

March Payments.

A considerable number of subscriptions expire this month. We hope to have renewals for another year from them all. Will they do us the favour of sending them at the earliest possible date?

An Ottawa Letter.

The weather has been lovely the whole month. But the prophets are out with their predictions for sweeping March storms. They may come; but it will be time enough to button up coat and pull down cap when they arrive. How many rob themselves of present joys by anticipating sorrows. The calm and beautiful day, to them, is but a "weather-breeder," and the night, with its hush and its splendor of moon and sky, is made portentous by the ring they discover around the old luminary.

Times here are with some, festive and gay; balls on a large scale are of frequent occurrence, and parties for those of less pretensions are numerous. As Lent is near they are holding high carnival.

But alas! even here, where many thousands are paid monthly by the government, and much festivity abounds, the gaunt spectre of want stalks around, and many have to be fed and clothed. The Associated Charities are doing well, and the people here, civic and Governmental, are responding well. Mayor Bingham has donated his salary and much more to the wants of the people. The fund for the relief of famine-stricken India is, also, large here, and is still growing.

A word about the INTELLIGENCER. It is to be seen at the Y. M. C. A. reading room, also at the House of Commons reading rooms, and then your Correspondent reads it eagerly and regularly. He feels, though, that he is not doing what he should to aid its growth. If the members of the denomination it speaks for do not contribute liberally to its support, we cannot expect to see its circulation grow as it should, and it consequently will not find its way to homes, that need the presence of its grace and culture. Enclosed find the price of paper for one year, which send to the address on enclosed slip.

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General Religious News.

—Secretary Baer, of the Christian Endeavour Executive, says there is not now any probability that as was feared, the next International Convention will be changed from San Francisco to Philadelphia.

—The Young Men's Christian Association has recently celebrated its thirtieth anniversary. Its membership is now 263,298. Thirty years ago there was not a single building owned by the Associations. Now there are 315, valued at \$16,759,800. Last year the expenditures for carrying on their work amounted to \$2,296,441. They have 495 gymnasiums, 799 reading-rooms, 355 educational classes, with 12,886 students, and 762 Bible-training classes. Among the Indians there are 43 Associations, 61 among Negroes, 108 for railroad men, and 480 for college students.

—The Disciples of Christ have made considerable progress in Australia. At their recent Annual Conference in Victoria, 86 churches were represented by 110 delegates, and the reports showed a membership of 5,150, which was, however, a slight decrease from the preceding year. Education, Sunday school reports, and Missions were considered, and a prohibition resolution was adopted by it. In South Australia the Disciples have 26 churches, with 2,641 members, and 18 schools, with 184 teachers and 2,072 pupils. In New South Wales the preaching force at Sydney has been strengthened and many conversions are reported. The large emigration from the other colonies to West Australia and South Africa, partly the result of financial stringency, has taken with it many Disciples; and wherever they have gone they have founded churches—several in West Australia, and one, at least, at Johannesburg.

—In its review of the condition of the Society of Friends "The American Friend" finds that the number of members in the fourteen American Yearly Meetings increased 2,278 during the last year, making the present whole number 90,436; while in all the rest of the world outside of America there are 19,863 Friends, making a total of 110,299. Aside from the Philadelphia Yearly Meeting, of which no report is at hand, there are in Great Britain and America, 1,618 enrolled ministers, 1,932 regularly established meetings, and 988 Bible schools, with a total enrollment of 87,003; while Friends are maintaining 19 mission stations in Japan, China, India, Madagascar, South Africa, Syria, and Turkey, 7 in Mexico, 8 among the American Indians, 2 in Jamaica, and 2 in Alaska, with 118 resident missionaries and 4,004 members, 925 of whom are included in the numbers already cited. The reports of the various missionary

organizations and committees given in the American meetings show that \$30,311 was spent in the maintenance of this mission work in 1895.

Home Religious News.

—A new Methodist church is to be erected at Mill Village, N. S.

—Five converts were baptized in the Main St. Baptist church, St. John by Rev. Mr. Gordon, Sabbath evening.

—Large congregations are attending the meetings in Sackville led by Messrs Crossley and Hunter, and the religious interest is said to be steadily increasing.

—Revs. Messrs Phillips, Chapman and Rutledge, pastors, respectively, of the Free Baptist, Methodist and Baptist churches in Woodstock have begun a series of union evangelistic meetings.

Denominational News.

MARYSVILLE, N. B.—Two converts were baptized by the pastor, Rev. J. T. Parsons, on Sunday 21st ult.

