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held all the services there. But six or seven years ago, during the pastorate of Bro. Hale who was indefatigable in his efforts to have the building finished, the church was completed and formally dedicated. And now it is free from debt. The finances of the church are evidently in good condition. The pastors salary is paid every Monday which is an excellent plan, alike satisfactory to him and the church.

We expect to hear soon that a parsonage is in course of erection. One is needed very much; and the people who have managed the building of their church so well, are quite equal to the building of a parsonage. To do so need not burden them with debt at all; it is always a good thing for a congregation to have on hand some needed undertaking for which they may work and to which they may contribute.

The church is large, but not too large. Full congregations wait on the ministry of Bro. Nobles. The writer spent Sabbath 28th ult., with him. It was a day of enjoyment. It was particularly pleasing to see the large number of young people who flock to the house of the Lord, and give earnest attention to the word of life.

The church has, like all others, had its struggles, but, in spite of all that might be discouraging, it has from the first steadily progressed. Its organization was evidently of the Lord. He has blessed it with a good and influential place in the city; and He will doubtless, continue to make it a blessing to many. The pastor reports the church life healthy, and the outlook encouraging. The prayer-meetings are well attended. The after-meeting the Sunday we were there was good; the testimonies were promptly given, and to the point. The Sunday School, also, under the Superintendence of Bro. C. D. Smith, is doing its work well.

We enjoyed the two days spent with Bro. Nobles and his people. He and his wife are held in much esteem by his congregation, and he holds a good place in the community. His preaching is highly spoken of, and his genial manner makes him a favorite with all classes. On Christmas some of his friends presented him with a very comfortable study chair.

The church's interest in the general work of the denomination is keeping pace with its growth. Last year its contribution to Foreign Missions was good, and it is hoped that this year its contributions to both Home and Foreign Missions will be larger than ever before. A W. M. Society was recently organized by the ladies of the congregation.

The North End church furnishes a good list of INTELLIGENCER subscribers a list which has been considerably increased during Bro. Nobles's pastorate and which, thanks to his kind offices, is larger this week than ever before. He believes the denominational paper helps him in his work, and he is ready to help it by introducing it to all the homes of his congregation.

Bro. Nobles intends holding special meetings after the week of prayer. We hope to hear of a large ingathering.

The Home Mission Executive to the Free Baptist Ministers and Churches in N. B.

DEAR BRETHREN:—Previous to the Conference of 1889, missionary work among our Churches was carried on for the most part through brethren employed as itinerant missionaries. These visited the weaker churches, or at least so many of them as they could, and spent a few weeks with each, encouraging them in their Christian life.

The labours of these brethren were blessed. But, owing to the fact that the churches visited were left without any pastoral oversight, after the missionaries' visit, little substantial progress was made. Hence it was that the Executive of Home Missions decided on a new course of procedure, namely: The settlement of pastors over these weak churches, and supplementing the amounts received on the fields by grants from Home Mission Funds—these funds to be provided by the stronger churches.

Therefore, last year, you received a circular letter from their Secretary, stating that it was the desire of the Conference that the churches contribute at least one thousand dollars for Home Mission work. We are pleased to report that a most generous response was made to that appeal, and that more churches contributed than ever before in our history.

The result of the new departure, on the part of the Executive, was most encouraging. During the year about twelve pastors were employed for the whole or a part of the year, thirty churches permanently strengthened, a number baptised, and future growth insured.

A continuance of action along the lines pursued last year seems to be justified, and the Executive expresses the hope—that this year your contributions for Home Missions may be larger, in the aggregate, than ever before.

The object is certainly a worthy one. If we have a right to exist as a denomination, we should faithfully care for the ground already taken, and even go to the regions beyond. We cannot afford to stand still in this work, much

less, retrograde. We must lengthen our cords and strengthen our stakes. The feeling of the Conference seemed to be, that the Lord is calling us to new interest and greater activity in this work. And now we appeal to the churches and our people scattered abroad to contribute the necessary funds.

