

THURSDAY.

and I do pray the Holy Spirit to abide with them ever more.

Yours in love with the gospel,
J. GAMMON.

ANDOVER.—Rev. C. Henderson has received a donation from his friends with appreciative addresses. He seems to enjoy in large measure the love of his people.

FAIRVILLE.—The corner stone of the new Baptist Church is to be laid on the 24th inst., and the work will be vigorously pushed on to completion.

CARLETON.—Rev. Mr. Hickson baptized three persons last Sunday.

NOVA SCOTIA.

SUMMERSVILLE, HANTS CO.—A gracious revival is in progress here. 25 persons have been baptized during the past three Sabbaths, and there are more to follow. The branch of the Kempt Church is greatly strengthened, and the pastor, Rev. George Weathers, is much encouraged. He has been permitted to baptize his own daughter, and also a worthy son of the former pastor, the late Rev. B. Vaughan. Rev. I. Wallace has rendered valuable aid in the special meetings held, but has left to resume work in other parts of Hants.

ALBANY.—We spent a happy day at Albany, on Sunday last. Six were buried in baptism, nine received the right hand of fellowship, making thirteen since I came. And there are more to follow.
May 13, 1881. H. B. SHAFNER.

P. E. ISLAND.

CHARLOTTETOWN.—Perhaps an account of a service in the Charlottetown Baptist Church would be interesting to some of your readers.

It was my privilege to be with the Pastor last Sabbath evening. When the hour arrived to commence the service, the large and commodious house was well nigh filled. A more intelligent and respectable looking congregation is seldom seen in these provinces. A short sermon was preached by the writer after which the pastor read a number of passages in the Scriptures bearing on its appointment, duties, and qualifications of Deacons. Then followed the ordination service of two brethren previously chosen by the church to aid the senior Deacons in the duties of that important office. After this interesting service, the hand of fellowship was given to nine promising young people who had previously been baptized upon a profession of their faith. Then a most solemn and delightful season was enjoyed at the breaking of bread. Thus ended a most impressive and, I trust profitable service. Pastor McDonald has abundant reasons to bless God and take courage. No doubt he has his trials as every faithful minister of Christ will have, but it is my impression that but few of our Pastors enjoy so much prosperity in their work, or as much sympathy and cooperation from their people as Pastor McD. May the time soon come when this new and beautiful house of worship will be too small for the congregation.

Thanking you for the space,
N. S.

Church News.

NEW BRUNSWICK.

BUTTERNUT RIDGE.—DEAR EDITOR, permit me to say a few words through the VISITOR, of our present condition as a church and people. You are aware that some time ago we reported revival interest. The result of our revival on the Canaan Road, I think has been glorious. We received fourteen into the fellowship of the church, and it leaves the place as a section of the church, with a marked improvement. They now have an interesting weekly prayer meeting, and among the most zealous workers are those who have recently united with us. Fruit unto holiness is timely, and it is the outgrowth of the reviving spirit. It is truly encouraging when we see those who are brought into the church through our instrumentality, and give evidence of their being born again. I likewise baptized three since, which make seventeen added to us this spring. Spring Hill, another section of our church, is nobly sustaining their prayer meeting and Salem is working with like faith. We have a thriving Sunday-school in the centre of our church, under the efficient management of Bro. F. Hayes (the teacher of our superior day-school), we are thankful that in the providence of God we are blessed with such a worthy man whose influence is found on the side of right. We have the VISITOR Bible Lessons in our school, they are giving good satisfaction; we are liking them better as we use them, we have a good staff of teachers, large attendance, the outlook is bright. We intend organizing other schools in the different stations of the church. Our congregations are increasing, and we think that the standing of the church religiously is encouraging, and we pray God to continue to bless us until we arrive to what we should be. My second year will close with this church the first of June next and whether I remain longer with this church or labor for my Master in another portion of the spiritual vineyard, I must say I have found this church both generous in their support and kind and affable in manner,

TRYON.—In a communication bearing on a remittance, Bro. W. B. Howatt writes: "The Spring here is somewhat backward and cold, snow banks are still to be seen in sheltered places, but although this is so, a considerable quantity of wheat and oats have been sowed in Tryon and adjacent settlements. Pastor Corey has almost recovered from his sickness, and with increased spirituality and zeal is engaging in his master's work."

