

Denominational News.

ANNUAL DONATION.—The evening of the 18th Dec. was pleasantly spent in the parsonage at Rockland, Car. Co., when the members of the Rockland church made their annual donation visit to the pastor and his family. The ladies were not long in preparing the donation supper, and it was a fine one. After the usual amount of singing and music, and social talk, the meeting was called to order and C. B. Snow, a ready scribe, began to take stock. It was soon discovered that the minister's home was better off by upwards of \$20.00 worth of provision. For this and many other such expressions of this church's kindly feelings towards us we are feeling deeply grateful to God, and we hope and pray that He may bless the people more and more.

J. J. BARNES.

CENTRAL HAMPSHIRE, Q. CO.—I am reminded that I have not written anything for the INTELLIGENCER for some time. I have been holding special services with the Central Hampshire church for two weeks. The Lord has graciously blessed us, and we rejoice that the brethren and sisters have been quickened, wanderers reclaimed, and sinners converted. Yesterday was a glad day with us; the Lord was with us, fulfilling His promise and wonderfully blessing us. At the close of the morning service it was my privilege to bury in baptism five converts, among them, my own daughter. They were received into the church last evening. Our prayer is that they may all be devout and faithful followers of Him whose cause they have espoused and whose name they bear. The interest is fairly good in all the churches of this pastorate. May the Lord bless all the churches, and all the people, and may they be led to want great things of God, and then earnestly ask for them, and, according to His promise, they "shall receive." Often we are satisfied with too little, when the Lord has abundance for us. O, for the "hungering and thirsting," that we may "be filled."

G. W. FOSTER.

Dec. 30, '95.

FROM REV. J. J. BARNES.—On the 8th ult. two persons a man and a woman, were received into the church at Windsor. They had received baptism by Rev. Mr. Worden (Baptist) during the revival there.

During the latter part of last summer one person, a man, was received into the Mount Pleasant church, by baptism.

It is a great gratification to me to be able to say that the churches of this pastorate are getting along well, in the usual way. The prayer meetings all around are seasons of refreshing, and christian growth is manifest everywhere. We have had no special meetings this season yet, but shall begin before long to hold special services. I am pleased, now, that I did not carry into effect my intention to leave this pastorate last Fall. There are six churches and one other preaching station in the pastorate; altogether, they ask for sixteen Sabbath preaching services per month, which is more than one man can do. I had been here two years last Fall, and had baptized over one hundred persons and added nearly two hundred to the churches; the churches throughout the pastorate were much built up and greatly strengthened. But the demand made by this collection of churches on the pastor's time and strength was so great that I felt I could not face it another year, hence my thought of leaving. However, the circumstances of the latter part of the year occasioned the removal of the Knowlesville church from the pastorate, for this year at least, and this made it possible for one man to occupy the field, by leaving out Foreston until summer, when I may be able to get there a few times. If help is not soon given Foreston it must be lost to us as a church; it has some worthy members, who are loyal to the denomination and deserving. I cannot visit them earlier than next summer.

J. J. BARNES.

A CHRISTMAS CONCERT.—The S. S. concert and Christmas tree in the church at Rockland, Car. Co., Christmas night, was, in every way, a decided success. The children were out in force, and, with the older people, packed the church from pulpit to door. It was in every way one of the best entertainments of the kind we have attended for many years. The committee consisting of Mrs. A. A. Belyea, Miss Sadie Snow and Miss L. F. Barnes, was untiring in their endeavor to render the entertainment pleasing and instructive to the children and gratifying to the older people. The selection and arrangement of suitable mottoes and the various church decorations showed marked skill and excellent taste on the part of these ladies. Every motto on the walls, and every number on programme was a faithful illustration and reminder of the nativity of Jesus. The illuminated motto,

Welcome, just above and behind the pulpit was the first thing to attract the eye, as the people entered the church door. Deacon A. A. Belyea, the efficient and painstaking S. S. Superintendent, was perfectly at home in his part as manager and leader of the musical part of the programme. This part of the entertainment was much improved by Mr. A. S. Estabrooks, who kindly assisted us also, in the musical concert of last Summer. Miss L. F. Barnes presided at the organ. The tree stood at one end of the stage, and was burdened to its utmost strength with presents, too numerous to mention here, including some very nice presents for the pastor and his wife and family. Just before the meeting broke up, to the great delight of the children, a real Santa Claus stood in the church door, clothed with heavy fur, with a huge pack of candy bags strapped on his back, and panting with the fatigue of a long journey, he announced the object of his visit as he passed up the aisle. After a short talk with the little folks, the superintendent aided him down with his pack, and distributed its contents among the children. Thus ended one of the best entertainments ever conducted in Rockland.

ONE PRESENT.

