

News of the Churches.

PRESENTATION.—Sept. 1st a number of the young people of East Pubnico, N. S., gave a surprise party at the home of Rev. G. M. Wilson. They spread a sumptuous table, and spent several hours enjoyably. During the evening Mrs. Daniel Larkin, in behalf of the community at East Pubnico, presented handsome oak writing desk in the newest design. The retiring pastor expressed his appreciation of this very appropriate gift in a few well chosen words. "God be with you till we meet again."

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FROM REV. T. O. DEWITT.—I have been on a visit to Nova Scotia. I left home Aug. 10th. The next night I was at Barrington parsonage, where I tarried with Mr. M. Swim and wife, whose pleasant and commodious home is known as the Scotia House. Next day I crossed to Clark's Harbour with Capt. Vincents Kenney. I cannot fully describe the changes on Cape Island as they appear to me. Clark's Harbour has now the appearance of a town, with many fine buildings. There used to be four churches on the island, there are eight now, all having good or fair congregations. The schools, too, are good. A new \$4,000 school building is to be erected at the Harbour next year. The island now has a bank, telephone communication with the mainland, a steam ferry, regular steamboat connection with Yarmouth, etc., etc.

I visited the N. S. Conference, was given a good reception by the brethren, and was welcomed to the homes of kind friends at Pubnico, where the Conference was held. I shall long have pleasant remembrance of my visit at the homes of Mrs. J. Goodwin, Mrs. Murphy, and of pleasant association with friends generally whom I met there. After two days at the Conference I returned to Clark's Harbour, where I preached Sunday morning and evening, and in the afternoon at Stony Island, a part of Bro. Merrill's pastorate. Bro. A. H. McLeod, who is pastor at the Harbour, has a fine field, and is much liked by his people. Bro. McNitch was pastor there several years, and has many friends. I shall never forget the kindness of the people to me. I could have remained months among friends there, for there were very many whom I had not the time to call upon. But if my kind, heavenly Father lets me live I hope to visit them once more. While I was glad to see so many, I was sad that since I was last there so many have passed away. They have only "gone on before," though, and I hope to meet them in the blessed beyond. I reached home on the 7th inst., and found all well.

T. O. DEWITT.

Hoyt, N. B.

REV. G. M. WILSON.—The Rev. G. M. Wilson commenced his pastoral labors with the churches at Canning and Hall's Harbour the first Sunday in Sept. He goes well recommended to his new charge. It was with profound regret that the neighbors and friends watched his departure on the train Sept. 4th. They

realized a good man had left their midst. The following is a letter read to him at the close of three services held at Pubnico Head, East Pubnico and Argyle Sound, Aug. 24th, as he delivered his farewell message to a devoted people:

To Rev. G. M. Wilson and Family:

DEAR PASTOR, — As a church and congregation, we wish to give to you something of an expression of our regard to yourself and family, that has come from our acquaintance during the four years of your residence here, and our regard for your work among us. Christian friendships are, from their very nature, strong in their Christlike quality, and the earnest, sympathetic, true-hearted work of the pastor's wife will long be remembered. While in the Sunday-school and day school your children have formed many lasting friendships. Especially would we wish to express our appreciation of our pastor in his regular preaching and prayer-meeting services. In his faithful presentation of the Gospel message, with inspiration to earnest Christian living, but more especially his kindly Christian deportment, and his sympathy in times of trouble and bereavement in so many of the families of this pastorate.

We will not say farewell, only "God bless you" and your family wherever he may call you in your life-work of bearing the blessed Gospel tidings to perishing children of men.

Read by Rev. G. E. Sturgis, and adopted by rising vote of the churches and congregations.

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MINISTERS.—Rev. H. H. Ferguson called at the INTELLIGENCER office a few days ago. He has accepted a call to Marysville, and will take up the work there after Conference.

Rev. A. W. Foster passed through Fredericton last week on a brief visit to Blissville, S. Co.

Rev. O. N. Mott was in Fredericton Tuesday. He is not yet settled as to where his work will be next year.

Rev. T. O. DeWitt is without engagement for next year. He is open to correspondence with churches needing the services of a minister. His P. O. is Hoyt Station, N. B.

Rev. Jos. Noble passed through the city on Wednesday en route to the Fourth District Meeting. The INTELLIGENCER office had a pleasant call from him. He intends to spend next Sunday (20th inst.) at Upper Hampstead.

Rev. J. N. Barnes was in Fredericton Wednesday.

Rev. A. D. Paul has resigned the pastorate of the Gibson church, to accept an appointment as home missionary. It is expected that Licentiate Wilson will serve the Gibson church next year.

I The deepest lake in the British Islands has been discovered, thanks to Sir John Murray, whose survey of the fresh water Scottish lochs is now being prepared at Edinburgh. The honor belongs to Loch Morer, in Invernessshire, with a depth of 1,009 feet—several hundred feet more than any previously recorded depth. The survey shows some surprising results. Eighteen lochs gave soundings of 200 feet, nine 300, five gave 400, and two over 500.

A WORD TO THE PASTORS—DO IT NOW.

We do not like to add to the work of pastors, and yet we are constrained to ask them to do the INTELLIGENCER a favor between now and Conference. In most of the congregations of the denomination, probably in all of them, there are some subscribers whose payments have been delayed. We would like the pastors to mention the matter to their people, and, if possible, secure the subscriptions and bring them to us at Conference.