NOTES FROM ANNAPOLIS CO., N. S.

Whilst the industrious farmers in this region are busily engaged in putting in their spring crop, the Lord's husbandmen are earnestly prosecuting their labors in sowing the good seed of Gospel truth. The ingathering will cheer us by and by.

Rev. J. D. Skinner has fairly entered upon his new field of labor. There are some elements of discord around him, but the blessing of God and a little practical common sense will, we trust, restore harmony and secure a glorious harvest.

Annapolis Royal was unwilling to accept the resignation of Rev. T. A. Higgins. In this we rejoice. Bro. Hig-

gins is one of our very best preachers, and his labors have been so greatly blessed at Annapolis that we hope his connection with the Baptist Church at that place will not be severed.

Rev. W. H. Warren is much encouraged at Bridgetown. The Church is steadily increasing in power and in the knowledge of the spiritual things. A healthy tone pervades the general meetings, and our brother enjoys the confidence and esteem of his people.

At Paradise there are cheering indications of spiritual health and prosperity. Rev. J. T. Eaton has been made glad by a number of valuable accessions. Bro. Eaton is a steady, earnest and faithful laborer, and his efforts are being owned and blessed by the Master.

Rev. R. D. Porter finds time amid his agricultural pursuits, to minister to the church at Lawrentown. His labors are much appreciated. The Church acted wisely in securing his services.

In his unpretending, but earnest and devoted, style Rev. J. H. Robbins perseveres in the good work at Pine Grove and vicinity. His church is steadily advancing in every department of Christian effort. Both Bro. Robbins and his church "wear well," and we like to see good wearing on both sides.

Rev. W. E. Hall never wears in his Master's work. Under his faithful preaching the interest at Melvern Square is growing stronger on every hand. He is "a workman that needeth not to be ashamed."

At Tremont, Rev. F. Beattie is pleasantly located. Walking in the footsteps of the venerated Dr. Tupper. Bro. Beattie must feel the stimulating influences of his surroundings. May the Lord abundantly bless his labors.

FELIX.

May 12th, 1881.

HOME MISSIONS.

The H. M. Board met in regular monthly Session in the vestry of the 1st Baptist Church Yarmouth, on Monday the 9th inst.

RECEIPTS OF THE MONTH.

Convention Funds, N. S. 23.00
Salome F. Shaw, Berwick. 1.00

QUARTERLY REPORTS.

Reports from Brethren Freeman, Trimble, Fillmore, Shaffner, Howe, Henderson, Hayward, Grant, Kidson, Skinner and McGregor where read by the Cor. Sec'y. Many of these reports were of a very encouraging character and showed that the blessing of God was accompanying the word preached.

GRANTS.

- 1. To the Port Medway field, a grant of \$150.00 for one year, to enable them to secure the services of Rev. R. H. Bishop as pastor.
- 2. To the Murray River Church P. E. I. \$25.00 for three months. Bro. H. G. Mellick is recommended to spend his vacation on that field.

MISSION APPOINTMENTS.

- 1. Bro. Jos. Brown a mission of 12 weeks with the New Ross and Waterville Churches and neighboring stations.
- 2. Bro. W. F. Parker a mission of 12 weeks to Port Elgin, Bayside, Cape Tormentine, Woodside, Shemogue Baie Verte, and Point DeBute, &c.
- 3. Bro. I. C. Archibald a mission of 12 weeks to P. E. I. west, under the direction of Rev. E. N. Archibald.

RECOMMENDATIONS.

- 1. Bro. C. K. Harrington is advised to go to the Campbellton field, with the view of remaining at least one year.
- 2. Bro. E. R. Curry is advised to go to the New Castle field with the view of remaining one year.
- 3. Bro. C. F. Sterns is recommended to the River John field with the view of his remaining one year.

MONEY NEEDED.