A copy of this letter will be sent to every church and every minister in the denomination. Where a church has a pastor, it is requested of him that he bring the matter before his people, explain the importance of the work in hand and urge them to contribute. Where churches have no pastors, the officers will kindly present our case, and take such steps as may secure contributions.

We have not thought it best, this year, to designate the amounts that should be contributed by the several churches. That is left entirely to their generosity. We might suggest, however, that the apportionment for Foreign Missions is believed to be in the main a fair distribution; and if the churches would contribute for Home Missions similar amounts there would be sufficient funds to carry out the work planned for this year. From every church something is expected—a gift according to its ability. Arrange to have the community thoroughly canvassed for this purpose. Do not depend on a single collection, but if possible have the contributions made at least quarterly. Let the work be done thoroughly whatever plan be adopted. Do this for the sake of the cause dear to us all, for the strengthening of the interests under our care, and for the perpetuation of the principles we hold. Do this for the sake of our country, whose moral elevation we should seek; for the sake of the perishing who, perchance, may be saved through the Word preached; for the sake of Jesus whose we are and whom we serve, and who has said: "We that are strong ought to bear the infirmities of the weak, and not to please ourselves."

In the work of Christ, we are, brethren,
Yours, &c.
B. H. NOBLES,
G. A. HARTLEY,
JOS. McLEOD,
A. C. SMITH, EXE. COM.
JAS. PATTERSON,
REID SLIPP,
WM. PETERS.

P. S.—Rev. B. H. Nobles, St. John. N. B., is Corresponding Secretary of H. M. Executive, to whom all communications about H. M. work and workers should be addressed.

Rev. G. A. Hartley, Carleton, St. John, N. B., is Treasurer of H. M. Executive, to whom all remittances should be made.

DENOMINATIONAL NEWS.

CLARK'S HARBOUR, N. S.—Rev. T. H. Siddall has accepted a call to the pastorate of the church at Clark's Harbour, Cape Island.

FROM REV. O. N. MOTT.—I have engaged with the church at Wilson's Beach, Campbell, for half the time. I have been there twice and like the people very much. The cause is quite low, but the brethren are hopeful and are looking for better days. I expect to spend one-fourth of my time with the church at Holderville.

O. N. MOTT

WHEATON SETTLEMENT, W. CO.—A basket social was held in Wheaton Settlement Monday 22nd ult. A very pleasant time was enjoyed by all present; and it was a success financially, the sum of \$27.00 being realized, which goes towards the pastor's salary. This church is small in number, but large in determination. The interest in the church services is fairly good. Church and pastor have great reason to be encouraged for what the Lord has done for them.

A. PERRY.

FROM REV. S. W. SHAW.—I write a few lines to say that I am suffering from the effects of La Grippe. The doctor says I will have to keep still till the cold weather is over. Mrs. Shaw is very poorly yet, and is almost helpless. Pray for us. I want to thank the kind friends of this place for their kindness to us in our affliction.

The ladies of the Women's Christian Temperance Union here called a few days ago, with others, and after enjoying a sociable evening, with singing and speeches, left us the richer in goods and cash \$40.00. This is only one token of their generosity in which we have shared, for which we feel sincerely grateful; and will ever pray that God's blessing may be with them.

S. W. SHAW.

Hartland, C. Co.

DEER ISLAND.—I wish to acknowledge that Christmas has its joys with us at Deer Island. From Chocolate Cove church we were presented with an air tight: from Jeremiah Fountain a half-barrel of corned fish, and presents from each of the deacons of that church; from Fairhaven church we received an extension table and cover; Master Frank Ferris presented Mrs. McLeod with a water pitcher, and Miss Bessie Ferris gave her a teapot; Mrs. Ferris also gave her a present. For these, as well as for numerous previous kindnesses, we are very thankful to the good people here. May God reward them for it all.

R. W. CARPENTER.

Jan. 2nd.

GRAND HARBOUR, GRAND MANAN.—

On the 24th Dec. a Sabbath School

Miss Agnes Cammings, organist of the F. C. B. Church at Chocolate Cove was presented with a fur tippet and muff.

