

The Synod of Russia has this year granted a sum of money four times as large as in any previous year for the support of missionaries to the heretics, and has, moreover, issued a regulation to the missionaries, that their visits to infected districts must be more frequent, and that they must also extend the area of their ministrations. This is a move against the itinerating Protestant preachers who have hitherto avoided the missionary spies by moving about in districts remote from their place of residence.

#### Home Religious News.

A new Methodist church was dedicated at Hastings, A. Co., on the 20th inst.

A union church has just been dedicated at Smith's Mills, Coccagne, Kent Co. Baptists, Methodists, Presbyterians and Episcopalians are interested in it.

Bishop Medley is now in his 88th year. His health has been poor lately.

This evening (Wednesday) Rev. Willard McDonald will be installed pastor of the Presbyterian church in this city.

The centennial of the founding of the Methodist church in St. John was celebrated in the Queen Square church Christmas. Revs. H. Daniel, Dr. Wilson, Dr. Pope, J. Shenton and others had part in the service, which was very interesting.

The revival in the Baptist church Jacksonville, C. Co., resulted in a good number of conversions. The services were conducted by the pastor, Rev. B. H. Thomas.

#### Denominational News.

HALIFAX, N. S.—The Starr Street Free Baptist church held a large and appreciative audience last evening, on the occasion of its annual Tea Meeting and Concert. The tea was as usual well patronized, and after one sitting, the tables were cleared to prepare for a second, and all did justice to the good things provided. Tea over, all repaired to the church, where pastor occupied the chair; then commenced the programme. Prof. Bristowe manipulated on the piano in his usual fine way, and was well received. Mr. W. Bremner sang two songs, "For aye me not" and "Maggie and I," which were both well rendered. Miss Marsden—whose professor (Mr. Bristowe) need well be proud of sang two songs, "In old Madrid" and "The song that reached my heart," which were sweetly rendered, and we may hope to see and hear in the near future Miss Marsden occupying a place amongst our foremost soloists. Mrs. Winemurk, in her own usual style, recited two pieces, "Jane's conquest" and "Charlie and his Pard." We need not comment, as Mrs. Winemurk is too well known in our city for her fine style of reciting. A duet was then sung by the Misses Phillips in a very sweet way; "Murmuring Sea," being the title of the duet. They both have sweet voices. Master C. Garro-way (a little boy) played a selection on the piano in good style.

The pastor, Rev. A. G. Jones, who has been three years with this church, seems to be growing more popular each year; he is a hard worker and deserves to succeed—which we have no doubt he will. The ladies of the church acquitted themselves well, and we congratulate them on their nice way of setting the tables and waiting on the guests. The annual festival was a success all around.—*Recorder.*

SUSSEX.—It must have been especially pleasing to Rev. Mr. McNinch and the indefatigable office-bearers of the F. C. Baptist church who have done much and surmounted many difficulties to provide an excellent Sunday afternoon service, to notice the very large attendance yesterday afternoon. An instructive sermon by the pastor was listened to with the greatest attention. A pleasing feature of the service was the singing of a solo by Miss Rising of St. John, accompanied by Miss Wordon, the organist.—*Cor. of Sun.*

FROM REV. J. T. PARSONS.—I have been intending ever since General Conference to give a report of myself and labours in my new field, but have been waiting to get down to a settled plan of work before doing so. The labour consequent upon moving to a new place, and adapting one's self to the changed circumstances from a city pastorate, was somewhat protracted, and involved a good deal of hard work; but thanks to the unbounded hospitality and thoughtfulness of the friends who came to our help, was gotten over, pleasantly and well. I may say, that my being a resident of the beautiful town of Marysville is as much a surprise to myself, as to any other. When I came here to Conference last October I had not the remotest idea of remaining to labour. True, I had finished my work in Saint John, and intended removing from the city, but when and where, I had not decided. I was waiting for a leading of the Divine Spirit as to the place where I could best glorify the Master and be of service to my fellow-man.

