News of the Churches.

DEER ISLAND, N. B.—Licentiate Clement Wilson is with the Deer Island churches, and will remain until his studies begin at Fredericton, the last of September.

The churches of Deer Island would like to correspond with a minister with a view of settlement for the coming year. Address correspondence to O. L. Haney, Chocolate Cove, Deer Island. A.J.P.

FROM REV. J. NOBLE.—I spent last Sunday, (26th July), with Bro. J. J. Barnes. In the morning we were at Campbell Settlement. We had a communion service and a very good time; but I missed old Bro. Schriver; he had a shock about seven months ago, which affected one side so that he has not been able to go out from home since. In the afternoon and evening we were at Temperance Vale. Some of the younger people thought their meeting house was not in as good condition as it should be, and they went to work to improve it. So with paint and paper and sheathing, etc., they improved it very much. They thought a special service would be fitting. Bro. Barnes wished me to be with him, and so I went. Somewhere about forty-five years ago I went there by request and held a few meetings and baptized some converts and organized a church. I have not been there many times since. The greater part of those I knew there have died or moved away, but some of their children remain and are good workers in the cause. When they built the house they built a Free Baptist house, and it has remained such, though it is occupied by others when wanted. The day was fine and the meetings encouraging.

J. NOBLE.

MOUNT PLEASANT, C. Co.—The new church building at Mount Pleasant, C. Co., was dedicated to public worship on Sunday, July 26th. The old meeting house having served its day, the brethren decided about two years ago that a new one must be erected. Rev. T. O. DeWitt was their pastor at the time and encouraged the erection of a new house instead of the repairing and enlargement of the old one. The new building is somewhat larger than the one whose place it takes. It is 27x45, with a vestibule 7x14. The spire is 68 feet, and there is a sweet-toned bell in the tower. The interior finish is in excellent taste. The heating is by furnace. The building committee consisted of brethren S. Crandlemire, S. Foster, J. Irvine, I. Thompkins, C. Crandlemire, R. Irvine, A. Greer and M. Rideout, who have very satisfactorily carried to completion the work entrusted to them. Mr. L. E. McFarlane, of Hartland, was the builder, and Mr. C. Parker, of Woodstock, the painter, both of whom did excellent work, alike satisfactory to the committee, and creditable to themselves. The cost of the building was $2,587.78. Except one farmer's supper, there was no resort to any of the expedients often employed for raising money for church purposes. The brethren resolved to make straight payments for the erection of their house of worship, and they are much happier in the result than if they had pursued another course. The amount remaining to be paid is only a little over $200, the offerings at the dedication having reduced the debt by $137.00. The day of dedication was one of the finest Sundays of the summer. There were three services at 10.30 a. m., 2.30 p. m., and 7.30 p. m., besides the Sunday school at 9.30. The dedication sermon was preached by Rev. Dr. McLeod. The formal dedication service was read by the pastor, Rev. G. W. Foster, who, also, offered the prayer of dedication. Rev. Mr. Wetmore, Baptist, was present in the morning, and took part in the service. The preaching in the afternoon was by Rev. G. W. Foster, and in the evening by Dr. McLeod. The choir, which had made special preparation for the day, was heartily thanked by the pastor for their much appreciated services. The attendance at all the services was very large. And there was a good interest throughout the day. The church and the community are to be congratulated on having so fine a house of worship. We trust it may be the scene of much spiritual blessing. Rev. G. W. Foster is pastor of the church and is highly esteemed The pastorate includes, besides Mount Pleasant church, the churches at Rockland, Windsor, Knowlesville and Gordonsville. Bro. Foster has been in charge two years, and the churches are expecting him to remain another year.

MINISTERS. — Rev. J. B. Daggett has been invited to remain another year in charge of the Fredericton Junction-Tracey pastorate, and has accepted the invitation.

Rev. John Perry is in very good health, and preaches frequently. He preached at Bath, C. Co., Sunday, 26th ult.

Rev. John Henderson spent last Sunday at Rusigornis, S. Co.

OF OTHER DENOMINATIONS

—Rev. W. E. Bates, Amherst, N. S., has declined the call to the Main St. Baptist Church, St. John.

—Bishop Cameron, Roman Catholic, of Antigonish, N. S., celebrated the fiftieth anniversary of his priesthood last week. He has been thirty-seven years bishop.

—Rev. John Buchannan, of Cape Breton, has been deposed from the Presbyterian ministry.

—The pastor of the Baptist church, Fredericton, Rev. J. H. McDonald, is away for three weeks vacation, Rev. D. Russell, an English preacher, is supplying the pulpit.

PARLIAMENT.

Monday.—No business of importance. House waiting for the announcement of the G. T. P. scheme.

Tuesday.—The bill to amend the criminal code was further considered.

The Intercolonial supplementary estimates were taken up. The sum of $470,283 was voted.

Wednesday.—The Trade and Commerce department estimates were considered.

Thursday.—The Premier introduced the G. T. P. railway bill, and announced the details of the agreement between the government and the G. T. P. Co. The road will extend from Moncton to the Pacific Ocean, and will be 3,300 miles long. From Moncton to Winnipeg the distance is estimated at 1,800 miles, and from Winnipeg to Port Simpson on the Pacific ocean, 1,500 miles. The eastern section from Moncton to Winnipeg will be built by the government and leased to the Grand Trunk Pacific for a period of fifty years. For the first seven years the company gets the lease free of rent. During the next three years the company will require to give the government the net earnings, but if these should not equal three per cent upon the cost of the section, the deficit is to be added to capital account. For the next forty years the Grand Trunk Pacific will have to pay three per cent per annum to the government upon the capital cost of this section.

