was drunk, tried to get on the train while it was moving, fell, and was crushed to death. Who sold him the rum? Perhaps it will not be ascertained with certainty. But whoever he is, this blood of the unfortunate slain is upon him. It is not likely though that the miserable wretch cares anything about it. He got the money of his victim, and is satisfied. So it is with all rum-sellers; they kill men without any compunctions, they are satisfied if they have the few cents or dollars. And these are the fellows that some people, who would be thought good citizens, tolerate, apologize for and even defend. May God give all the people light on this question, and hasten the day when the murderous traffic shall be swept away.

THE FOLLOWING synopsized report of the Westmorland S. S. Association, has reached us.—Dorchester, July 13. The morning session of the county S. S. Association opened with prayer, followed by a discourse on Teachers' Outfit, by Rev. Mr. Ackman. Then Mr. Parsons spoke on The best means of advancing Sabbath schools in our own county. Following this came a paper on The object of Sunday-school teaching.

After a hymn, the meeting adjourned. During the afternoon session, papers on Evergreen Sunday schools, by Rev. Mr. Young; Sunday-school discipline, and The Bible in the Sabbath schools, by Rev. Mr. Pascoe, were read.

Meeting adjourned till 7.30 p. m. At the evening session the subjects in the programme were continued. After devotional exercises the Rev. Mr. Stewart, Sackville, discussed the Attitude of Church towards School. This was followed by Rev. Mr. Pascoe on Teachers' Pastoral Work. After a most excellent paper on this subject, Mr. Byram told why we should teach temperance in the Sabbath schools, and was followed by Mr. C. E. Knapp on How to get scholars to attend church.

Mr. Parsons, from Carleton Co., greatly encouraged the members of the convention by his description of the work the association was doing in his county. Mr. Parsons is the secretary of the provincial association.

## Light and Darkness.

He who never wonders, cannot cause wonder in others. Wonderment is of the essence of vigorous thought and life. The psalmist David, as he surveyed the 'heavens,' and traced the fingers of God in the great works above us, was filled with wonder. And the outward manifestation of God looked awe and reverence within a world of wonders in his own soul. Yes! Wonder meets us at every step of our unfolding life; and begets us around from the cradle to the grave. Dream-land and wonder-land touch each other. The dreams of one age become the wonders of the next. As the mysteries—darkness—of one age, become the 'bright light' below the 'clouds,' in the next. Still, with the light of God, ever growing, clouds and darkness are around all the ages. To each age, in each life, we have the realm of light and the realm of darkness. Some things plain, open as noonday, many things, and much, folded in obscurity. But in Christian

thought and in the depths of Christian experience, the light grows and the darkness is transmitted into starry light. Each step towards the land of openday imports increasing light, and such advance in Christliness is an advance in the full light of Him who is, 'the light of the world.' Who dwelleth in light, although 'clouds and darkness are round about His throne.'

The wonder-land of life fades not away with life's growth and advancement, nor the realm of mystery with our richest unfolding in light and knowledge. The highest philosophy falls short, and in the spirit of true philosophy says, 'what I know not now, I shall know hereafter.' But, we have the light—the light of life—in Christ, a personal light to each soul receiving Him; and in His light we see light. United to Him, we are united to the Father, and thus participate in eternal light. Our unfolding is one of eternal light, and the light of God becomes our light. Being in the light, walking in the light, dwelling in the light, we have the inward assurance that in eternal light we, 'shall know even as we are known.'

As, in the natural world step by step, little by little the ever widening day of light and progress ushers in; so in the spiritual world. The rivulet becomes a brook, the brook a river, lost in the open sea. Rivulet, brook, river, open sea. But, without light amid darkness, as we travel towards the open sea. The circle of light our hope and cheer in the horizon of darkness ever enlarging as upward onward we go; still the darkness till we come to the open sea. Was it not ever thus? will it not ever be so? why then should we perplex ourselves by the darkness? Why should we, bound as we are, seek the loss of our soul's present light—to know all mysteries!

Shall we not sing:—  
"Lead kindly light! amid the encircling gloom,  
The night is dark, and I am far from home,  
Lead thou me on;  
Keep thou me near; I do not ask to see  
The distant scene; one step enough for me."

Beautiful thought in treasured words; "one step enough for me," and light for each step. Ever night, ever day until we come to the "hand of fair flowers;" "there shall be no night there." "No night!" "no night!" "For the Lord God giveth them light."  
"Oh, life, not death for which we pant.  
More life and fuller than we want."  
S.