SUSSEX.—Rev. B. H. Nobles has for the past few Sundays preached special sermons to professing Christians as to their duty and privilege; these services have been very instructive and the pastor will now change from directing Christians as to how they should walk and more particularly address those who are not members of any church. The subject for next Sunday's discourse will be "The Unanswered question." Collection will be taken for the "India Famine Fund."

—Sussex Record.

S. S. CONVENTION.—We have received from bro. W. H. Heine, Secretary, a report of the Sixth District S. S. Convention. The substance of what is contained in the report appeared in the letter from Rev. E. S. Parker, published last week. We, therefore, print only such parts as were not mentioned in bro. Parker's letter. The Convention was held on the 17th ult. There was an afternoon and an evening session. The first service—a praise service—was led by Rev. G. F. Currie. Bro. Gideon McLeod is President of the Convention. Twenty-five schools were reported; sixteen of them by delegates, and nine by pastors. The schools are in a flourishing condition. A resolution recommending the use of a temperance pledge and one against the use of tobacco, in each school, was adopted. The number of signatures and the pledges is to be reported at the next session. A committee of four was appointed to visit such schools as have been closed for the winter, and endeavour to have them reopened, and kept open all the year. Bro. Weyman read a paper on "What will the Bible and the S. School do for us?" The verdict of all who attend the session was that "it was good to be there."

FROM REV. C. T. PHILLIPS.—If I like to read denominational news, I ought to be willing to give others the same pleasure, by adding my quota. I had two services at Riley Brook V. Co., some time ago; and when I came home I found my thoughts going back again, and I could not rest until I had made arrangements for supply in my own church, and then I started back to Riley Brook. At Bath bro S. J. Perry boarded the train, en route for Arthurville. I was glad to see him, and when we reached Perth, bro. Perry took his horse, and we drove through the pelting storm to Arthurville that night, reaching bro. Price's at 10 p. m.

The next morning we called at bro. Joshua Giberson's. Bro. Giberson is fairly well, for a man of his years, but "Aunt Lucy" is evidently nearing "Home." She feels that her work is over, and her faith and hope are strong. Her love for the church of Christ is as strong as ever, and very fervently did she pray for its prosperity. I bade her good-bye, feeling that I would not see her again, until we reach the home above.

Bro. Perry, who visits the Arthurville church monthly, baptized four persons there. Bro. Cambers' son drove me to Riley Brook, while bro. Perry remained at Arthurville to baptize. We stopped all night at bro. Sadler's, where we were kindly entertained. In the evening I had a pleasant call at bro. Flanders'.

The next day we went on to Riley Brook, calling on the way at Mr. Everett's, who showed us much kindness. At Riley Brook, we held several meetings, and reorganized the church. The church is small in numbers, and yet few churches have better material. Bro. Isaac Gaunce and wife, so well known to many readers of this paper, are rejoicing in what they have so long worked, and prayed for, a revival of religion in their midst. My heart went out to those people of God, as I learned their story. There was a time when their nearest neighbor was fifteen

miles away. But they took their Bible and their faith in God with them into the wilderness, and now they have a comfortable home, a good farm and hosts of friends, who honour them for their faithfulness. Bro. Gaunce's youngest son and his wife, are with them, and their kindness to God's children will not be without its reward. The eldest son, Amos, lives on the farm adjoining, his wife was quite ill when I was there. Her mother (Mrs. Ganter) is as well known to the older ministers as any of the old ministers are known to the churches. She lived for many years in Carleton and St. John, and many there will remember her wonderful gift in prayer and testimony. She lives in this town at present, with her son, but her health is very much broken, her memory is about gone, and she remembers but one name clearly, and that name is Jesus her Saviour.

I met at their home, at Riley Brook, Mr. and Mrs. Howard, who showed much kindness to us. They are a great help to the little church. I met old, tried friends at the same place, bro. Samuel Hayden and wife, who moved from Pembroke last fall. They have not "pitched their tent towards Sodom," I believe, but have been very directed in their choice of a home. Bro. Hayden has a beautiful farm, two hundred acres of interval, all cleared. As he lives handy to good markets he will do well financially. I have no doubt; and, as he and his wife are serving God and looking for His blessing, they are sure to prosper.

I met others whom the readers of this paper do not know, but I learned to love them for Jesus' sake. I left bro. Perry in charge, and he baptized four candidates, who joined the church. Bro. Perry was a comparative stranger to me when we started up the Tobique together, but we are warm friends now, for our friendship was made, where the best friendships of earth are made, in meetings where the power of the Lord is made manifest.

I am hoping bro. Perry will be able to give Riley Brook church some labour this year. Another year a strong and devoted young man must be sent to the Tobique River. A man needs to go there and stay until he won't want to leave them. Oh God, send for Thy sake, Thine own man to Thine own field.