There was a religious concert in the Fairhaven church Christmas. The amount received was \$17.00, which is to be used in purchasing a communion service for that church. If there is any friend who feels like contributing to the church in this matter, we will be glad to receive such and credit them with the same. Send to my address, and we will forward it to the Treasurer.

We think the interest is increasing in all the three churches of this pastorate. We are intending to hold special meetings soon, and are looking anxiously for good results. Glad to hear that Bro. Mott has taken charge of Wilson's Beach Church for the winter.

A. H. McLEOD.

SOCIAL.—In connection with the Westfield F. C. Baptist Church. A very pleasant and successful social was held at Greenwich Hill, Wednesday evening. Pies realizing 25 cents and \$2.25 apiece; the sum of \$31.33 was soon raised, which will add to the amount already subscribed for the new meeting house. Much thanks are due A. M. Mabey Esq., for his ability on such occasions, and also to all the friends who are ever willing to help forward the cause of which the F. C. Baptist interest forms a part.

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FROM REV. G. W. FOSTER.—I wish to tell you of an agreeable and very pleasing surprise we received at our home New Year's evening. It was this: Suddenly our home was filled with members and friends of Tracy Church, who had come to spend the evening with us. We need not tell you that we were glad to see them, for various reasons. First, because we have learned to know and love them as a kind-hearted, generous people; second, because their company was a pleasure to us; thirdly, because we found ourselves richer in cash, groceries, and other useful articles to the amount of \$25.00 or over. We wish through the INTELLIGENCER, to tender these kind and thoughtful friends our heartfelt thanks. We feel deeply grateful to them and to God the bountiful giver of all good.

GEORGE W. FOSTER.

STANLEY, YORK CO.—I have again to let the readers of the INTELLIGENCER hear from me and the church at Stanley. During the last two months I have enjoyed good health, but at present I am suffering from lame back, the effects of a fall on ice. We have had very severe weather during December and so far in January. The roads are in a terrible condition, being in most places drifted to a level with the tops of the fences, making it very hard to get to my appointments. But the Spirit of God seems to have an abiding place in the hearts of some, for whenever we are permitted to enjoy a social service they are ready to stand for the Master as living witnesses. Such things are a support to one who, in fear and trembling, is trying to perform his duty and obey the call of the Master. We had a very cold yet enjoyable Christmas. Although the wind blew and the snow was drifting and the frost was keen, through it all a few of God's people found their way to the House of God, where we spent an hour and a half of the afternoon in earnest worship and praise to God who so graciously protected us, and kept us through the changes and events of another year. Before we parted we covenanted to live nearer to God and by his help, do more for Him during this year than in the last. Others who never made a confession resolved to diligently seek until they found Him their souls eternal life. Will the readers of the INTELLIGENCER pray that such resolutions may be carried out, thus strengthening the church and benefiting the people. Although we have had no conversions yet the cause in our church is at present stronger than ever. May God bless the feeble efforts put forth in its behalf. Brethren give me your prayers.

I should be pleased to receive a visit from any of my brethren at any time. The editor has promised to come. Will he send his appointment for the second Sunday in February? If so we can have the Lord's Supper administered while he is with us.

I wish to thank the young people of Cross Creek and Green Hill for their kindness in giving up a donation. Although the night for it was so very cold and windy that only a few came, we had a very enjoyable evening and I became the recipient of about twenty dollars in cash and other articles. God bless them in things temporal and spiritual.

R. W. CARPENTER.

Jan. 2nd.

GRAND HARBOUR, GRAND MANAN.—

On the 24th Dec. a Sabbath School

concert was held at Grand Harbour.

