

than 2,500 dwellings, factories, stores and other buildings destroyed, entailing a loss estimated at \$10,000,000 and \$15,000,000, between 12,000 and 15,000 men, women and children homeless. Immense piles of lumber in both cities were to be ashes, their estimated value \$3,000,000. Among the mills destroyed were the extensive establishments, including the paper mill of E. J. & Co. Many fine residences in the cities were swept away, among them the home of Hon. Geo. E. Brown, most of whose furniture and household belongings went with the house. Some deaths are reported. Insurance is estimated to be about \$10,000,000. With so many people homeless, relief was needed. No one was the disaster known than the Canadian cities, some places in the United States, and from England. The Dominion Government gave \$100,000; the Ontario Government \$25,000; Lord Strathcona \$10,000; Bank of Montreal \$10,000; Governor General \$1,000, and generous gifts, in large and small amounts, from a host of people in many places. Messages of sympathy have been received from Queen, the Prince of Wales and others.

WAR NOTES

The war news for the past week is what meagre. The censorship of what has been strict, and a little official news has been given. There has been some fighting at points in the south-eastern region of the Free State. The Free State, which was well defended by his small force, was taken on Wednesday by Col. Bracken and his colonial troops. The Boers were driven off, and retreated toward. They numbered between one and five hundred.

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to him is General De la Rey, with a force at Warrenton estimated at from 6,000 to 8,000 men who have succeeded in holding Methuen at bay for three weeks.

Strathcona's horse and the first and second battalions of the second Canadian contingent had their baptism of fire in one of the engagements, under Gen. Pole-Carew, which led up to the relief of Wepener. The Canadians were exposed to a very heavy fire, but stood the strain admirably and drew forth high praise from General Frech for their coolness. There were no casualties among them.

A Bloemfontein despatch Thursday says, "Most satisfactory progress has been made in the accumulation of stores during the present week. The prospects of a general advance are more favorable."

Lord Roberts is keeping his plans of campaign very much to himself, with the result that the outside world knows absolutely nothing as to when his march to Pretoria will begin, or what route he proposes to take.

A Saturday Bloemfontein despatch says: "A cavalry reconnaissance twenty-five miles north-east encountered 400 Boers. The British drove them out of a kopje north of Karee."

"Our outposts are still harassed by moving commandoes. The enemy will certainly make a stand at Kroonstad, where they have constructed miles of trenches."

The destruction of the Begbie foundry at Johannesburg, which had been equipped as an arsenal for the manufacture of artillery and artillery ammunition, by the Pretoria Government is of importance, and is probably equivalent in result to decided victory for the British. The superintendent of the factory, a German, was injured, and a large number of skilled foreign laborers were killed and wounded. This factory was, according to a Pretoria despatch of a few days ago, turning out shells at the rate of three hundred a day. The Pretoria Government hopes to be able to re-establish its very soon.

The occupation of Dewets Dorp by the British was accomplished with a loss of one killed and 22 wounded.

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All the British women whose husbands left the country before or during the war, have been notified by the Boer authorities that they must leave the Transvaal. Another lot of Boer prisoners, numbering 1050, sailed from Capetown for St. Helena last week. St. Petersburg papers announce the departure for South Africa of a body of aeronauts to organize a military balloon service for the Transvaal. They took the necessary balloons and accessories with them.

General Sir Charles Warren, who was criticised in Lord Roberts' report on the operations preceding the relief of Ladysmith, has been appointed administrator of Bechuanaland, South Africa.

GENERAL RELIGIOUS NEWS.

The Free Church Highland Committee offered to provide a Gaelic-speaking chaplain for the Highland troops in South Africa, and the offer was at once accepted.

The Baptist churches of Kansas are being richly blessed. A correspondent to the Standard thinks this year will mark the large advance of any in the history of our body in the State.

Eighty per cent. of all the professing Christians of the twelve principal Southern States are found in the Methodist and Baptist churches, the latter containing about 300,000 more members than the former.

DENOMINATIONAL NEWS.

MINISTERS. — The INTELLIGENCER office had calls last week from Revs. J. W. Clarke, B. H. Nobles, D. Long and L. A. Fenwick, who were in the city attending a meeting of the Home Mission Executive. They are well, and the work in their respective fields is moving on encouragingly.

Rev. J. N. Barnes was in the city later in the week, and looked in on us as he always does when he comes this way. The work in his pastorate has been hard during the past winter, owing to deep snows and storms, but he has kept steadily at it, and not without encouragement.

Licentiate Dunfield reports that he much enjoyed the two weeks recently spent at Campo Bello. He has now gone to Connecticut where he will spend the Summer vacation, expecting to return to College in September.