This church was my first pastorate. Thirty years ago, last July, in the old Nashwaak church, then situated on the western side of the river, I was ordained to the work of the ministry. I continued labouring with the churches

at Nashwaak and Marysville as pastor for one year. While labouring here, it was my happiness to see a large number converted. Some of them in middle life, but a larger number in their youthful days. The boys and girls who were then brought into the church are the fathers and mothers of to-day, and those who, like myself, were then in the prime of young manhood, are now on the downhill side of life. It is not to be wondered at that, revisiting the scenes of my former labors and renewing the acquaintance of the years gone, anxious desires should possess the hearts of these my spiritual children, that I should come to them again and break to them the bread of life. This desire became so universal, and the pressure so exceedingly strong that I could not but think that the hand of the Lord was in it, and that this was the very leading for which I was waiting. The church gave me a formal call, which I accepted. I at once moved from St. John to this place, and am more and more convinced as the days go on, that I am in the very place the Lord would have me, and am looking forward hopefully to see the work of the Lord prosper.

My regular services are at the mouth of Peniac and four miles up that stream each alternate Sunday in the morning at 10:30; at Marysville every Sunday afternoon at 3 o'clock; and at Gibson at 7 in the evening. There is no church organization at Gibson, but a number of the members of the Fredericton, Marysville and other Free Baptist churches, and their families, reside there. Being anxious for a service some part of the Lord's day, I consented to preach for them, my health permitting, each Sunday at 7 p.m. A committee was formed, who, with commendable earnestness, took the matter in hand, and finished and furnished a neat and commodious hall, to which they have the exclusive right. Ever since the service was begun there, the hall has been filled to its utmost capacity by an appreciative and interested audience. A regular prayer-meeting is held Thursday evening, which has been largely attended, and of encouraging interest. The probability is that a church organization will be a necessity in the near future.

The interest all over the field is very hopeful. The church is perceptibly gathering spiritual strength, cold-hearted professors are being warmed into more ardent spiritual life, and strangers to Christ are inquiring the way to Zion, with their faces turned thitherward.

To recount the many acts of Christian kindness manifested to Mrs. Parsons and myself from the citizens of this town during our brief residence here, would be impossible in this report, suffice it to say that one and all, members of my own church and of other communions as well, have done every thing in their power to contribute to our happiness and make our residence among them of the most pleasant character—my circuit being quite extended makes it a necessity for me to indulge in the luxury of a horse, the appreciation of which, I have no doubt, is enhanced by the enforced self-denial of the past twenty-two years. A kind friend lent me the use of a good carriage until the snow came, and then the use of a pung for the winter; but the ladies of my church and congregation, desirous that their pastor should not only be independent and have as respectable a turnout as any of his neighbors, but also as a token of their regard, made him a Christmas present of one of G. R. Cooper's most stylish pungs, and on Monday night last made the parsonage a call in force and in a neat and affectionate address made the presentation. We often make the quotation from the Bible, "it is more blessed to give than to receive." I know how blessed it was for me to receive such a timely manifestation of the regard and confidence of my people, and if their blessedness as donors was greater than mine, their happiness must have been beyond expression.

The absence of snow made it quite disappointing to those who had arranged for the usual Christmas drive, but even that was not permitted to hinder the pleasure, or even seriously lessen the enjoyment that clusters around the anniversary of the birth of the World's Redeemer. On the evening of Christmas day the hearts of the children in the Sabbath School was made glad as, upon the invitation of their teachers, they were present at the church to participate in a Sunday School festival. The church was crowded, the children of the Sunday School occupying the front seats. The church choir was in attendance and rendered valuable assistance. The exercises began by singing by the choir, followed by prayer and an opening address by the pastor. An hour was pleasantly spent in listening to recitations, dialogues, solos and choruses, all of which were heartily enjoyed by the large audience. The Christmas tree occupied a conspicuous place in the church, and was literally loaded with handsome Christmas gifts

