Denominational News.

FROM REV. J. NOBLE. — I suppose if I stop writing, whether I h ve anything to write or not, some of my friends will begin to think I have given up work altogether. But that is not so. Since I reported myself last, I have been to Upper Hampstead and Upper Gagetown. The first Sunday I was in Hampstead it snowed so hard that we could not go out. That week I got around as much as I could, considering the condition of the roads. I cannot break roads as I used to, nor get through s ow drifts as I once did. I got around to the most of the houses however. Sunday was fine though cold, we had a very good congregation, and I had a very good time talking to the people, who listened attentively, and then gave me a good collection. I do not go out much evenings, and once a Sunday is as much as I can preach and do myself justice. Monday afternoon was fine, and I left for Upper Gagetown, reaching brother Chase's a little before night. In the night it began to snow and blow, and it snowed and blew all the next day, blocking up the roads, stopping the mail, and all travelling until the last of the week. By Sunday the roads were so that the people could get out, and we had a very good congregation. There I met brother Gray, who went down the river a short time before I did ; he is going to remain in Upper Gagetown and Greenfield, and I hope the people in Upper Hampstead will come into the arrangement..... Monday morning it was fine, and I knew I would have a good road the most of the way, so I turned my face homeward again, getting there Wednesday evening. Feeling somewhat wearied I remained in the most of the time until Sunday morning went out to the morning meeting and enjoyed it much.

My visit, down river was, in one respect, very satisfactory, in another it was not so much so. I was glad to meet old friends again, who all seemed glad to see me ; but the cause is low, and this made me sad. There are some holding on their way, who will surely, come to Zoin with songs and everlasting joy on their heads.

A little accident occurred to me yesterday morning. I harnessed up to drive the children to school ; leaving them at the school, I started for Post Office getting on Maine St. as I made the turn, the shafts slipped off the hook, turning the sleigh, drew me over the side and dragged me a number of rods. I held on to the reins as long as I could ; had I let go I would not have been hurt at all, but holding on gave me a lively ride, not in a very pleasant position. When I got on my feet and got the snow off my face, so I could see, I found myself near the Post Office, surrounded by quite a number of friends, among them Mr. Milmore who with his horse and sleigh, took me back to my sleigh, and got my cap, which to this time I had been without, and then went with me to find my horse, which took some little time, for which I repeat my thanks to him I make this statement to let my friends know that I was not hurt as badly as might have been.

J. NOBLE.

Woodstock, Feb. 17th, 1898.

MINISTERS.—Rev. S. J. Perry, of Carleton Co. passed through this city last week enroute for St. John. He returned before Sunday. He reports the work on his field moving along quietly. The storms of the winter have made special work difficult.

Rev. J. A. Robertson was in the city last week. His health is better than a little while ago. He had no particular report of his pastorate. He intends soon to hold special meetings.

We hear that Rev. W. M. Knollin has accepted a call to the pastorate of the church at Caledonia, N. S.

Rev. G. W. Foster was in this city last Wednesday and Thursday. He is in good health and spirits. He reports the work in his field as moving along with a good degree of encouragement.

Rev. J. J. Barnes, in a private note, says: "I have nothing to say of the churches here, except that we are working away and have good reasons to feel encouraged. It has been a rough winter, but I have not missed an appointment, though I have not always found the people at the church when I reached it."

Cards are out announcing an interesting event in which one of the younger ministers will be a principal. March 2nd is the date mentioned.

A despatch in one of the St. John dailies, saying that Rev. Joseph Noble's horse had run away in Woodstock, and that he had been dragged a considerable distance, gave a shock to all his friends who saw it. They will be glad to read his letter in this issue, and to learn from it that he was not seriously injured, for which we all feel thankful.

Rev. A. Stoerger, who has been in St. John for about ten days, reports his health improved. It is, he says, his intention to be at Mouth Keswick the first Sunday in March.

GLENWOOD, N. S.—We have had a good revival at Glenwood. The church has been much helped, and sixteen converts have been baptized and united to the church. The special meetings have closed but others who started may go forward in baptism later.

J. W. FREEMAN

SUSSEX, N. B.—The Sussex church celebrated the twenty-second anniversary of its organization on Friday evening last. The programme as announced in last week's paper was carried out, with slight changes caused by the absence of Revs. C. T. Phillips F. G Francis and E. S. Parker. The ministers present were Rev. B. H. Nobles (pastor), Rev. Gideon Swim (Moderator), and Revs. G. A. Hartley, Jos. McLeod, J. W. Clark, G. F. Currie and D. Long. The absence of bro. Phillips was especially regretted, as he was the prime mover in the organization of the church. He had intended to be present and give a sketch of the rise and progress of this church, but was prevented by the illness of Mrs. Phillips. His place was taken by Rev. J. W. Clarke, who, on very short notice, did the part admirably. The following is but a brief summary of the historical sketch :

The church was organized at Roachville, about a mile and a half from where its edifice now stands by the Reverends Phillips, French and Shaw. This was on Feb. 18, 1876. There were earnest, active people, strong in the faith, and eager to run with patience the race set before them. They were under the efficient guidance of R. E. McLeod and G. L. Slipp as deacons—men always abounding in good works, who took up the labors of the church with Christian zeal and spirit and who with James McLeod as clerk, did worthily for the church. They have passed away by death, but surely their works do follow them.