The following was the programme: Choir, Ring the Bells of Heaven; Prayer, by the Pastor; Recitation, by Minnie Green, "When Mamma was a little Girl"; Recitation, by Flora Brown, "Little Alice"; Recitation, by Elma Lake, "Little Heads in the Pew"; Recitation, by Helen Wilson, "Swallowtail Hen"; Recitation, by Otis Sturks, "The Question"; Dialogue, by boys and girls, "Jesus is our Shepherd"; Christmas Hymn, by Choir; Recitation, by Grovener Ingalls, "How Do You Do"; Recitation, by May Crouk, "Grandpa's Spectacles"; Recitation, by Mable Dakin, "The Old Folks' longings"; Recitation, by Mattie McDou, "Which is Best," Recitation, by Ety Sturks, "The Light Keeper's Daughter"; Recitation, by Nellie Sturks, "Widow Gurgins' Daughter"; Recitation, by Ida Foster, "People will Talk"; Recitation, by Helen Foster, "Washing Dishes"; Song, by 7 girls and 6 boys; Dialogue, by Sadie D. Dakin and Jennie Ingalls, "Christmas Tide"; Dialogue, by Grant Dakin, Harry Daggett, Loyd Dakin, Ray Ingalls, Hillman Green and Ralph Green, "The Schoolmaster"; Recitation, by Helen Foster, "Dolly's Sick"; "Jesus is Calling the Children", by the Choir; Dialogue, by Grace Wilson and Ella Sturks, "Afternoon Calls"; Recitation, by Helen Foster, "Cheerfulness"; Recitation, by May Crouk, "It Always Pays"; Christmas, by the Choir; Collection.

We had a very grand Christmas tree, well laden with numerous presents for the children which contributed greatly to their enjoyment. The Church was nicely decorated for the occasion, the order was good, and all seemed to enjoy the evening. The Superintendent was not forgotten and the pastor and his wife were not overlooked. It is useless to attempt a description of the tree, suffice it to say that it was well laden with useful gifts for the young and old. There was at least eighty dollars worth of presents on it, some said a hundred dollars worth.

This school means to live despite the cold. It is evergreen—just what all Free Baptist Sunday Schools are on this Island, and ought to be everywhere. We have a good, live, painstaking band of teachers in this school. Old and young seem deeply interested, and the result must be a rich harvest of precious souls for Jesus in the near future. Mr. Judson Gupitill is Superintendent. He wished to resign his post, but the school vetoed his resignation unanimously, so he is obliged to still be their leader. I hope a large reward may be his in the grand day of rewards.

Church work is moving along favorably. I expect to see others coming into the fold soon.

T. O. D.

Marriages.

HOYT-PATTERSON.—At the residence of the bride's father, on the 9th ult., by Rev. W. H. Perry, Jacob W. Hoyt, of Hoyt Station and Rebecca, eldest daughter of John Patterson, of Lincoln.

CUMMING-HOYT.—In this city, on New Year's Day, by Rev. Dr. McLeod, Bedford Cumming, of St. Mary's and Clara Hoyt, of Millville.

DAY-RIDEOUT.—At Somerville, C. Co., at the home of the bride's father, Geo. Rideout, Esq., by Rev. S. W. Shaw, Mr. Nelson Day and Edie Rideout.

SMALL-KENDRICK.—On the 22nd ult., at the Dominion House, North Head, Grand Manan, by Rev. T. O. DeWitt, Mr. Small to Miss Annie E. Kendrick.

ALLAN-MCFARLANE.—On the 25th ult., at the residence of the bride's father, North Head, Grand Manan, by Rev. T. O. DeWitt, Mr. Allan to Miss Addie McFarlane.

SPEARS GAVEL.—At the residence of Mr. Joseph Gavel, Tusket Lakes, on the 24th Dec., by Rev. Wm. M. Knollin, Mr. Robert Leslie Spears, of Brooklyn, to Miss Alice Gavel, of Tusket Lakes, Yarmouth Co.

GOODWIN-SMITH.—At Pubnico, Dec. 18, by Rev. J. L. Smith, at the bride's home, Mr. Edward Goodwin, and Miss Mattie Smith, both of Pubnico.