## Letter from Lower Argyle.

(FOR INTELLIGENCER.)  
Sir,—Thinking a few items in regard to religious work on the pastorate upon which I am engaged might be of interest, I report a part of such work.

Special services were held the first of last winter at East Pubnico, which were profitable to church members but we did not see any gathered into the church there. Then last February at close of Quarterly Meeting Session, at Head of Pubnico, special meetings were held which resulted in good being done, three were baptized. We very much enjoyed the words of good cheer given by brethren who attended the Quarterly Meeting. Rev. S. K. West remained with us three weeks and his help was much appreciated.

For some time past we have been blessed with a good revival here (Lower Argyle). Dr Geo Sturgis came this way and earnestly entered with us in special effort for an increase in the Master's kingdom. For the past six weeks the work has steadily gone on, and the Lord has blessed the labors of his people in quickening and strengthening members of the church and there have also, on profession of faith, twenty been baptized. Earnest work has been done in the church, in the Sabbath School, and the home, as also outside, which has been productive of great good. The special meetings are now closed and we have settled down again to regular work. The people as well as myself enjoyed the singing and labor of Bro Sturgis, which assisted very much in this last named revival.

While we solicit the prayers and sympathy of our brethren, we pray for God's blessing to rest upon all Christian workers.

Yours in the Lord,  
J. W. FREEMAN.  
Lower Argyle, N. S.  
July 12th, 1887.

## A Missionary Aid Society.

DEAR INTELLIGENCER.—I wish to report through your columns the organization of the "Waterville Missionary Aid Society."

About the middle of March last, I visited Waterville for the purpose of getting the sisters of the church there

engage more actively in missionary work. Having called on several of the sisters, all of whom I found ready and even anxious to do something in this line for Jesus, as I think all might well be, when they contemplate the self sacrifice and devotion of our dear sisters, Hooper and Boyer. A meeting was called for the purpose of organizing and despite the stormy weather there was a good attendance and a good meeting was enjoyed. A society of nine members was organized with the following officers, Mrs William Alcorn, President; Mrs George Cogswell, Treasurer; and Miss Amanda Smith, Secretary, whose address is, Oromocto. Since the organization, I have not been able to visit them, but learn that the society is prospering. Last week I was favoured with a visit from the President, who told me their meetings were regularly sustained and very interesting; indeed, she is very much encouraged. As the missionary spirit is cultivated and missionary intelligence defused among the people, the financial question receives attention. Christian people need simply to inform themselves about the missionaries and their work, and their financial support follows as the natural result. The officers of the Society being devoted Christians, have the interest of the work at heart. I thank God for what has been done in the last year in this district and God helping, we expect to do more.

Mrs. Z. B. GRASS.  
Waasis, S. Co.  
July 11th, 1887.

## OUR INDIA LETTER.

DEAR INTELLIGENCER:—Intended writing to you by last post. Owing to the cyclones however had only time for a card. We are all alive, yet feeling somewhat the effect of the rather rough experiences of last week. We shall not soon forget the 25th and 26th of May '87.

A high wind blew from the North East all day on the 25th. The sky had a peculiar leaden hue. In the afternoon we heard that a telegram had been sent to the chief government official in Balasore to the effect that "a cyclone was raging at False Point in the South, and was travelling North, the tail end of it might reach Balasore about midnight or the next morning." It began however between six and seven that evening, raged all night and really seemed as if it had come bodily to stay. All the houses here except those of the natives have doors like shutters with movable slats. These were braced on the inside with bamboos and tied with ropes, so we felt tolerably safe, but how terrible it seemed outside. I had often read of cyclones and thought the sight must be grand. Hereafter shall prefer the reading about them to the experience. It seemed as if all the wild beasts from the jungle were roaring outside to get in, then the constant flash of lightning and the roar of thunder like the bombardment of a fortress by a cannon, and yet through it all a pitiful minor strain as of many voices wailing in distress and crying for help. Instinctively we would run to the doors hoping to let some one in out of the storm. How we watched the doors fearing they would burst open, and the clock, hoping as the night wore on the tempest would cease.