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now began to yield its attractive fruit, and as the name of one, another and another was called, accompanied with the presentation of a gift, it was, at least to the children, who were all remembered, a time of "glad tidings and great joy." The faithful superintendent of the School, Brother Sanford Pond, and his staff of teachers were not forgotten. In fact, the desire to make each other happy by the bestowment of some gift, seemed so to possess the public heart that this occasion was used to give it expression, and a large number of the church and congregation was made the recipients of useful and valuable presents. Miss Clara Bubar, organist of the church choir, received a handsome muff; the pastor and his wife, were affectionately remembered he, in the gift of a splendid Beaver fur collar, and his wife in a beautiful quilt and white muslin apron. Refreshments of cake and fruit were lavishly provided for the large congregation, and all were agreed that the evening was both to profit and enjoyment.

With an apology for occupying so much of your space, wishing you and your readers the compliments of the season.

J. T. PARSONS.

Marysville, Dec. 26, 1891.

#### Christmas Presents To Ministers.

Rev. W. O. Raymond (Episcopal) St. John, a set of furs, and his wife a hanging lamp, from his congregation.

Rev. B. N. Nobles (Baptist), Gibson, a fur coat and cap from the ladies of his congregations.

Rev. J. H. Coy, Woodstock, a fur coat from his congregations.

Rev. H. G. Estabrooks (Baptist) received a fur coat from friends at Andover, Arcootook Junction and Perth, V. Co.

Rev. Mr. Parkinson (Episcopal) St. Marys, a purse of \$75 from members of his congregation.

Rev. Mr. Schurman (Baptist) Petitediac, was visited by friends who left gifts and good cheer.

Rev. Dr. McDougall, St. John, a cash donation, from members of his congregation.

Rev. J. B. Hayden (Roman Catholic) St. John, fur gloves and a well filled purse from the Temperance Society of his church.

Rev. L. G. McNeill (Presbyterian) St. John, \$200 from his Bible class, and other presents to himself and wife.

Rev. Mr. Thompson (Methodist), Petitediac, a fur coat, and a cap cape for Mrs. Thompson.

Rev. J. W. Clarke (Free Baptist) a Secretary and writing desk from his Bible class and the S. S. Superintendent; Mrs. Clarke was presented with a muff and other things.

Rev. W. J. Stewart (Baptist), St. John, two parlour chairs and other gifts from members of his congregation.

Rev. Jos. McLeod and family, Fredericton, were had in remembrance, as several chaste and valuable gifts testified.

Rev. Mr. Chapman, (Methodist) Marysville, a purse of \$60, from his congregation.

O. T. A. NOTES.—The law is being enforced in Yarmouth. A few days ago, a consignment of liquor was shipped from St. John by the "Alpha." The officers saw it delivered; warrants were issued, and two car loads were seized from the Lorne Hotel. The stock was valued at \$600. In the Queen hotel a cask was found and an information laid against the proprietor. A saloon keeper named Cameron was convicted recently for infraction of the law and sentenced to two months in jail.

Later, the proprietor of the Queen Hotel, Yarmouth, was fined \$150.

NURSES HOME.—The new home for nurses, erected in St. John by the endeavours of Lady Tilley and the ladies of the several churches, was last week formally handed over to the Commissioners of the Public Hospital. Lady Tilley made an address of presentation; she also said that the ministers of the churches in the city had consented to have annually "Hospital Sunday" for the district nurses, which will doubtless be ample to provide for them.

PROBABILITIES.—Smith's Planetary Almanack gives the following forecasts for January, February and March: January—A month of storms. Cold and winter like generally. Remarkable for its high winds and "cold-dips." February—Will differ from an ordinary February considerably. Instead of the usual "dry and cold characteristics, I look for stormy weather, with heavy snow and rain. Sudden fluctuations of temperature. March—Considerable downfall. A month with deep snows in northern and heavy rains in southern sections. A low temperature. March, "Lion-like" this time. Not a bit like the "lamb" of 1891. Gales frequent. A marked change for the better towards the close of the month.