There are, also, in all the congregations families that are not receiving the INTELLIGENCER. Perhaps some of these may be secured if the pastors will present the claims of the denominational paper now.

Whatever our brethren do in behalf of the paper just now will be much appreciated.

Our friends whose payments are due can help us very much by remitting at once. Kindly give this your attention now.

A CORRECTION.

Believing the RELIGIOUS INTELLIGENCER stands for fair dealing, irrespective of prejudice, I wish to say one word in regard to a statement contained in the article "Christian Union,—The Point of View," in the issue of September 2nd.

This statement was in reference to the position Rev. G. A. Hartley held on the subject of the union of the Free Baptist and Baptist bodies. While it may be true that he "many years ago" said that he had "no doubt but what it is the will of God that the disunited Baptists should be united," from the very nature of the man, his attitude towards this matter for the last number of years, must be well known to all his friends, to say nothing of his colleagues in Conference.

At one time Mr. Hartley was a "union-man,"—perhaps he would always have been so, had he not been fortunate enough to see, only the year the "basis of Union" was arranged, in the columns of the *Messenger and Visitor*, the denominational organ of the Baptists in the provinces, an article by one of their ablest men, purporting to set forth their view of the matter, as it appealed to them. That day he said "I am done with Baptist Union if that is what it means," and on that ground he stood with his characteristic firmness and sincerity, till the day he laid the armour bye forever more. A phrase familiar to all his friends was, "A Free Baptist I have lived; a Free Baptist I will die. I am a Free Baptist in principle, and am by no means ready to drop either principle or name."

In response to the requests of a number of his friends, and in justice to his memory, this statement is made supplementary to the one before referred to.

(MRS.) KATHERINE A. HARTLEY.

The demand for automobiles has increased to such an extent that one firm in New York is importing \$1,000,000 worth of French machines. It is surprising how rapidly the use of this means of transportation has spread. Ten years ago they were practically unknown, but there are thousands of them upon the streets of cities.

General Religious News.

—Presbyterians have four ordained Chinese ministers in San Francisco.

—Thirty years ago no Protestant could preach in Rome; to-day there are six evangelical denominations successfully at work in the city.

—The Volunteers of America have one hundred self-supporting posts in this country. The Volunteer Prison League has branches in sixteen State prisons.

—The *Christian Endeavor World* has a column devoted to reports of societies organized among convicts. A prison does not seem a favorable place for Christian work. Yet probably no other two years of Paul's life were more fruitful than the two he spent in his Roman prison.

—More than twelve societies are at work among the 12,000,000 inhabitants of Mexico, with these results: Ordained missionaries, 59; unordained missionaries, 105; total missionaries, 164; native missionaries, 407; total force, 571; Protestant congregations, 550; Protestant communicants, 20,000; Protestant adherents, 50,000.

—Upon an average ministers are very poorly paid. A speaker on the floor of the Lutheran General Synod stated that on an excursion, a coal heaver, on being asked his wages, stated that he received \$3.50 a day. A clergyman who overheard the remark said that he himself did not receive \$2.00 per day. In many parts of the country there are preachers who would look at \$2.00 a day as a small fortune.

—The Jewish Mission Committee of the Church of Scotland have resolved to carry out important extensions of their work. At Beirut a home for Jewish girls is to be established; at Smyrna the present successful schools are to be extended, and at Constantinople a medical mission has been undertaken, which is expected soon to be in full operation.

—Spasms of benevolence are better than no benevolence, but the best way is to have a fixed purpose of benevolence, expressing itself systematically.

JOURNALISTIC.—The *Journal and Messenger* (Baptist) has adopted a new form, is clad in a new dress, and looks well. It is one of the best papers we see—a faithful preacher of righteousness. Long may it live to do good.

Marriages.

PARKER-TIMS.—In Fredericton, on the 10th inst. by Rev. Dr. McLeod, Shephard Parker and Laura A. Tims, both of Fredericton.

HART-NASON.—At the home of the bride, on Sept. 2, at Fredericton Junction, by Rev. J. B. Daggett, Thos. B. Hart and Helen Nason, all of Fredericton Junction.

SCHIED-HOWARD.—At Gaspereaux Station, at the home of the bride, on Sept. 8, by Rev. J. B. Daggett, Wm. Schied, of Pittsburg, Penn., to Rachel Hope Howard.

HAYWARD-MILLER.—At Petitcodiac, Sept. 5th, by Rev. Abram Perry, Stanley Hayward and Alice Miller, both of Havelock, Kings Co.

HARSHMAN-NIELSEN.—At the Free Baptist church, Moncton, Sept. 9th, by Rev. Gideon Swim, Geo. A. Harshman and Edna Nielsen, both of Moncton, N. B.

WATERS-FURLOTH.—At the residence of Conductor P. E. Heine, Moncton Sept. 9th, by Rev. Gideon Swim, Sydney Waters, of Birch Ridge, Kent Co., and Hannah Furloth, of Belledune, Restigouche Co.

Deaths.

NASON.—At Clearfield, Penn., on the 21st of August, Myrtle, aged 7 months and 28 days, infant daughter of Frank and Beatrice Nason.