A young man, named Millen, held a number of meetings at Riley Brook. God used him, and he did good. I met him at bro. Cambers' for a couple of hours, and expected to see him again, but did not. He was a member of a Free Baptist church in Lowell, Mass., or Lewiston Me., I have forgotten which. I do not think he holds license from any church. I hope some of our brethren will see him, and help him. If God used him in one place, He can in other places.

I thought I would tell you about our own church, but I have not time now. We have good prayer meetings, good Endeavour meetings, good Sunday school, good congregations. Come and see, and hear for yourselves.

C. T. PHILLIPS.

DONATION.—A large number of our friends from Corn Hill and Petticoe had met at the Parsonage on Friday evening, Feb. 19th, to make us a donation. The ladies provided a nice supper, which, of course, we all enjoyed very much. Henry Branscomb was chosen chairman and Abram Saunders, Secretary of the meeting. The chairman, in a neat speech, presented me with \$33.00 in cash and useful articles. May God bless these kind friends. The lines have fallen to us in pleasant places. The evening was pleasantly spent in listening to some fine musical selections and an address from the pastor. In closing all sang "God be with you till we meet again."

GIDEON SWIM.

FROM REV. S. J. PERRY.—When I last wrote I was holding meetings at Bath. We did not see as much accomplished as desired, but there has been a marked change in the church. I organized an A. C. F. Society, and it is helping the young people very much. I then went to Arthurville and assisted bro. Millen in revival, and baptized five and received them into the church; I also organized an A. C. F. society, which is promising to be a great strength to the church. I went from there to Riley Brook; bro. C. T. Phillips got there a little ahead of me; we spent Saturday night, Sunday and Monday night, and reorganized the F. O. B. church, with a membership of five, and I added seven more, three of them by baptism. A number of others manifested a desire to be Christians, and I think will be baptized when opportunity offers. I came home and attended my regular appointments on Sunday, and was with bro. A. G. Downey two nights at Connell. Then I went to Birch Ridge, V. Co., to assist Deacon Geo. Camber in revival meetings; they did not result as we

hoped, there were none baptized, nor was a church organized; but we hope for the future. There is something that I cannot understand that is when people have professed to believe unto salvation and refuse to be baptized; I cannot harmonize their experience with Christ's teaching and example. I am home this week. We had our Parish S. S. Convention at Beechwood on Monday, and it was largely attended. Rev. A. L. Loria, the Field Secretary, was with us, and Riva Lenage, Noble, A. Giberson and S. J. Perry, and a number of local workers; it was a grand success. The S. S. Schools are doing good work in my field, there are six evergreen schools, and we are looking for additions as a result of so much concerted effort. I have been very highly favoured with the company of Father Noble this week; he is going to be with me to-morrow; he and Elder John Perry are at the Parsonage today, and they are as young in spirit as they were 50 years ago. Two remarkable men for their age, one 82 and the other 76. May the Lord spare them many more years for work and counsel in my prayer.

S. J. PERRY.

Fath., C. Co., Feb. 27.

The Legislature.

MONDAY.—Mr. Osman presented the petition of Alma Baptist church members in favor of the passage of a prohibitory liquor law.

Mr. Paulin introduced a bill to establish the shiretown of Gloucester in the parish of Caraque; Mr. Dunn, a bill changing the boundaries of the city of St. John in the parish of Simonds.

Mr. Scovil presented the petition of Alexander McLeod and 98 others, praying for an increase of subsidy to the Havelock and St. John railway.

Mr. Speaker said as the petition involved the expenditure of money the honorable member would have to lay it before the executive government.

Mr. Johnson made the following statement:—I have been informed that the office of registrar of probates and police and stipendiary magistrate for the county of Kent is about being filled by a gentleman from the county of Charlotte. I want to inform the government that I protest against the appointment of any person to the office unless he is a rate-payer and resident of the county of Kent.

Mr. White committed a bill amending the act to revise and codify an act providing for the division of the province into counties, towns and parishes, and to better define the bounds of the parish of Upham. Bill agreed to.

TUESDAY.—Mr. Osman presented a petition from Albert county asking for the establishment of a separate county court district for the county of Albert.

The speaker said he would have to rule the petition out of order as not coming within the competency of this house.

Dr. Stockton made his motion to refer to the public accounts committee the report of the public works and all accounts of the great road and bridge service, together with all tenders for work or material supplied or to be supplied, and all papers relating to said works, and that the committee have power to send for persons and papers and to examine witnesses under oath. Dr. Stockton said he thought the proposal contained in the resolution was a reasonable one.

Mr. Tweedie said the motion asks that all accounts of the great roads and bridges expenditure during the fiscal year be referred to the committee of accounts. There has been already a resolution passed referring such account to the committee of public accounts. He took the point that the motion is entirely out of order.