From Winnipeg to the Pacific ocean the road will be constructed by the Grand Trunk Pacific within seven years. The government will guarantee 75 per cent of the cost of construction up to a maximum of $13,000 per mile on the prairie division between Winnipeg and Edmonton, and $30,000 per mile for the mountain division bteween Edmonton and the Pacific coast. The principal and interest of the bonds are to be guaranteed by the government for fifty years.

The Premier spoke two and a half hours explaining the bill.

Mr. Borden followed. The government's scheme, he said, had put anv plan for government ownership back fifty years at least. In building a line from Moncton to Winnipeg it had given awey the key of the situation so far as securing connection with the west was concerned for that period. It had practically given control of the I. C. R. to the G. T. R., and the scheme would ultimately lead to the possession of that road by the Grand Trunk Railway. Under the new policy St. John and Halifax would be side-tracked, and a capital expenditure of $2,100,000 and a rental of $140,000 per annum rendered useless.

As to the cost of the road it was certain that it would be, at least, $50,000,000; and, in his opinion, it would ultimately be nearer $75,000,000.

Friday. — The house considered steamship subsidies. Among the votes were the following: $7,500 for the St. John-Glasgow service; $7,500 for the St. John, Dublin and Belfast service; $5,000 for the Grand Manan and the mainland service; $12,500 for the Gaspe Basin and Dalhousie, and $2,000 which will be increased by $1,000 at Ganong's suggestion, for the service of St. Stephen and St. Croix river points, etc.

Rev. Jos. Wilson began work as pastor of Tusket, N. S., pastorate last Sunday.

Rev. J. K. West is assisting Rev. D. T. Porter at Advocate, N. S., by taking his appointments during Bro. P.'s sickness.

THE MAGAZINES.

In the *Methodist Magazine* for August special prominence is given to Paris and its memories. An illustrated article describes the beauties of the gay capital. "Amid Corean Hills" is an illustrated sketch of a little-known land. "The Discoverer of the Great West," and "The Underground Railway," and "Canada's Destiny," emphasize the interests of our own country. Toronto: William Briggs. $2.00 a year. $1.00 for six months.

Especially attractive for midsummer reading is the number of *The Living Age* for August 1st. Opening with an article from the *Edinburgh Review* on "The Supernatural in Nineteenth-Century Fiction." It contains also some delightful letters of Charles Dickens, just published in *Chambers's Journal,* and a clever short story from the *Cornhill Magazine,* called, "His Excellency's Aigrette.

The mid-summer *Century* is characterized by articles on unknown regions, and by an appeal to artistic taste both in color-work and in black and white. The most out-of-the-way articles are "New Light on Lhasa, the Forbidden City," with unpublished photographs taken by a Kalmuk pilgrim which Mr. Rockhill, the Tibetan traveller, in a prefatory note, pronounces "of extraordinary interest," and "An Artist in the Antarctic," by F. W. Stokes, whose pictures are the first news in color from that still mysterious region. T. B. Aldrich contributes a paper of random observations on life and literature, and there is an example of Frederick MacMonnies's portraiture and the usual humorous miscellany.

Birds and fish are the leading subjects of the August *Canadian Magazine.* "Pike Pickerel and Muskellunge is the title of one illustrated article; "Birds of the North Woods" is another, and "Photography of Birds' Nests" is a third. "Imperialists of Yesterday and To-morrow," by the editor, is timely. "Automobiles in Canada," with numerous photographs, indicates its growth and possibilities in this country.

Marriages.

HOYT-MERSEREAU—At the home of the bride's parents, Fredericton Junction, on the 22nd ult. by Rev. J. B. Daggett, Havelock Hoyt of Victoria Corner, Carleton County, to Miss Phœbe Mersereau.

WILSON-LUTES—At the residence of the bride's father, July 28th, by Rev. Gideon Swim, George T. Wilson and Miss Elsie M. Lutes. both of Lutz Mountain, Westmorland Co.

Deaths.

FOSTER—At East Coldstream, Charlotte Co., on the 23rd ult., Mrs. Maria Foster, widow of the late Samuel Foster, aged 79 years and 5 months. Our sister was baptized by Rev. Samuel Hartt, and united with the Mount Pleasant Free Baptist Church, and was a worthy and beloved member until her death. Though deprived of meeting with her brethren and sisters in the Lord's house and engaging with them in the service and burden-bearing of the church in the late years of her life, through sickness and infirmity, she ever retained a deep interest in the welfare of her church. She leaves four sons, three daughters and one brother to mourn their loss. Funeral services conducted by the writer. Text: Luke 2:29. GEO W. FOSTER.

CARR—At Geary, Sunbury Co., of general debility, on the 14th ult., at the age of 74 years, Samuel Carr. The funeral was held on the 16th ult., and was largely attended by neighbors and friends of deceased. In the absence of the pastor services were conducted by Rev. J B. Daggett.

HAWTHORNE—At Maplehurst, Carleton Co., on July 22nd, Isaac Hawthorne, aged 30 years. Death came to him suddenly and has released him from a life of suffering. He leaves an aged mother, with brother and sisters and a large circle of relatives to mourn his death. May God comfort and sustain them in their bereavement.

SANBORN—At Temple, York Co., on the 25th ult., of jaundice, Mrs. John Sanborn, aged 83 years and 7 months, leaving an aged husband and eight children—two sons and six daughters—to mourn their loss. Mrs. Sanborn moved from Queens County to Carleton County 26 years ago. She professed religion about 60 years ago, was baptized by the late Henry Cronkhite, and joined the Free Baptist Church in New Ireland, now known as Hibernia, in which she retained her membership until death. The funeral service was attended by the writer. J. NOBLE