are begging that a pastor or an evangelist may be sent them, people, too, who stand their ground in the midst of severe persecutions. He names several Departments in which this is trne. We note that for the most part they are rural. He makes mention of a great movement, which he asserts exists, toward light and liberty on the part of priests, many of whom have sacrificed all their worldly prospects in order to confess the truth in its power and simplicity; and he gives the names of distinguished men who have left the Roman Catholic Church.

Home Religious News.

—The week of prayer was observed in this city by the Presbyterian, Methodist, Baptist and Free Baptist churches. Four union meetings were held.

—A deputation of the English Society for the promotion of Christianity among the Jews is to visit St. John.

—General Booth is expected to be in St. John January 18th. A mass meeting will be held in the Centenary church, at which Governor McClelan will preside. Gen. Booth will spend two or three days in St. John, inspecting the Salvation Army work and conferring with the officers.

Denominational News.

HARTLAND-BRIGHTON.— I have been reminded by interested ones that I have not written anything for some time for the denominational news department, and have been requested to report myself. I will do so to-day.

After a year out of regular work, but not a year of idleness, and everything else but a vacation, I accepted a call to the Hartland-Brighton pastorate, and entered upon my duties Oct 16th. My headquarters are at Hartland, where I have found a very comfortable home at the Commercial Hotel, of which bro. A. W. Rideout is manager. A Free Baptist hotel is a good place for a preacher, so good that the Methodist pastor (also a bachelor) finds a lodging place beneath its roof. It is certainly pleasant to have a preacher for a fellow boarder. Of course we do not agree in everything, but we are brethren in every sense of the word.

A few words about Hartland itself. I met some folks recently who thought Hartland was a "way back" place. There may be others with such notions I take pleasure in assuring them that Hartland is an up to date town, possessing two good hotels, a fire department, water works, brass band, a bank several large, well stocked stores, and three commodious and comfortable churches, with daily mails and good train services. So much for the place.

Our church interest here is not all that I could wish. We were once the largest and strongest body, but the seed of discord was sown a few year since, and it has produced a bountiful harvest of divison and strife; but I believe we are holding our own and, I hope, a little more. The place is growing; we are in the midst of a Free Baptist section of the county, people are moving in, and if those who come here of our faith only be loyal the cause will revive and be built up. I would not leave the impression that we are the weakest body here, far from it, we are as strong as any, but I assure you that is nothing to boast of. Three churches here, and all struggling for an existence, is not a very inspiring sight. I had been informed before coming here that our church was about dead, but I can tell you we are a very lively church for a "dead" one. We have a few brothers and sisters who have nailed Free Baptist colors to the mast head; we were first here, and they mean that the first to come shall be the last to leave. I guess that is pretty nearly a scriptural quotation.

Of the rest of the field, it may be said that everything is in fairly good shape. Lower Brighton which, like Hartland, got badly divided is on its feet again, and so far as I can learn, is about as strong as ever. All over the pastorate there is harmony and unity among the brethren.

Rev. E. B. Grey has paid me two visits, preaching for me and otherwise giving a lift. One is always stronger, and never weaker, among his people after a visit from Bro. Grey. I have also, enjoyed visits from Revs. John Perry and J. J. Barnes. I have been so busy, I have not had time to return their fraternal visits, but I am going to see you, brethren, some day.

I must say a word of my predecessor, Rev. J. N. Barnes. He was here two years, and did much for the field as a whole. I trust that when I shall close my pastorate here I shall leave behind me as many who shall remember me with love and tenderness, and that as the months go by there will be as many blessings implored for me as for this brother, and that the denominational paper will be scanned for news of me as it is for news of him to day. It is good to follow in the footsteps of a good man. May the Lord's blessing rest upon him in his new field of labor.

J. B. DAGGETT.

Hartland, N. B.
Jan. 4th, 1898.

MIDLAND, K. Co.—On the evening of New Years day a very pleasant time was spent in the church at Midland. The Sunday School gave a concert in which each piece in the following programme was well rendered :—

Music, by choir; Recitation, by Helen Price; Recitation, by Sadie Folkins; Music, by choir; Recitation by Bertie Gray; Recitation, by Ada Folkins; music, by choir; Recitation, by Katie Gray; Singing, by the little children; Recitation, by Annie Cosman; Music, by choir; Recitation, by Edna Cosman; Recitation, by Julia Case; Music, by choir; Recitation, by Lyde Case; Recitation, by Helen Price; Music, by choir. Following the programme were encouraging speeches by Dr. Price, of St. John, Mr. Marven and others. Then came the distribution of a treat to each one of the children, from a well laden and finely arranged Christmas tree, which brought a successful and profitable New Year's sacred concert to a close. The pastor, Rev. G. F. Currie, was not forgotten. On the tree was a bag for him, containing $11.50 Bro. G. W. Sharp presided, and to him and Mrs. Abner Sherwood and Miss Helen Price much praise is due fer the good entertainment provided.