Licentiate Knollin is supplying at McAdam while the pastor, Rev. A. W. Currie, is on a visit to Nova Scotia.

Rev. John Perry has purchased a house in Hartland, intending to make his home there.

Rev. J. B. Daggett was in the city last week attending the Home Mission Executive Meeting. He also visited Marysville, and helped Bro. Parsons in one meeting.

Rev. T. O. DeWitt, of the Wickham — Kars pastorate, spent a few days last week with his family at Hoyt. He was in the city for part of a day. He is quite well, and is pushing the work in his field energetically.

Rev. S. J. Perry gave us a call on Monday. He was at Bear Island and Lower Queensbury Sunday. He reports much good done by the special meetings at Upper Hainesville. In the other churches of his pastorate the work is moving along in the usual way. He is in good health and spirits.

Rev. C. B. Lewis looked in on us the first of the week. He is in good health, and keeping about his work. At Lincoln there is a good interest. Three weeks ago he administered baptism there.

HOME MISSIONS. — The Home mission Executive held a meeting in this city on Tuesday of last week. Among the things done was the placing of the ministerial students for the summer. The assignments are as follows: F. Knollin, to Southampton; H. H. Manzer, to Tobique; W. O. Keirstead, to supply two pastors who will spend a few weeks each in mission work; C. Wilson, to Beaver Harbour; Douglas Milbray, to Dover; Allen Rideout, to Moncton; A. G. Saunders to Campo Bello. Several routine matters were considered and two or three grants made.

ST. JOHN, WEST. — More than a thousand people witnessed the baptism at Old Fort yesterday morning, by which twenty-one members were added to the Carleton Free Baptist church. The service was conducted by Rev. Dr. G. A. Hartley. Among the candidates was the reverend doctor's youngest son. At the morning service Rev. Frank S. Hartley preached, and in the evening Rev. Fred C. Hartley took the service. The spectacle of a father, still vigorous in the service of his church, with two sons, both of whom evince ability of his own profession is certainly unique. Added to this is the fact that Rev. Dr. Hartley has for upwards of forty years been pastor of this church, his being the oldest pastorate in this city. Many of yesterday's candidates were children and some were grandchildren of persons baptized by Rev. Dr. Hartley. The community, irrespective of creed, is one in wishing many additional years of successful work and renewed health to the reverend gentleman. — Daily Sun, Monday.

THE DELINEATOR. — A new form of needlework, very beautiful in its results, is shown in the May Delineator. Instead of accomplishing embroidery by colored stitches of various lengths, as hitherto, very pretty results are obtained by sewing carefully to a proper background small strips of colored silk cut out in the shape of leaves or petals or stalks. A most attractive feature of the article describing this method of work, is that there is a full page printed in colors showing the effect of this dainty idea.

An old man, a printer, in China, has worked, talked, sold tracts at his own expense for twenty years, and twenty-five out of thirty-five church members were saved through his daily work and life before them.

NOT TILL THEN.

Don't scold about the debts of the pastors, until all the churches pay them what they promised. — Phil. Standard.

How Relief Came

A Welland County Man's Interesting Experience.

HE HAD SUFFERED FOR YEARS FROM KIDNEY TROUBLE—MANY MEDICINES WERE TRIED, BUT FAILED—DR. WILLIAMS' PINK PILLS SAVED HIM.

Mr. James Upper, of Allensburg, is a gentleman well known in Welland county. Mr. Upper was proprietor of the village hotel for over thirty years, and no better landlord ever catered to a traveller's wants. Mr. Upper's acquaintance also extends over Ontario as a sequel to his prominence in Orange and Masonic circles. His present vocation is farming and in this calling he has been very successful. Mr. Upper has been a sufferer for years from kidney trouble and began to think that good health had altogether passed him by; but the time came when he found a complete cure and is again strong, happy and vigorous. In regard to Mr. Upper's sickness and cure he says:—"In December of 1897 I was slightly afflicted in the same way, but at this time matters came to a climax as the result of exposure and over-exertion. To say that I suffered does not express it; the pains in my back were terrible. I gradually grew worse and was compelled to keep my bed and for months I existed as though in a hideous dream. I had considerable nausea and loathing for food, was greatly reduced in flesh. The pain daily grew more intolerable. I got little sleep; was left weak and exhausted, and despaired of getting well. Different remedies were tried without benefit. Finally I was persuaded to try Dr. Williams' Pink Pills and procured six boxes. This was about March 1st, 1898. I took the pills faithfully and at the end of two months I felt well again and able to attend to my work. The following autumn I experienced a slight recurrence of the trouble and again used a few boxes of the pills and now consider my cure complete, as a year has since passed and I have not experienced a pain or ache. I am now able to follow farming pursuits with perfect ease. My wife also speaks warmly in favor of Dr. Williams' Pink Pills as I do, having used them for headache, dizziness and loss of appetite, the pills always giving comfort and relief. Since my illness I have learned that a good remedy is none the less good because its cost was so much less than I expected."