SUNDRIES.—Louis Kossuth is dragging out life in neglect. Five hundred and eighty-seven different languages are spoken in Europe. The earliest coin for American use was made about 1612, and bore as a design the picture of a hog. Queen Victoria is delighted with type-writing. Over three thousand diamonds are in the British Crown. Rail-way traveling in India is the cheapest in the world. America has 1,000 women physicians and nearly 100 ordained women preachers.

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THE BOYER MONUMENT FUND.

It is proposed to erect a suitable monument at the grave of the late Rev. A. B. Boyer, in Balasore, India. Contributions are solicited. They may be sent to the editor of the INTELLIGENCER, and they will be acknowledged in the paper as received. It is believed that many will desire to help erect a modest stone at the grave of the beloved brother who gave his life to the mission work.

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#### Marriages.

DOHERTY-WHITE.—At the Gibson House, Gibson, on the 23rd inst., by Rev. J. T. Parsons, Mr. Owen A. Doherty and Hester M., adopted daughter of Mr. W. H. White, both of Gibson, York Co.

STODDARD-MCLEAN.—At the Hawk, Cape Island, Dec. 20th, by the Rev. T. H. Siddall, Mr. Amiel Stoddard, to Miss Sarah McLean, of Shelburne.

CROWELL-HINES.—At the residence of the bride's father, Capt. Benjamin Hines, on the 15th inst., by Rev. J. W. Freeman, Mr. Joseph H. Crowell, to Miss Eliza M. Hines, both of Argyle, Yarmouth Co., N. S.

THORNE-FAIRWEATHER.—In the Free Baptist parsonage, North End, by Rev. B. H. Nobles, James W. Thorne to Elva Fairweather, both of St. John.

BRITAIN-MONTGOMERY.—At St. John, N. E., by Rev. B. N. Nobles, Townsend Britain, of McAdam Junction, to Catherine Montgomery, of Queen's Co.

MONROE-TATTON.—In Carleton, on the 24th inst., by Rev. G. A. Hartley, Mr. Sidney Monroe of Beaver Harbor, Ch. Co., to Miss Lourena C. Tatton of Pennfield, Ch. Co.

SEWELL-WILEY.—At the residence of the bride's father, on the 23rd inst., by Rev. G. A. Hartley, Mr. William Sewell, of Cambridge, Mass., to Miss Gertrude, daughter of Joseph Wiley, of St. John, West End.

COATES-PEACOCK.—On the 23rd inst., at the residence of the bride's father, by Rev. J. W. Clarke, Mr. Harvey E. Coates to Miss Jennie E. Peacock, both of St. John city.

CAMPBELL-WITHERLY.—At the residence of the bride's father, Mr. Joseph Witherly, on the 24th inst., by Rev. J. J. Barnes, Miss Amy Witherly and Mr. Archibald D. Campbell, both of Arthurville, V. Co.

DICKSON-ELLISWORTH.—In the F. C. B. church, Norton Station, December 23rd, by Rev. David Long, Mr. Alexander G. Dickson, of Glenelg, Northumberland Co., to Mrs. Maggie Estella Ellisworth, of Norton, K. Co.

#### Deaths.

LOWDEN.—In Boston, Dec. 6th, Ethel Marion, only child of Rev. and Mrs. J. M. Lowden, aged 5 years, 8 months, 15 days.

LONDON.—At Wickham, Queen's Co., December 2nd, Catherine, beloved wife of John London, aged 61 years, leaving a sorrowing husband, four sons and five daughters to mourn their loss.

HOYT.—At Central Blissville, Sunbury County, December 18th, of Typhoid fever, Frederick Hoyt, aged 47 years, leaving a widow, three sons and one daughter, an aged mother, one sister, together with a large circle of friends to mourn their loss. Funeral sermon by the pastor.—W. H. P.

FOSTER.—Very suddenly, of diphtheria, on the 17th inst., Emma J., aged ten years, eleven days, beloved child of John P. and Isabelle Foster. May God sustain the sorrowing.—O. N. M.

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