FROM REV. J. T. PARSONS.—Although I have nothing of special religious interest to report, it may be that some readers of the INTELLIGENCER will be glad to hear how we are getting along in the Marysville pastorate. A green Christmas, especially in York Co., does not often occur, and is never desirable. The absence of snow means an abundance of mud, exceedingly hard travelling. For a couple of weeks before Christmas, the sleighing was excellent, and many of us believing that the winter had come to stay, we packed away our carriages, not expecting to bring them out till spring. But, alas for human calculations, we were obliged, not only to bring them out before Christmas, but to keep them out ever since, and for how much longer, the weather prophet has not yet determined. However, it is a good thing that the joyous festivities of the season are not entirely dependent upon having snow. The improved facilities for travel gives the members of scattered families opportunities of getting together, and the affectionate greetings of loved ones loses little of its heart-cheering music from the absence of the merry jingle of sleigh-bells.

The annual festival of the Sunday school in Marysville, was more than usually attractive. The music, recitations, readings, etc., were well rendered, and were most pleasing; and the large church was crowded with a delightful audience. At the close of the literary and musical part of the evening's entertainment, an abundant supply of confectionery, nuts, apples, etc., that not only made the hearts of the children glad, but, like the "loaves and fishes" of the miracle, overflowed to the refreshment of the multitude. This school, under the efficient superintendence of Deacon Sanford Pond, assisted by a staff of devoted officers and teachers, is doing a good work, and exerting a healthful influence. Its membership is steadily increasing, and a goodly number of the scholars have been brought into loving fellowship with Christ.

The Sunday-school in connection with the church in Gibson, organized about one year ago, under the superintendence of brother Jonathan Chapman, also had an entertainment on Christmas evening. The audience was large and appreciative, and the entertainment, consisting of singing, readings, recitations, etc., was thoroughly enjoyed. This school had the additional attraction of a heavily laden Christmas tree, among whose green branches nestled a present for each member of the school. In the kind remembrances of friends, in the bestowment of tokens of affection many hearts were made glad, and the pastor and his wife were not forgotten.

As the regular week night service of the Marysville church came on Tuesday evening, the last day of the year, we thought it advisable to change the time of meeting for that evening from 7.30 to 10.30, and hold a Watch-night service. A large number gathered. After singing, reading the Scriptures and prayer, the pastor delivered an appropriate address, founded upon the question asked by Jesus in his sermon on the mount, "What do ye more than others?" It led to self-examination, regarding our service to God, to ourselves, and to the world. At the close of the address forty minutes were spent in songs and testimony by the brethren and sisters, a large number willingly and warmly responding. A few minutes before the midnight hour, the whole congregation reverently bowed before God, and spent the exploring moments of 1895 in silent prayer. After the midnight hour had struck, audible prayer was made by

the pastor, and then, wishing the congregation a "Happy New Year," at his request, all left their seats and spent a most enjoyable fifteen minutes in hand-shaking and greetings. After the doxology and the benediction, the people went their way, fairly entered upon the responsibilities of 1896.

While, amid the festivities of Christmas, we have "rejoiced with those who do rejoice," we have not been forgotten to "weep with those who weep." Some of our friends have been sorely bereaved; death has broken the circle, loved ones have been called away, others, seemingly have "brushed the dew" on the margin of the river. The life of Bro. Michael White, one of the deacons of the Marysville church, was, for a number of days, dispirited, but in the Providence of God, he is slowly recovering. He was blessedly sustained in his illness by the promises of the covenant-keeping God, and though his feet entered the shadow of death he had no fear, the "rod" and the "staff" comforted him." I wish you, Mr. Editor, and all the readers of the INTELLIGENCER all the compliments of the season.

J. T. PARSONS.

Marysville, Jan. 3rd, 1896.

FROM REV. A. H. McLEOD.—A trip down the bay at this time of the year is not always pleasant; but to me it was exceedingly fine trip as, on board the "Cumberland," I went, on the 19th December, to visit some old and dear friends on Deer Island, where are three Free Baptist churches without a pastor. Brother Paul, their last pastor, is pursuing his studies at Lewiston, and is held in high esteem by the people amongst whom he laboured. I was never treated badly by Deer Island people, and never better than at this time. There was boundless hospitality on every hand. Of course I did not go down to play nor to rest, and yet to preach every night to such eager and attentive listeners was, indeed a rest. I hope the people's hearts were encouraged in the Lord.

Some changes have taken place since I left there, two years ago. Brother John Cummings, a very faithful Free Baptist, and brother John Stuart, a good and zealous man, have gone to rest. But, thank God, some bright and promising young men are coming on in christian work, and will soon be able for the front. The churches on the island need a pastor, and will adequately support one.