In 1879 the present edifice was erected in the town of Sussex at a cost of $5,000.

Here the bread of life has been dispensed by faithful pastors, and year by year the church has grown and increased in strength and numbers.

The church came into existence under the pastoral labors of Rev. C. T. Phillips, who had pastoral care for 13 years, including three years before the organization of the church. He was followed by Rev. G. W. McDonald, who was pastor four years. Rev. F G. Francis succeeding him, but failing health obliged him to retire at the end of six months Rev. F. C. Hartley followed him, and remained one and a half years. Rev. A. M. McNintch came next, and was pastor one year. The present pastor, Rev. B. H. Nobles has been in charge five years. The other officers of the church are Messrs. J. Roach and J. E. Slipp, deacons, and Dr. J. A Burnett, Clerk.

During the past five years a mortgage of $1,900 has been lifted, and the church has been repaired at the expense of $400.

It is the youngest church in the town but is growing in strength, and will continue to grow.

Besides the historical sketch, Rev. G. A. Hartley spoke of The Mission of the Free Baptists ; and Rev. Jos. McLeod spoke of Religious Literature. The music was appropriate and good.

The audience room of the church was very attractive, the decorations being in excellent taste. There was a large audience present, representing not only the Free Baptist churches in the immediate vicinity, but also the churches of other denominations in the town. It was an interesting meeting, the good effects of which will remain. The money offering, amounting to something over $70.00, is to help in the erection of a parsonage A considerable amount has been subscribed, plans have adopted, and tenders for the building have been asked for. We congratulate the pastor and church on the success of the anniversary, and also that they are soon to have a good parsonage.

THE NEGRO'S GOD.—Bishop Turner, of the African Methodist Episcopal church, is no ordinary man, notwithstanding some marked peculiarities and extravagances of feeling and statement. A newspaper correspondent, signing himself "Bruce-Grit' recently charged the bishop with giving mulattoes the preference over negroes in various ways. The bishop indignantly denies the charge, and then goes on to tell what he thinks about the black people, of whom he is one. He says :

"We know that God dug this universe out of black and that black chaos reigned millions, billions, trillions, quadrillions and eons of years before God ever said, 'Let there be light' or Let there be white We believe God himself is a Negro ; and if 'Bruce-Grit' doesn't believe it he is an ass. I have no respect for any Negro who does not believe that the God he serves and worships is a Negro. I know that two-thirds of the American Negroes believe they look like the Devil because they are black, and the chief ambition of a large proportion of them in getting to Heaven is to be white ; and if 'Bruce-Grit' belongs to any Church at all, I suspect when he begins to sing 'Wash me whiter than snow, whiter than snow, wash me whiter than snow,' he becomes ecstatic and rapturous ; but here is a Negro that will sing no song nor use any adjective when preaching that will reflect upon his race."

AN OMISSION.—The name of Rev. F. G. Francis was, inadvertently, omitted from the acknowledgement, in last weeks paper, of a donation from friends at Petitcodiac and adjacent communities.

THE BLIND.—The Halifax School for the Blind has issued its twenty seventh Report—that for the year 1897. There were in the school last year 102 pupils, of whom 53 were from Nova Scotia, 27 from New Brunswick, 6 from P. E. Island, and 9 from Newfoundland. This Institution is evidently doing excellent work.

The Nova Scotia Legislature.

A bill to incorporate the N. S. Iron and Steel Co. passed its second reading. A number of companies have been incorporated for various purposes. Inverness is empowered to borrow money to pay railway damages.

With regard to the proposed Iron and Steel works at Sydney or Louisburg it is intended that the minimum capacity of the new works should be 75 000 tons per annum of pig iron. To produce that would require 150,000 tons of iron ore, 60,000 tons of limestone and 200,000 tons of coal the output of quite a large colliery.

The Compulsory Education Act is to be made more workable.

The Premier in answer to questions intimated that the Inverness and Richmond Railway Company have made application for subsidy for a line of railway from the Strait of Canso to Broad Cove. The government have decided to grant a subsidy to the company upon the usual terms.

Mr. E M McDonald introduced a bill to make certain changes as to the control of jails, asylums, &c.

The bill was referred to the Committee on law amendments.

A bill is before the legislature enabling the government to increase the subsidy to certain railways in connection with coal mines that are equipped sufficiently to raise a large quantity annually.