DENOMINATIONAL NOTICES.

QUARTERLY MEETING. The Shelburne Co. Quarterly Meeting will convene May 18-20, at the Free Baptist church, Barrington, N. S. The first session will open Friday, 23rd p. m. Arrangements have been made with the Halifax and Yarmouth R. R. for return fare free for all who attend the Q. M. provided they get when purchasing tickets, a certificate. Tickets purchased 17th, 18th, or 19th May good to return the 21st May. J. E. GOSLINE, Sec. of Q. M. Barrington, N. S. Apr. 18th, 1900.

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MARRIAGES.

LAWLEY. — At Newburg, C. Co. on the 12th inst., of inflammation Mrs. Joseph Lawley, at the age of 43 years, leaving a husband and six young children. J. B. D.

TOMPKINS. — At Oakland, C. Co., on the 16th inst., Jeremiah Tompkins, at the age of 84 years. Bro. Tompkins was among the pioneer Free Baptists of this county, and although separated from the privileges of fellowship with his brethren in later years, he steadfastly adhered to the faith of the denomination of his choice. Funeral services and interment were at East Florenceville. J. B. D.

SPARKES. — At Green Hill, York Co., on the 22nd of January, Mrs. Eleanor, wife of Daniel Sparkes, aged 75 years. She was sick only about one week. She had been a member of the Baptist church 38 years. Her end was peaceful. She leaves a sorrowing husband, five sons and three daughters to mourn their loss. The funeral was attended by the writer. J. N. BARNES.

DEATHS.

LINDEN. — At Everett, Mass., on the 18th inst., Winslow Linden, aged thirty-three years and seven months. The remains were brought home for interment, and were placed beside his father in the Penobscot, K. Co. cemetery. Funeral attended by the writer, at the home of his mother, in Piccadilly. The sad news of his death came very unexpectedly, he being found dead in bed, having retired in usual health. Heart failure supposed to be the cause. A. J. PROSSER.

SAVAGE. — Of congestion of the lungs, at Mouth of Nashua, on Sunday, Apr. 22nd, Harry Lee Savage, infant son of Mr. and

Mrs. Miles Savage, aged two months, interment at Sunny-bank Cemetery, Gibson. Services at house and grave by the writer. M. L. G.

AKERLEY. — At St. John, North, April 20th of paralysis Mrs. Charles Akerley, aged 91 years and 8 months, leaving nine children, six sons and three daughters, 39 grand children and 28 great grand children. She professed conversion 64 years ago and was baptized by the Rev. William Fenington, and later became a member of the Free Baptist church at Big Cove, Queens Co. She was a faithful servant of her Lord, and peacefully entered in 1900. H. A. BONNELL.

DUNBAR. — Suddenly at Gibson, N. B., April 22nd, Allen Gregg Dunbar, infant son of Mr. and Mrs. John Dunbar aged four months and eight days. "Forbid them not for of such is the kingdom of Heaven." May the God of all consolation bless and comfort the sorrowing parents whose hearts have again been opened by bereavement. Interment was at the Free Baptist cemetery, at Marysville; funeral services at the house and grave by the writer. M. L. G.

McLEOD. On Monday, 23rd ult. Mrs. Eliza J. McLeod, aged 68 years, widow of the late Edward McLeod, of Lower Millstream, K. Co., passed peacefully to her heavenly rest. She was a member of the Free Baptist church, having been a Christian from early life. By her godly walk and conversational she had exercised steadily an excellent influence in the home and church and community, and though dead the good effects of her living will long be felt. She leaves four daughters and one son, her home being with the latter at the time of her death. The bereaved family have the sympathy of the community and they have, also, the consolation of the assurance that their mother has gone to be with Jesus, which is far better. The funeral was attended by the pastor, Lic. H. H. Ferguson and Rev. Gideon Swinn, the former preaching from John 14:23. H. H. F.

CRANDLEMIRE. — At Mount Pleasant, C. Co., on the 6th April, Ethel, aged 14 years, youngest daughter of Deacon Samuel Crandlemire. And on the 12th Apr., her mother, Mrs. Crandlemire, aged 46 years. She was a good woman beloved by all who knew her. She leaves a husband and six children, besides many relatives to mourn their loss. Large congregations attended the funerals. Preaching by Elder John Purry.

WILSON. — At Beverly, Mass., March 24th, of pneumonia, Valetta Bell, in the 23rd year of her age, only daughter of William and Watty Jane Wilson, formerly of Halifax, N. S. The burial was at Halifax.

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