

DENOMINATIONAL NEWS.

TRINITY.—Rev. Andrew G. Downey, occupied the pulpit in the morning, last Sabbath, and at the close of the evening service the pastor baptized three converts.—F. C. H. H.

MONCTON.—Meetings are good. Last Sunday was the best day I have seen in the Moncton church. Three converts were baptized, and much encouragement came to our hearts.—G. F. CURRIE.

PLYMOUTH, N. S.—We have been having some special meetings here (Plymouth) with good results. Last Sunday, (1st inst.), I baptized eight happy converts and united them to the church.—J. W. FREEMAN.

BARRINGTON, N. S.—Special religious meetings held for three weeks in the First Barrington Church, resulted in an extensive quickening of religious enjoyment and power in the church, and a number of conversions. On Sunday, 1st inst., I baptized eight persons who united with the church.—EDWIN CROWELL.

WAASIS, SUN. CO., N. B.—We had a blessed time in Waasis today. Four happy converts followed the Saviour in the sacred ordinance of baptism. The ordinance was administered by Rev. G. W. Foster. We purpose to continue the meetings next week. There are more seeking Jesus. O, that the work may spread all over the surrounding country. Glory to God for his saving power. Brethren pray for us.—ISAAC LEWIS.

February 6th, 1891.

TOBIQUE V. C.—I will try and give a brief report of my first month's experience on the Tobique mission field. It has been a month of pleasure to me. The Lord has been with me. I have not seen the prosperity that I would like, yet I have seen perhaps all that could be expected considering the chances. The snow is very deep. From five to six feet. Cannot do much holding special services at present. We are looking and praying for rain; have not had any rain since I came here, but have had some severe snow storms. The weather is very mild at present. I left home Jan. 11th; had a pleasant trip; met with kind friends on my journey; first night I stopped at Bro. Grib's, at Gagetown; second at Dr. McLeod's, Fredericton; third with Deacon Ebbet, Barony; fourth at Rev. G. Swin's, Jacksonville; fifth at Rev. J. J. Barnes, Bath. Bro. J. W. Clark accompanied me from his home to Bro. Barnes'. I enjoyed his company very much, and highly esteemed the kind advice he gave me, also words of encouragement.

Bro. Barnes went to Perth with me, and stayed two days, which was a great help to me, a stranger there. May the Lord bless Bro. Barnes for his kindness. Perth is my first church. I stayed over Sabbath at Perth, but the weather was so bad that we could not meet for service. I then went to Arthurette, and from there to Long Island. Long Island church is in very good standing. The Lord is with them. Perth and Arthurette churches are somewhat low, but the prospect is good. Deacon Armstrong, at Perth, is very anxious to see the cause of God prosper. He is also willing to do all that lies in his power for its advancement. Some of the brethren at Arthurette are not at home, but we expect them back soon. Deacon Camber is at home, and is faithfully working for the cause of God. Deacon Giberson and wife are faithful workers. May God bless them, and make them instrumental yet in their old days of still winning souls to him. Bro. John Camber, formerly of Fredericton, is a firm, strong man in the cause of God. His exhortations are those of encouragement and love for God. I have resolved to stay here the remainder of this year. I am going home next week for my wife. Will return as soon as possible. Pray for us brethren, that God will graciously bless this place, and that we may see many souls coming to him seeking pardon.—L. A. COSMAN.

GENERAL BOOTH'S SUGGESTION that a matrimonial bureau might be established to open communication in a delicate manner between young men and women in lodging houses who have no means of making each others' acquaintance, may provoke a smile, but it shows his readiness to deal with one of the serious problems of large cities. The further suggestion of a training home for matrimony for factory girls who have no chance of learning home duties is admirable and might, perhaps, be initiated in higher ranks with advantage. The difficulty is, however, that most women imagine

that the housekeeper's trade alone of all trades does not need to be learned.—M. WITNESS.

COLD AND DISTRESS.—The continued cold weather in England has caused great disaster among poor people. Much outdoor work had to be given up. In the brick-fields of Kent a large number of men are out of work. Nine hundred families, with 3,600 children, have been reported in destitution. In other centres of out door labour a like condition of things exists.