Mr. Wickwire, Kings Co., has introduced a bill in the legislature that deals with insurance matters. The measure proposes to compel fire insurance companies to eliminate from their policies those clauses which virtually leave the payment of the great majority of claims at the option of the policy makers.

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J. W. CLARKE,
Treasurer.

St. John,
Feb. 16th 1898.

NOTICE

The Yarmouth Free Baptist Quarterly meeting will convene with the church at Brooklyn, on Friday evening March 4th, and will continue until Sabbath evening.

W. C. WESTON,
Convener.

Marriages.

SEELYE-MORAY. — At Campo Bello, N. B. Feb. 11th, by Rev. D. Patterson, Norman Seelye to Sarah Moray, both of Campo Bello N. B.

Deaths.

WENTWORTH. — At Fairhaven Deer Island, N. B. Feb. 10th, of cancer. Thomas Wentworth, aged 73 years. Two sons and one daughter survive him.

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REV. W. A. DUNNETT.

From the Smith's Falls Record.

Throughout Canada, from the western boundary of Ontario to the Atlantic Ocean, there is no name more widely known in temperance and evangelistic work than that of the Rev. W. A. Dunnett. Mr. Dunnett has been the Grand Vice-Councillor of Ontario and Quebec in the Royal Templars, and so popular is he among the members of the order that in Montreal there is a Royal Templars council named "Dunnett Council" in his honor. For more than ten years Mr. Dunnett has been going from place to place pursuing his good work, sometimes assisting resident ministers, sometimes conducting a series of gospel temperance meetings independently, but always laboring for the good of his fellows. While in Smith's Falls a few months ago in connection with his work he dropped into the Record office for a little visit with the editor. During the conversation the Record ventured to remark that his duties entailed an enormous amount of hard work. To this Mr. Dunnett assented, but added that in his present physical condition he was equal to any amount of hard work. But it was not always so, he said, and then he gave the writer the following little personal history, with permission to make it public. He said that for the past thirteen years he had been greatly troubled with a pain in the region of his heart, from which he was unable to get any relief. At times it was a dull, heavy pain, at others sharp and severe. Oftentimes it rendered him unfit for his engagements, and at all times it made it difficult to move. His trouble was always visible to the public and frequently when conducting service he would give out and doctors had to be called in to attend him. This occurred to him in the Yonge street church, Carleton Place, Ont. On another occasion while preaching to an audience of 2,500 people in the Franklin Street Congregational church, at Manchester, N. H., five doctors had arrived and were in attendance before he regained consciousness. In all these cities and towns the newspapers freely mentioned his affliction at the time. Mr. Dunnett said he had consulted many physicians, though he said, to be entirely fair, he had never been any great length of time under treatment by any one doctor because of his itinerant mode of life. In the early part of the summer of 1896, while in Brockville assisting the pastor of the Wall street Methodist church in evangelistic services, he was speaking of his trouble to a friend who urged him to try Dr. Williams' Pink Pills, and next day presented him with a dozen boxes. "I took the pills" said Mr. Dunnett, "and I declare to you I am a well man to-day. I used to worry a great deal over the pain about my heart, but that is all done now, and I feel like a new man." All this the reverend gentleman told in a simple conversational way, and when it was suggested that he let it be known he rather demurred, because, as he put it, "I am almost afraid to say I am cured, and yet there is no man enjoying better health to-day than I do."

At that time at Mr. Dunnet's request, his statement was only published locally, but now writing under the date of Jan. 21st from Fitchburg, Mass. where he has been conducting a very successful series of evangelistic meetings, he says;—"I had held back from writings in regard to my health, not because I had forgotten, but because it seemed too good to be true that the old time pain had gone. I cannot say whether it will ever return, but I can certainly say it has not troubled me for months, and I am in better health than I have been for years. I have gained in flesh, hence in weight. I would prefer not to say anything about my appetite ; like the poor, it is ever with me. Yes ; I attribute my good health to Dr. Williams' Pink Pills, and you have my consent to use the fact.

Literary Notes.

"Inside figures" are always interesting, and the following are certainly some stricking ones about The Ladies' Home Journal. During 1897, 8,183,113 copies of this magazine were printed and so thoroughly sold that the latter-year issues are entirely out of print It consumes 2 434,362 pounds of paper in a year, and absorbs 30,902 pounds of ink. It runs 28 presses. The advertising columns contained $498,325 worth of advertising during the last year. The editors received 9290 manuscripts and less than one per cent. was accepted. The magazine employs 22 staff editors. 24 648 letters have been received and answered in the year by the editors of the correspondence columns. The Journal has over 15,000 active, working agents on the road getting subscriptions. It has educated 442 girls free of charge under its free educational plan. In a single day it has received as high as 18 000 subscriptions. 300 000 copies of the Journal are sold each month on the news stands alone—425,000 people subscribe for it by the year.

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