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ST. JOHN, WEST. — The Carleton church is unitedly and perseveringly working away in its usual manner. Everything is quite and peaceable yet not the quiet of the grave yard. All branches of our work are being carried along aggressively and harmoniously. The pastor's health continues to improve, while he enjoys his work, if possible, more than ever. Congregations at preaching services are large, and the spirit of the social meetings excellent and helpful. This church has never profited from such special services as "farewellings" and "inductions." When Bro. Noble, the first pastor, assumed charge such services were unknown amongst our people, and when the present incumbent was chosen pastor of the three St. John churches, he and his assistant were left to induct themselves and to work their way amongst the people of this city as best they could, without such help and "a good send off." Many changes and some improvements have taken place amongst us as a people during the last forty years. The Sunday School continues to prosper, and is doing good work. The attendance is large and is growing larger. Last Sunday the number, including scholars and teachers was 196. This was not a Christmas tree gathering, but an ordinary session of the School. The only Christmas trees the school had this year, were those two well filled trees for the poor, of which the INTELLIGENCER spoke last week by copying the 'Telegraph's' notice of that happy event. The Christian Endeavor Society, under the presidncy of Sister Jessie Slipp, is maintaining good interest and accomplishing its mission quite satisfactorily. Many of the young people are growing in grace and are working for "Christ and the church. The average attendance is about forty.

As has been his custom for many years, the pastor has preached another Christmas sermon and a Motto Sermon for 1898. The Christmas sermon, on the last Sabbath of the old year was from the Text, "We have seen his Star." Wise men still follow the Star or light that leads to Jssus. The Motto Sermon was preached on the first Sabbath of the new year. Motto. KEEP WARM; text "Yea he warmeth himself, and saith Aba I am warm. I have seen the fire" Isa. 44: 16. After an introduction describing the cold nature of sin and selfishness, and the warming power of regenerating grace and the spirit of holiness, the divisions were,—

I. HOW TO KEEP WARM. — (a) food, (b) exercise, (c) clothing.

II. TOWARDS WHOM TO KEEP WARM. — (a) Christ, (b) church, (c) family, (d) friends, (c) all men.

III. THE BENEFITS OF KEEPING WARM.—(a) comfort, (b) attactiveness, (c) large heartedness.

May we all keep warm, thus avoiding the chillness, stiffness, and hardness of sin and selfishness, and enjoying the pleasures and usefulness flowing from hearts all aglow with love for Jesus and all whom He loves, during this year 1898.

The Sewing Circle a social and financial institution of the church, held its annual business meeting last week. The Secretary-Treasurer, Mrs. A. C. Smith, read an excellent and highly satisfactory report, giving a detailed account of the year's work. There are twenty-five members enrolled, twenty-three of whom were present at this meeting. In two years these sisters have deposited, in the Saving's Bank $355.00, and have on hand some $25, or $30 worth of goods made up. Hearty votes of thanks were passed to the Secretary-Treasure and to Mrs. G. A. Hartley, the President, for the faithful way in which they had served the circle during the year. The election of officers for the ensuing year resulted in the choice of the following, Mrs G. A. Hartley. President, Mrs. D. W. Clarke, Vice President, Mrs. A. C. Smith Secretary Treasurer, Mrs. W. O. Slipp and Mrs. B. Kearney work committee. In spirit they resolved themselves into a committee of the whole, to do more for the church liquidation fund this year than ever before.

G. A. HARTLEY.

ST. JOHN, NORTH. — As we have entered upon a new year we review the past and plan for the future. The review shows that we need to confess neglected duties and opportunities. I feel that some of us ministers ought not to forget to pray for forgiveness for our neglect to make more prominent the INTELLIGENCER, and its value to those of our people who do not take it. I confess my neglect, and promise to do better. I know the editor is longsuffering and forbearing, or he would not allow so many to be so far in arrears. It is also a time of thanksgiving for mercies and blessings. One of the many blessings we ought to be thankful for is our denominational paper, the INTELLIGENCER, which comes to our homes every week, with news from our brethren and also with helpful teachings, which if carefully read will inspire the christian to better work in all departments of Christian life.

I have started upon this year realizing, as perhaps I never did before, my need of God's grace and the Holy Spirit's guidance to fit me for my master's work. My faith in the Bible as God's Book, in Christ Jesus as the Saviour of men, and in the Holy Spirit exalting the Father and the Son in the redemption of the world, is growing firmer and stronger, with correspondingly less confidence in myself. I am learning how true are the apostles words, 'When I am weak then am I strong."