HATS ON AT FUNERALS.—The Rev. Mr. Kerr, rector of St. George's Church, St. Catharines, Ont., is evidently a level-headed man. On Friday last, in that place, the burial occurred of a prominent resident, and before leaving the church Mr. Kerr said that, however well and reverent it appeared to see pall-bearers and others with heads uncovered over the grave of a deceased friend, the custom was a dangerous one in our severe winter climate, and could well be dispensed with. He trusted that the pall-bearers and others who accompanied them to witness the last sad rites would keep their heads covered on the occasion and remember that they came to bury the dead, and not kill the living. It would be well if every minister in the Dominion had courage enough to give voice to a similar admonition.

A SPIRITUALISTIC MEDIUM in Brockton Mass., who for a long time has practiced astrology, told one Mrs. Anderson that her husband was unfaithful to her. This so wrought on the mind of the deluded woman that she attempted to commit suicide by taking morphine after having administered the same drug to three of her children. One of the children died in a few hours, and the others were not expected to live. The medium was arrested. This is a single example of the mischief constantly being perpetuated by men and women who deal in curious arts and profess to discover secret things through communication with departed spirits. Those who make such professions are always unworthy of confidence, and often capable of infinite evil.

CORRESPONDENCE.—A great deal of the interest of a paper is found in good correspondence. We ask the help of our brethren in all parts of the country for this department. We venture a few suggestions: Write promptly, before the information is stale or too late for the next issue of the paper. Be brief and to the point. Lengthy articles are less likely to be inserted, and less likely to be read, than short ones. Don't expect as much space for a local meeting as may be given in your village paper, which does not insert similar accounts from other places. Do not write to air personal grievances, or hit some one with whom you are not pleased. Items about church buildings, revivals, successful missionary or educational meetings—anything that indicates progress—are preferred. Do not be annoyed because your communication is not published immediately.

TALMAGE'S TESTIMONY.—We ask every man, young or old, who reads *The Independent*, carefully to ponder the following truthful utterances of the Rev. Dr. Talmage, made at a recent Friday evening lecture in regard to the dangerous smoking habits which are now ruining the health and destroying the lives of so many thousands: "There are multitudes of young men smoking themselves to death. Nervous, cadaverous, narrow-chested and fidgety, they are preparing for early departure or a half and half existence that will be of little satisfaction to themselves or little use to others. Quit it, my young brother. Before you get through this life you will want stout nerves and a broad chest and a brain unclouded with tobacco smoke. To get rid of the habit will require a struggle, as I know by bitter experience. Cigars and midnight study nearly put an end to my existence at twenty-five years of age. I got so I could do no kind of study without a cigar in my mouth—as complete a slave was I as some of you are. About to change pastures from one city to another, a wholesale dealer offered as an inducement to my going to Philadelphia that he would give me all my cigars, free of charge all the rest of my life. He was a splendid man, and I knew he would keep his promise. Then I reasoned thus: If now, when my salary is small and cigars are high, I make up to my full endurance, what would become of my health if I got all my cigars for nothing? Well, I have never touched the infernal weed since. From that time I was revolutionized in health and mind, emancipated by the grace of God. I implore young men to strike out for the liberation of their entire nature from all kinds of evil habits. I see that now in our elevated railroads they have introduced that pig-pen on wheels, the smoking-car [laughter], and it is being made easier and easier all the time to sacrifice physical health. All those who break down their health through indulgence and go into graves sooner than they would otherwise have gone are suicides, and the day of judgment will so reveal it."

PRAYER is sometimes made the vehicle for considerable information to the audience. The *American Baptist* gives us an instance of its use which some have not learned:

This writer is acquainted with an excellent brother, of whom it became proverbial in the section of the country where he lived, that he never even offered a prayer at an association without reminding the Lord of the fact or the time of his attendance at college. I have myself heard him do so a number of times. He seemed to enjoy it, and it amused the rest of us, but hardly aided our devotions.

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APPOINTMENT.

As the F. C. Baptist Church at Taylor Village is to be otherwise occupied on Sunday morning, 22nd inst., the Rev. Andrew G. Downey will preach at Dover, on that day, at 11 o'clock a. m. and at Taylor Village at 7 p. m.

NOTICES TO UNENAGED MINISTERS.

A letter from Bro. John McFarlane, deacon of the F. C. B. Church, Victoria Road, was received by the Home Mission Executive requesting that they send a minister for the following churches. Victoria Road, Dover, Taylor Village and perhaps Lutz Mountain. Also a similar letter from the church, Upper Gagetown, asking for a pastor. This church is clear of debt and some funds on hand to pay for support of ministry. These requests were considered by the Executive and it was decided to publish them. Hoping that some of the unengaged ministers may feel the Lord calling them to these parts of His vineyard.