After considerable discussion the speaker ruled that the resolution is out of order.

WEDNESDAY.—The time for introduction of private bills was extended till Wednesday next, March 3.

Dr. Stockton introduced a bill authorizing the city of St. John to make a grant towards the erection of a public library building; Mr. White, a bill incorporating the Hampton & St. Martins Railway Company; Mr. Howe, authorizing the York county council to exempt certain industrial establishments from taxation; Mr. Lockhart, incorporating the W. C. T. U. of Carleton, St. John; Mr. Emmerson amending the highway act of last year; Mr. Black authorizing the city of Fredericton to issue debentures to provide for an electric fire alarm and other purposes.

Mr. Wells presented the petition of the officers of the provincial W. C. T. U. in favor of compulsory attendance of children at school.

Mr. Wells presented the petition of the board of school trustees of Moncton that the present school law be amended to make attendance at school compulsory.

Dr. Stockton gave notice of the following motion:—

Resolved, That an humble address be presented to his honor the lieutenant governor praying that his honor may be pleased to cause to be laid before the house copies of all tenders received and contracts entered into between the chief commissioner of public works or any member of the executive government, or any officer representing or acting for the chief commissioner or any member of the executive government, and any person or persons or body corporate for the construction of any public work or service for or on account of which any public money was paid during the fiscal year ending October 31, 1896, not, however, including expenditures on permanent bridges under act of assembly 50th Victoria, chapter 3.

Mr. White committed a bill to consolidate and amend the law relating to county courts. Progress was reported.

THURSDAY.—Mr. Tweedie introduced a bill amending the N. B. joint stock companies act of 1893; Mr.

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Marriages.

PINKNEY-CROCKER.—At the residence of the bride's father, Plymouth, N. S. on the 18th ult., by Rev. A. W. C. R. R., William Pinkney and Agnes M., eldest daughter of Dennis and Isabella Crocker.

HARRIS-THORNTON.—At Woodstock, on the 11th Feb., Mr. Frank Harris, and Miss Lucretia Thornton, of Lower Southampton, York Co.

Deaths.

WEST.—At Centreville, Feb. 18, of pneumonia, Blanche Marguerite, aged six weeks, beloved child of Mr. and Mrs. Edward L. West.

KENNY.—At Richmond, on the 22nd Feb., Mr. Enoch Kenny, aged 80 years. Bro. Kenny was baptized by Elder Pennington, and was for years a member of the Third Tier Free Baptist church. About twenty-five years ago he moved to Richmond. Few men have left a better record than bro. Kenny. His word was as good as his bond, and his influence was ever on the right side. To his widow, and children and grand-children he has left the heritage of a good name. His funeral was held at Third Tier, Rev. C. T. Phillips officiating. Com.

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Take notice that there will be sold at Public Auction in front of the office of D. McLeod Viner, Barrister-at-Law on King Street in the Town of Woodstock in the County of Carleton in said Province of New Brunswick, on Monday the twenty-second day of March next at the hour of Eleven of the clock in the forenoon, the following lands and premises, namely: A certain piece of land and premises situate, lying and being in the Parish of North Lake in the County of York and Province aforesaid and bounded as follows: Beginning at the head of the Tel. River Stream at the North East angle of lot number twenty-six granted to Patrick Dinan Sr., thence along the side line of said lot sixteen rods or to the west side of road leading to saw mill thence along the south west side of said road to the south west corner of bridge on road leading to saw mill, thence in a southwesterly direction along the centre of a certain ravine nine and one half rods to a fir bush thence west seven rods and six feet to Dinan's line, thence along said line to the south side line of said lot and thence east until it strikes Eel River and thence down the thread of said stream to the place of beginning containing four and a half acres more or less, being a part of said lot number twenty-six decided by Patrick Dinan Sr., to Janet Dinan and William, bearing date the second day of July A. D. 1872, together with all the buildings and improvements thereon.

The above sale will be held under and by virtue of a Power of Sale contained in a certain Indenture of Mortgage bearing date the fifth day of December A. D. 1894 and made between the said John E. Hawks and Clara Hawks his wife of the one part, and the undersigned John Kennedy of the other part which said mortgage is Registered in the office of the Registrar of Deeds for the said County of York in Book X number four on pages 418, 419, 414, and 416, defaults having been made in the payment of the moneys thereby secured. Dated this thirteenth day of January A. D., 1897.

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Feb. 27, '97.

The Treasurer of this fund has good reason to hope that, during the first week in March he will receive enough to close up this matter. We are doing well, and may rejoice together.

G. A. H.