The Free Baptist Parsonage at Lower Millstream was quite well filled with representatives from different parts of the parsonage, on the evening of Dec. 26th; and a more joyful time no one need wish than was enjoyed that evening. The ladies brought well-filled baskets, the contents of which kept not only the tables well loaded for the evening's sumptuous feast, but after all were satisfied, cakes, pies etc, uncured, were left for the pastor's use. Brother Amos Kennedy was called to the chair, while J. A. Patterson was made secretary. Bro. Edwin Fenwick, in well chosen words, in behalf of the company, presented the pastor with a purse of \$54.00. Of course the recipient expressed his thanks. W. D. Fenwick, J. A. Patterson, G. W. McLeod, E. Dailing, M. Fenwick, L. A. Fenwick and George Gregg made pleasant speeches. "God be with you till we meet again," was sung, Miss A. J. Kennedy presiding at the organ, after which the pastor offered prayer, which closed one of the best, if not the best, social gatherings this pastorate has ever had.

A four year old church debt in connection with Keirstead Mountain church has been paid off.

A. H. McLEOD.

HOME MISSIONS.—I send to-day for publication the reports of both the home missionaries for December. It will be seen by these reports that Bros. DeWitt and S. J. Perry are labouring under the direction of the executive at Hainesville and Upper Kent. The executive will be glad to hear from any brother who can give information as to good openings for missionary labor.

F. C. HARTLEY.

St. John, Jan. 6th, '96.

CHRISTMAS PRESENT.—The people of Victoria Corner and Somerville, with a representation from Cannel and Florenceville, believing that the pastor's wife, as well as the past himself, should be provided with comfortable out-door wraps, made Mrs. A. G. Downey a Christmas present of a beautiful and costly astrachan fur cape. Like most of Santa's presents it came entirely as a surprise on Christmas eve last. The presentation was made on behalf of the donors by Mrs. J. B. Bowser and Mrs. Geo. Palmer. Mrs. Downey hereby wishes to publicly express her appreciation of so useful an article, and to extend to her many friends her most fervent thanks for so tangible a token of

H. M. REPORT.—To the corresponding secretary Home Mission Executive, Bro. F. C. Hartley.

DEAR SIR,—A month has already expired since I came here to labour, and I must give an account of the past month's labour. Religiously, things are low, people are at ease in Zion. I have held twenty-four meetings, made twenty family visits, attended Sunday School four times. There is some awakening amongst the people, the older christians begin to bestir themselves, yet they are too slow; quite a few of the younger people are desiring salvation, some, I trust, have found pardon and peace. Quite a number of the men are away in the lumberwoods, others are busy at home, which hinders the work.

T. O. DEWITT.

Upper Hainesville, Dec. 31st.

FREDERICTON.—A few special services held in the early part of November were helpful in strengthening the faith of some who had been converted in the revival conducted by Rev. Messrs. Hunter and Crossley, and of leading others to a decision who had been deeply convicted during that interesting season. The church has been strengthened and helped in many ways and we have the best reasons at the beginning of this new year to thank God and take courage. With one exception we have had baptism and additions to the church for the last ten Sabbaths. The names of those baptized are as follows:

On Nov. 3rd, James Chase, Hatheway Cosman, Jepson London. On Nov. 10th, Harry Prebble, Vernon Matthews, Harold Smith, Alma Stephenson, Evelyn Gardner. On Nov. 17th, Matthew Tennant, Herbert McDonald, Mrs. Albert Barker, Mrs. S. J. Kenny (of Oromocto), Susan Clair, Ada DeLong. On Nov. 25th, Allie Yerxa, Lillie McKenzie, Lottie McKenzie, Laura Kitchen, Clara Kitchen, Bertie Smith, May Dorcas, Annie Brewer, Mrs. David Bailey. On Dec. 1st, Harry Burden, Jessie Sharp, Annie Rice, Lucy Booker, Lois Hall. On Dec. 8th, William Lynch, Mrs. Elias Todd, Jessie McKilgour. On Dec. 22nd, Emma Merriethew, (of Keswick). On Jan. 5th, Chester Hayward. Bro. Whitfield Cosman has been received by letter from the St. John church.

F. C. HARTLEY.

H. M. REPORTS.—R. V. F. C. Hartley, Dear Bro.:

I send you a report of my work under the direction of Home Mission Executive. I went to Upper Gagetown the 13th of October, and found the cause of Christ very low. I held twenty-two meetings; the church was revived, and I think seed was sown that will bring forth fruit to the honor and glory of God. The reason I did not report then was because I didn't see accomplished what I hoped for. I now report my work in the First District. I arrived at Bath, Nov. 23rd. I found the cause very low, and did not know where to begin special work, as it was very much different from what I expected to find it. Under God's direction I started prayer-meetings at Bumfrah and Upper Kent. Bath had kept up a week night prayer meeting; Lower Perth had not started one yet. The school services are well attended in these four churches, and things look well for a general revival on this field. I have commenced services at Upper Kent, and with good result. The faithful few have been strengthened and one (Mrs. John Bloodworth) has been baptized. We are praying for an outpouring of God's spirit upon us, and that every thing that would hinder the good work begun may be removed. I have held thirty-eight services in the different churches up to date. I am moving among the people all the time. Brethren, pray for me.