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Marriages.

LYON-LOWRIE.—At the residence of Mr. Wm. Howard, Carleton, on the 10th inst., by Rev. G. A. Hartley, Mr. Stephen E. Lyon, of Welsford, Q. Co., and Miss Emma Lowrie, of Oldville, Q. Co.
STUART-STUART.—At Lambert's Cove, Deer Island, on the 31st ult., by Rev. A. H. McLeod, Mr. James Stuart, to Miss Lillian Stuart, all of Lambert's Cove, Deer Island.
GILLIS-SLIPP.—At Upper Hampstead, Jan. 21st, by Rev. B. H. Nobles, Fred. Gillis, of Springfield, Kings Co., to Susie Slipp, of Upper Hampstead, Queens Co.
EVELIGH-VANWART.—At Central Hampstead (Woodville), Feb. 4th, by Rev. B. H. Nobles, Nelson W. Eveligh, of Sussex, and Laura Minerva VanWart, of Hampstead, Queens Co.

Deaths.

PURDY.—At Carleton, St. John, N. B., on the 9th inst., Helen Beatrice, infant daughter of William H., and Mary C. Purdy.

OLIVE.—Suddenly, of pneumonia, on the 10th inst., at Santa Cruz, California, Sarah Ann, beloved wife of LeBaron R. Olive, and only child of John and Sibill Harnard of Carleton, St. John, leaving a husband and five children, aged 36 years.

NASON.—At Hard Wood Creek on the 29th ult., Jeremiah Nason aged 21 years and 9 months, of Hasty Consumption.

CROWELL.—At Port Latour, on the 2nd inst., Matilda, widow of the late James Crowell, of Port Latour, aged 82 years. She had enjoyed for many years the favor of the Lord Jesus whom she was able to call "my Saviour." Funeral on the 4th and sermon preached by the writer, at the F. B. church.—E. C.

FOREMAN.—At his residence, Stanley, on the 12th inst., of consumption, Angela, beloved wife of Eric Foreman, in the 36th year of her age, leaving a sorrowing husband and 6 children to mourn their sad loss, also a large circle of friends and relatives. Sister F., professed religion about 11 years ago, during a revival conducted by Rev. Stephen Curry and united with Stanley F. C. B. Church since which she has continued a consistent member and one ever ready to speak for her Lord and Master. She died as none but saints of Jesus, "Blessed Jesus." Then, when to weak too speak, and asked if she was happy, she gave an approving smile. May God help us all to so live, that we too may be prepared to go, for our Saviour has said, "I will come again, and receive you unto myself." Funeral services were conducted by the writer.
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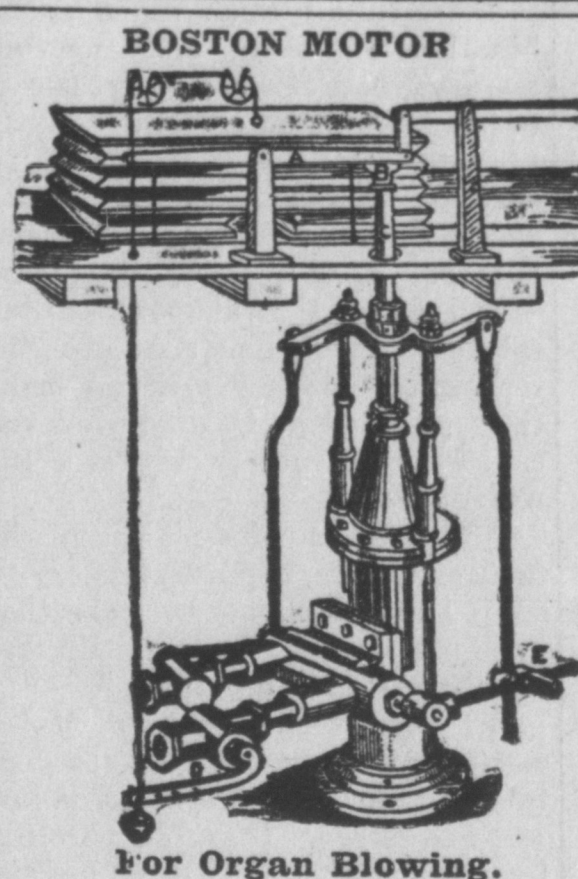
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