"More than they who watch for the morning." No doubt to many anxious hearts these words of the Psalmist came that night with a deep meaning. At last the morning; and yet the tempest raged higher and higher and blowing from the West, as it changed from North to West two doors on the North burst in. It was useless to try to shut them again so we spent our strength on the West and South doors, for Mrs. Boyer with her little babe of five days old was in the S. W. room. All this time we were wading in the water the rain pouring in through the doors and roof. Trunks and boxes were moved from one room to another, only to get as wet as if they had not been moved. This was between five and six a. m., on the 26th. About 8 a. m., there was a little lull and through the doors which had burst open we gladly welcomed the twenty six children from the Orphanage about whom we had been so anxious, but so helpless to rescue. They came shivering and wet, the rain pouring all night through the roof from which the thatching was torn. The air and rain actually felt cold enough for snow. One poor little girl was benumbed with fear and cold. We thought she was dead. How thankful we are to our Father that all are alive. Surely we can or ought to "take joyfully the spoiling of our goods." If you could have peeped into the sitting room that morning and seen us sitting among our boxes, so wet and forlorn looking, you would have thought you were in Liverpool among the emigrants waiting to ship for America. Such a variety of costumes too, bathing suits were "all the fashion." How much better we

fared than thousands of others. We have tidings of the loss of vessels with all on board, others after much suffering barely saved. Ruin stares us on every side, houses flat on the ground, beautiful trees uprooted many with their trunks standing looking as if the limbs had been hewn off with an axe. The stench from decaying vegetation, is almost unbearable, and along the bank of the river the dead bodies of human beings and cattle are lying in the path of the cyclone. May it be said of this people, "They cried unto the Lord in their trouble and He saved them out of their distresses." Every morning this week have been to look after the seven school houses under my care, several are in ruins, straw and workmen are at fabulous rates. Through this long rainy season just begun many will have no shelter. A poor sick pilgrim was lying helpless in the road this morning, his case was reported to the police, but we fear he will lie there and die unless we see that he is taken to the hospital. Mail is just closing, have only time to say we have much need of Christian's prayers and sympathy.

J. B. HOOPER.  
Balasore, June 2nd, 1887.

## A Letter from Bro. Currier.

I went to Greenfield some time ago, dear INTELLIGENCER, and found the cause of God in that place very low. The settlement was without religious service of any kind, save that a Methodist brother preached for them once every fortnight. I found many were not only willing to pray for revival, but to work for it. A series of meetings were begun, not without some opposition, which continued without interruption for five weeks. Elder McKenzie came to my aid, and on the third Sabbath he baptized six converts, after which, he returned to his home. He came again the following Saturday, and baptized five others, who had professed faith in the Lord Jesus. God has indeed been good to the people of Greenfield in bestowing His Holy Spirit so abundantly upon them. The revival interest still continues, and we are hoping and praying to see others follow the dear Saviour.

We organized a Sabbath School also, in the place which, praise God is well attended and much interest taken to make it a success. The converts, by their faithful work prove the genuineness of their conversion. Pray for the church and work in Greenfield. Brother Grass also spent several evenings with us.

FRANK A. CURRIER.  
Upper Gagetown, July 11th, 1887.

WOMAN MISSION MEETING.—The second annual meeting of W. F. M. Society of Fifth District was held at Upper Hampstead, Queens Co., on Thursday, June 7th at 9 a. m. The meeting was called to order in the usual manner. The President being absent the resident Vice-President filled the chair.

The officers appointed for the ensuing year were:—Mrs Levert Belyea, President; Mrs George Palmer, Secretary; Miss S. J. Carpenter, Treasurer.

The Vice-Presidents elected for the church were:—Mrs Isiah Price, First Church, Greenwick; Mrs B. S. Palmer, First Church, Hampstead; Mrs Thos O'Donnell, First Church, Johnson; Mrs John Lake, First Church, Kars; Mrs James Rice, First Church, Wickham; Mrs Williams, First Church, Kingston; Mrs T. W. Carpenter, Second Church, Wickham; Mrs Robert Slipp, Second Church, Hampstead; Miss Emeline Akerley, Second Church, Johnson; Miss Debbie VanWart, Second Church, Kars; Mrs Thos Readstone, Third Church, Hampstead; Mrs Joseph Shaw, Third Church, Wicklow; Mrs Annie Stockford, Fourth Church, Hampstead; Miss Mary McCready, Fourth Church, Wickham; Miss Robinson, Fifth Church, Wickham; Miss Baswick, Sixth Church, Wickham. It was requested that these names be published. We hope each sister will do all she can to increase the interest of the Fifth District Society.

All those that have not sent a report and money will please do so to the Assistant Secretary, before the 1st September next.

Address,  
Miss SARAH CARPENTER,  
Carpenter P. O., Q. C. N. B.