S. J. PERRY.

Bath, C. Co., Dec. 22nd, 1895.

"This is the time for renewals. Send yours, please."

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HOME MISSIONS.

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S. W. CLARKE.

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St. John, Dec. 31st. 1895.

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the treatment did not do me any good, and I was steadily growing weaker and weaker. I was unable to go upstairs without having to sit down and rest when I got there, and the pain in my side became more and more intense. I kept wasting away and lost all interest in life, and at last was so low that recovery was not expected. At this juncture my mother saw an article in a newspaper relating the cure of a young lady whose case was almost identical with my own, and whose cure was due to Dr. Williams' Pink Pills, and this prompted a trial of that medicine. By the time a couple of boxes were used there was a feeling of improvement and I continued using the Pink Pills until I had taken nine boxes, all the time gaining rapidly, until now I feel that I have recovered my old time health. I can now walk a long distance without being tired, and I am no longer troubled with that terrible pain in my side. My appetite has returned and I can now eat almost as much as any member of the family. I know that had I not begun taking Pink Pills I would not have lived much longer."

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Marriages.

NORTHROP-GAMBLIN.—On the 25th ult., at Abram Northrop's, Snider Mountain, Kings Co., by Rev. A. H. McLeod, Edwin Northrop and Prudence Gambelin.

ATKINSON-SMITH.—At Centerville, Cape Island, N. S., Dec. 18th ult., by Rev. J. W. Smith, Mr. Ezra Atkinson and Miss Amy Smith, both of Cape Island.

SMITH-CHASE.—At Stony Island, Dec. 24th ult., by Rev. J. W. Smith, Mr. John Smith and Miss Ida Chase, both of Cape Island, N. S.

MOTT-BELYEA.—At the bride's home, Belyea's Cove, on Dec. 31st, by Rev. C. B. Lewis, Mr. Bradbury N. Mott and Miss Mary Belyea, both of Wickham, Queens County.

SEAMAN-MEHAN.—In Moncton, on the 1st inst., by Rev. Dr. McLeod, Samuel A. Seaman and Mary Mehan, both of Moncton.

DUNFIELD-BURLOCK.—At the residence of the bride's father, on the 1st inst., by Rev. Gideon Swin, John H. Dunfield and Mary A. Burlock, both of Cornhill, K. Co.

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BRANSCOMB-COATES.—At the residence of the bride's father, on the 2nd inst., by Rev. Gideon Swin, Wallace Branscomb, and Mary J. Coates, both of Cornhill, K. Co.

DUNHAM-FONSELL.—At the residence of Isaac Bonnell, father of the bride, on the 24th Dec., by Rev. G. W. Foster, Samuel Dunham and Carrie L. Bonnell, both of Westfield, Kings Co.

FLOWER-OSBURN.—At the Free Baptist parsonage, Fredericton Junction, on the 2nd inst., by the Rev. O. N. Mott, Joseph Flower to Annie M. Osburn, of Charlott. Co.

Deaths.

WICKINS.—At Centerville, Cape Island, N. S., Mrs. Wickins, aged 84 years.

SMITH.—At Anagnance Station, Dec. 22nd, 1895, Arthur Stanley, infant son of William and Martha Smith.

GIDEON SWIN.

TUCKER.—At Marysville, Jan. 2nd, of consumption, Solomon Tucker, aged 27 years, leaving a widowed mother and three brothers to mourn their loss. His remains were taken to Fredericton Junction and interred in the Free Baptist burying ground. Funeral services by the writer, assisted by the Rev. Mr. Lodge (Methodist).

O. N. M.

MCCULLY.—At Anagnance, K. Co., Dec. 24th, Mary Jane McCully, wife of Howard McCully, aged 27 years. The writer preached a funeral sermon in connection with her death, in the Free Baptist church at Peteticadie, Dec. 29th.

GIDEON SWIN.

BROWN.—At Corn Hill, K. Co., Dec. 28th, Alice, beloved wife of Lawson Brown, aged 33 years, leaving a husband, seven children, a mother, three brothers and two sisters, and a number of relatives and friends to mourn their loss. Sister Brown was a good woman, respected and beloved by all who knew her. For her to live was Christ, and to die was gain. She died in the faith of Jesus, and has entered into rest. Her funeral, which was very largely attended, was conducted by the writer, Dec. 30th.

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