I have visited about all the homes of the members of the church and congregation who attend the services. In becoming acquainted with the people of my charge—I find them very kind and courteous, and by many tokens of their friendship they have made us feel very much at home. The preaching services are well attended, as also, are the two week night prayer services. The Sunday school, under the superintendence of Bro. Cromwell, with his staff of officers and teachers, is doing good work. But better work could be done if there were more class rooms; the school is too much crowded. We have a Normal Class, which is very necessary, to the Sunday school workers, in their preparation for work; it is taught by Miss Vanwart, who is a model teacher; much interest is being manifested in the class work. There is a society in connection with this church, called the Earnest Workers. They are rightly named, and deserve credit for the way in which they are lessening the debt on the church property.

The Baptist, Free Baptist, and Methodist in this end of the city united in observing the week of prayer. I expect (D. V.) to continue some special services to our own church, after this week. Brethren pray for this church that God may manifest His power among us in strengthening christians, reviving thecareless, and saving the sinners. May the Lord abundantly bless all the pastorates. I wish the Editor and all my brethren a happy and prosperous year.

D. LONG.

Victoria St. St. John,
Jan. 6th, 1898.

CAMPOBELLO.—Interest is shown in the cause of Christ by the people of this Island. The regular work of the different departments of Christian work is continued. The seed of the "Word" is being sown, and we are praying that the blessing of God will attend our labour in the interest of His Kingdom.

The Sunday Schools are doing good work. A marked interest is manifested in this department. The School at Wilson's Beach held a concert Monday evening, Dec. 27th. Acting on the belief that Sunday School concerts should take up S. S. work, the programme was planned to give prominence to truths taught in the lessons of last quarter, and those especially relating to Christmas. This was done in the language of Scripture, song and verse, by the scriptural story of the child Jesus, a number of well selected recitations and three exercises—"Shining Stars," by 12 small girls, "God's Gifts of Love," by 9 boys, and "The Sisters of the Rainbow." The singing by the children, of The Palestine Song, as the Map was sketched on the Black Board, gave a review on the geography of the Holy Land. There was a good attendance and a general expression of satisfaction. The collection, amounting to $9.50, was given toward payment of church debt. On New Year's night, $31 28 was raised at supper for same purpose, at this place, Wilson's Beach. Since District Meeting there has been raised for this fund $115.10.

The A. C. F. Society has elected as officers, Mr. Charles Hilyard, President; Miss Lena Newman, Secretary; Miss E. B. Ludlow, Treasurer. The different committees were also appointed, and we are praying and hoping for a good year.

We hardly ever see any of our brethren here; to see them we have to leave the island: but we trust we have their prayers. Bro. Harvey came in with us at North Roads one Sabbath. His visit was cheering and helpful.

DAVID PATTERSON.

Jan. 4th, 1897.

SUSSEX. — The Free Baptists are about to erect a residence for their pastor on a lot adjoining their church lot. A committee was appointed this afternoon to carry out the work.—Cor. Daily Sun.

SHELBURNE QUARTERLY MEETING. —The Shelburne Co. Q. M. convened with the Shag Harbour church. Tuesday evening was devoted to a welcome and social meeting. Wednesday morning a good praise and testimony service was enjoyed. In the evening the C. E. Meeting proved a rich blessing to many present. Thursday morning was devoted to an experience meeting. At 1.30 p. m. the business meeting was opened. Minutes were read and approved. The treasurer's report was adopted, after being audited by bro. A. Trefrey. The clerk was re-elected. Revs. G. M. Wilson and William Miller and bro. Jer. Atwood were appointed a programme committee. The usual Q. M. privileges were extended to Rev. G. E. Sturgis of the Yarmouth Co. Q. M. Rev. Wm. Miller reported his non-attendance of that Q. M., which he regretted very much. He was re-appointed with power of substitution. Rev. G. E. Sturgis, being called upon reported the Yarmouth Co. Q. M.

Reports were heard from the following churches: Port La Tour, Barrington, Woods Harbour, Shag Harbour, Bear Point, South Side and Centreville.....A vote of thanks was passed to the church and pastor and all who aided in any way in making the meeting a success. On motion to adjourn the meeting closed with prayer..... At 3 p. m. a helpful Sunday School Convention was held. Opened with singing and prayer. Rev. William Miller was the president of the meeting, and proved an able teacher of the lesson for the occasion. Other speakers also took part. In the evening the clerk preached, after which an inspiring evangelistic service followed.

G. M. WILSON,
Q. M. Clerk.

MINISTERS.—Rev. O. N. Mott's P. O. address is Hoyt Station, S. Co. Bro. Mott has been ill, but is now better.

Rev. Jas. Billington has resigned the charge of the First Barrington, N. S. church, the resignation to take effect in a few weeks. He intends returning to Quebec, where he formerly laboured.

Rev. C. T. Phillips has not been very well lately. He is carrying on his work, however, hoping to be better soon.