CORRECTIONS.—In the article headed "progress," on the 4th page of our last week's issue, in introducing the article, we intended to say,

"After referring to the prosperity of the County," and not, as the printer made us say; "treaty of the county." We wrote of the "Apple Crops" and not, "Upper Crops," and then said; "thus closes his interesting and rare letter" and not "thus closes etc etc." Of course the ordinary reader would be able to make these corrections. We are requested to say, that the

"Palmer Settlement Church" was inadvertently omitted from the 3rd group in Report of the Woman's Mission Society, on 5th page of last week's issue.

## DENOMINATIONAL NEWS.

The Waterloo street F. C. Baptist Sunday School picnic is to be held on Tuesday, 19th inst., at Westfield.

Rev. J. T. Parsons was given three weeks leave of absence by his congregation, he and Mrs. Parsons left for Carleton county to enjoy their vacation.

A very large number attended the strawberry festival in the F. C. B. church last evening. The tables were well patronized and a very pleasant evening passed only too quickly.

GREENWICK.—The ladies and friends of the F. C. B. church held a tea meeting here on Dominion day. It proved a success, the amount received being \$110.06. The money goes in aid of the building fund, this with other small amounts pledged, will free the 1st Greenwick church of debt. A number of friends were present from St. John and a very pleasant day was spent, the church was packed in the evening, who were entertained with instrumental and vocal music, Miss Annie Jones, presiding at the organ. Temperance addresses were delivered by Rev. J. T. Parsons, Rev. W. I. Stewart and Bro. Lewis (Baptist) the pastor of the church presided at the meeting. I have re-engaged with the first and second Greenwick churches, until Conference.

G. SWIM.

DEAR INTELLIGENCER:—We had a glad day in Kemptville last Sunday, 10th inst. Before the hour for preaching in the morning, a number of persons had gathered at the river, near the bridge, where Christian baptism was to be administered to a happy sister. After baptizing our sister, we gave her the hand of fellowship on the bank of that beautiful river. Then with the picture of that solemn impressive scene, and with the thought of the presence of the Divine Master in our hearts we repaired to the church only a few steps up the hill, to continue in the minister's work and so preach the word of life, we hope to the good of the people. At least, we enjoyed God's blessings while trying to break to others the bread of life.

J. J. BARNES.  
Kemptville, N. S.  
July 13th, 1887.

A most interesting and successful Sabbath school concert was given on the 10th inst, by the Free Baptist Sunday school of Kemptville. Though it rained heavily a large and appreciative audience filled the church. E. E. Ring, Superintendent, conducted the affair in his usual gentle, pleasing way. Miss Lillie Hurlbert, Organist, had charge of the singing which was very good, the hymns chosen were rendered with good effect. Rev. S. K. West was present and in his pleasant way gave a short and interesting address to the delight of the children. The following is the programme:

Singing, "Opening Lay,"  
Reading Scriptures, by Rev. S. K. West.  
Prayer, by Rev. J. J. Barnes.  
Singing, "The Saviour's Call,"  
Class Exercises.  
Singing, "Watch and Pray."  
Recitation, "The best that I can," by Nellie Travis.  
Singing, "Only remembered," by Miss Cann.  
Recitation, "I bring it all to Jesus," by Sada Roberts.  
Singing, "He that goeth forth and weepeth."  
Recitation, "The merry boys and girls."  
"What does God say about the merry boys and girls?"  
Singing, "Overcomers."  
Recitation, "Only a little child," by Adda Kinney.  
Recitation, "Jesus' little lamb," by Mable Roberts.  
Singing, "Lo the golden fields are waving."  
Recitation, "The three bidders," by Lily King.  
Singing, "Redeemed."  
Recitation, "The little pilgrims," by Alberta Roberts.  
Singing, "The Angel at the Portal."  
"The sisters' band," by 9 girls.  
Recitation, "A vision of the night," by Lois Prosser.  
Singing, "Song of the Cross,"  
Collection.  
Singing, "Fading still fading."  
Closing prayer by Rev. S. K. West.

ONE PRESENT.

Kemptville, N. S.  
July 11th, 1887.

## GENERAL RELIGIOUS NEWS.

—The recent census of Berlin, Germany shows that the Evangelicals number 1,142,520 and the Catholics 99,462. There has been a slight gain of Catholics, from which the London Tablet comes to the absurd conclusion that the two bodies that are really growing are the Catholics and the Infidels. Other sects are crumbling.