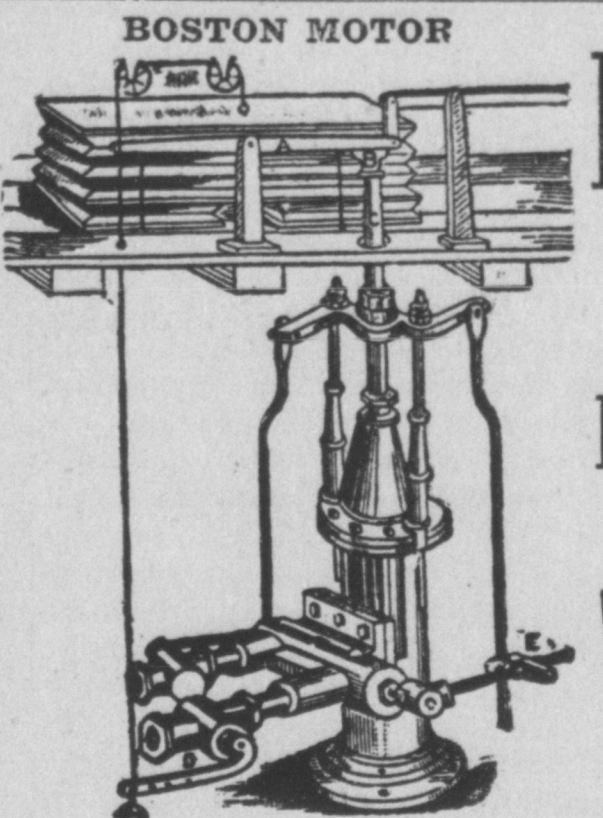
Deaths.

McKENZIE.—At Juvenile Settlement, Dec. 2nd, of paralysis, David McKenzie, aged 76 years, leaving a large circle of relatives to mourn their loss. The deceased was a brother of Rev. J. G. McKenzie. Bro. McKenzie professed religion a number of years ago, and died in the triumphs of faith. Funeral sermon by Rev. W. H. Perry.

CUNARD.—At Blissville, S. Co., of old age, Dec. 12th, Sarah, beloved wife of Thomas Cunard, aged 91 years. Mrs. Cunard was highly respected by all who knew her. She leaves a husband, two daughters, together with a large circle of friends to mourn their loss. Funeral sermon by the writer W. H. P.

MATHEWS.—At Juvenile Settlement, S. Co., Dec. 14th, of old age, Jane, relict of the late John Mathews, aged 85 years. Mrs. Mathews was born in Ireland and came to New Brunswick with her husband and lived for some years at Hantsport, where she professed religion under the labours of the late Elder Hart, and united with the Free Baptist Church at Little River. After moving to Blissville she changed her membership to the church at Hantsport settlement, and remained a member until her death.—W. H. P.

HOYT.—At Blissville, December 24th, of inflammation of the lungs, David Austin Hoyt, in the 18th year of his age, eldest son of Eber D. Hoyt, leaving father, sister and two brothers to mourn their loss. The deceased was a young man, he loved by all who knew him, and his sudden death has cast a gloom over the entire community. May the Lord sustain and comfort the afflicted family.—W. H. P.



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MYERS.—At the residence of his father, on the 25th Nov., Robert Nelsie, aged 24 years, son of Deacon Jesse and Mary Myers, of Waterford, K. Co. Deceased could neither speak nor hear, but he loved the Saviour, and departed in a sure hope of a glorious resurrection. His funeral was largely attended, and an appropriate sermon was preached by Rev. Wm. DeWare.

MILLER.—At Knoxford, Car. Co. on the 21st of December, Maplet, beloved wife of Oliver Miller, in the 21st year of her age. She patiently bore her sickness, which continued for more than ten months, when she quietly passed away to her home on high. A sorrowing husband, father, mother and sister mourn their loss. She was baptized, married and lived with her pastor.—C. Smith.

SOUTH.—At Wood Harbour, N. S., Dec. 20th, 1890, Isaac, son of Solomon and Hepsibeth Smith, aged 38 years. He was converted some years ago and united with F. B. church, in which he was a worthy member, ready for every good word and work. By his death it can truly be said that a bright light to the home and the world has quickly disappeared. The widow, five children and aged parents have the sympathy and prayers of many, that grace may sustain them until they meet in the home above.—W. MILLER.

BANKS.—At Shag Harbour, Dec. 24th, 1890, Mr. Thomas Banks, after a lingering illness, passed away peacefully to the rest prepared for the children of God. He leaves a widow and three small children to mourn their loss, which is his eternal gain.—W. MILLER.

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