Rev. F. C. Hartley suffered from a severe cold last week, and preached only once on Sabbath.

FROM REV. E. CROWELL.—The Cedar Lake Branch of the Beaver River, N. S., church was organized independently last Monday, Jan. 3rd, as the Cedar Lake and Springfield F. B. church. Deacon's Harvey Perry and Jacob Bethune were present to assist in organizing. Bro. Jacob Ellis was appointed deacon, Bro. Warley Porter, clerk, Bro. Albert Porter Treasurer. A ministerial committee was appointed and also five trustees, under the provisions of the act of Incorporation.

At Port Maitland the Baptists, Reformed Baptists and Methodists are holding union services through the week of prayer.

The Sanford brethren are making preparations to repair their meeting house. All along the line the Free Baptists admit that duty calls them to "Hold the fort," and the blessing of God gives them courage.

The writer and his family have been abundantly remembered during the holiday, and would here express our thanks to the many kind friends who have ministered to our comfort.

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GEO. F. CURRIE.

THE TEMPLAR. — The 'Templar,' Hamilton, Ont, has passed into the hands of a joint stock compay—the newly organized "Templar Publishing Company." The paper, which was started by the Royal Templars of Temperance and which has been conducted by them for several years, has done excellent service in the cause of temperance and prohibition. The change of ownership will not change the character of the 'Templar,' except, perhaps, to free it from the charge of being specially devoted to one temperance organization, and to broaden its influence. Mr. Geo. Wrigley is the new editor, and Mr. S. H. Graham the business manager. Mr. W. W. Buchannan, under whose editorial management it became strong and influential, is connected with the company, but is devoting himself to other branches of the prohibitory work. We wish the 'Templar,' under the new management the largest success.

POLITICAL NEWS. — Jan. 22nd, is the date appointed for the election in Charlotte Co. So far there is but one candidate, J. D. Chipman.

The New Brunswick Legislature is to meet Feb. 10th.

It is understood that Judge Jette is to be Governor of Quebec and that the appointment will take effect some time this month.

PERSONAL. — Rev. Canon Roberts, of this city, has gone to Florida for a few weeks.

Hon. Geo. F. Foster was in the city last week.

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Denominational Notices.

HOME MISSION FUND.

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Treasurer of 3rd District for church Mouth Keswick..$3 47

J. W. CLARKE.
Treasurer.

St. John, Jan. 6th, 1898.

NOTICE.

The pastorate of the Yarmouth church will be vacant at the end of January, by the resignation of Rev. C. F. Cooper. The church would like correspondence with a minister with a view to a call.

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Marriages.

STEVENS-WIGGINS.—At Woodstock, on Christmas day, by Rev. C. T. Phillips, Perley Stevens, and Carrie Wiggins, of Hogston, Me.

MILLS-SMITH.—In this city, on the 5th inst, by Rev. Dr. McLeod, Asa E. Mills, of Burton, S. Co., and Minnie E. Smith, of the same place.

MALLORY-BURLOCK.—At the F. B. parsonage, on New Year's day, by the Rev. J. J. Barnes, Mr. Frank Mallory and Miss Emma Burlock, both of Gordonville, C. C.

FOWLER SHAW.—At 181 Waterloo St., St. John, on the 5th inst., by Rev. J. W. Clarke, Mr. W. A. Fowler, of St. John, to Miss Essie Tro p Shaw, only daughter of the late Rev. Jarvis Shaw, of Collina, K. Co.

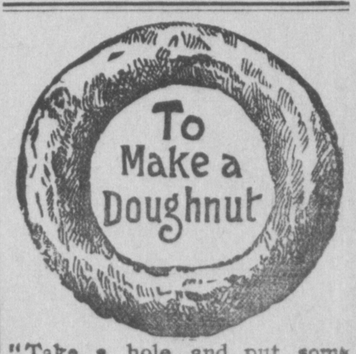
Deaths.

CAMPBELL.—At Norton Station, K. Co., Dec. 14th, 1897, Willie Campbell aged 17 years and 6 months. A few years ago our young brother professed religion and was baptized by Rev. D. Long. Through his lingering sickness he clung tenaciously to life and naturally wanted to live. But at the last he was resigned to God, bidding his friends farewell, and declaring, with much assurance, that he was going home to heaven.

G. F. C.

LEE. — At St. John, North, Dec., 19th, of consumption, Amelia Ida, aged 25 years, beloved wife of Forest Lee, leaving a loving husband and one little boy to mourn the loss of an affectionate wife and mother, also her father, Chas. W. Roberts, four sisters and one brother. Sister Lee united with the Victoria St. F. B. church when a young girl. She has now joined the church triumphant, where there is no more death. May the Lord sustain the sorrowing ones in their affliction.

D. L.



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