We need, at least \$3,500 between this and July 31st 1881, to enable us to close the year free of debt. If all this is received the total receipts of the year will be \$2000 less than the amount asked for, but if it is not received our Home Mission work must be greatly injured as many of the stations that have been taken hold of must be abandoned and the work which is beginning to look hopeful be greatly reduced.

A. CONROY,
Cor. Sec'y.

A VERY interesting and beautiful May-Day Entertainment consisting of Music Recitations, Dialogues, and Tableaux was given last evening by the pupils of the Select School under the direction of Mrs. Allan and Miss Duval. The children acquitted themselves admirably and showed that they had been carefully trained. The exhibition is to be repeated. The ladies in charge of this school are the daughters of the late Inspector of

Schools E. H. Duval Esq., and they are receiving and deserve a liberal patronage. Parents desiring good educational advantages for their daughters under refining and christian influences will do well to consult these ladies at 27 Peters St.

It is said, with we believe, a basis of truth, that one of our city pastors will soon go as a missionary to the Foreign Field. We shall regret to have our ranks broken, but the field is the world, and our warfare must be ever aggressive till the gospel of the kingdom is preached in all the world.

We learn that arrangements are being made by which it is expected that Rev. S. W. Kierstead will accept the pastorate of the Hampton Ferry, Titusville and Hampton churches.

PERSONAL.—Rev. Jos. Blackney of Berwick N. S. was in city last week accompanied by his family who went on to Woodstock while he returned home.

We are in receipt of two more communications concerning *The Missionary* on P. E. Island but think the brethren had better let the matter rest.

BAPTIST ANNIVERSARIES.

ACADIA COLLEGE ANNIVERSARY will be held June 2nd 11 o'clock a. m.

SOUTHERN ASSOCIATION, N. B. assemblies June 14th at St. Martins. Rev. T. W. Crawley A. M. preacher of Annual Sermon, Rev. W. A. Corey alternate.

WESTERN ASSOCIATION, N. S. assemblies June 18th at Paradise, Rev. A. Cehoon, A. M. preacher of Annual Sermon, Rev. J. H. Saunders alternate; Rev. J. A. McLean writer of Circular Letter.

CENTRAL ASSOCIATION, N. S. assemblies June 25 at Billtown, Rev. E. Whitman preacher of Annual Sermon, Rev. George Armstrong, A. M. alternate, Rev. S. March writer of Circular Letter.

WESTERN ASSOCIATION, N. B. assemblies June 28 at Upper Gagetown, Rev. J. G. Harvey preacher of Annual Sermon, Rev. W. P. Anderson, alternate, Rev. J. Cahill writer of circular letter.

P. E. ISLAND ASSOCIATION assemblies July 5 at Bedeque, Rev. J. A. Gordon preacher of Annual Sermon, Rev. D. G. McDonald alternate, Rev. J. B. Woodland writer of circular letter.

EASTERN ASSOCIATION, N. S. assemblies July 9th at Sydney, C. B. Rev. D. A. Steels, A. M. preacher of Annual Sermon, Rev. J. E. Goucher alternate, Rev. J. J. Armstrong wri er of circular letter.

EASTERN ASSOCIATION, N. B. assemblies July 12 at Harvey, Rev. J. H. Hughes preacher of Annual Sermon, Rev. H. Poshay alternate, Rev. G. O. Gates, A. M. writer of circular letter.

MARITIME CONVENTION assemblies August 20th at Yarmouth N. S. Rev. J. E. Hopper, A. M. preacher of Convention Sermon, Rev. W. A. Corey alternate.

News Summary.

NEW BRUNSWICK.

A sad drowning accident took place at Bennett's Brook, Point Wolf, on Saturday last. Dennis Durban, while river driving for Messrs. Clinch, fell in and was carried under. His body was recovered the same day, much bruised and disfigured by contact with the logs. Durban was about 45 years old and was married. He was a native of the British Islands, but had resided some years at Point Wolf.

By the steamer Falmouth, which sailed at midnight Friday night, there were shipped by sundry dealers about 2,000 barrels of potatoes to Boston and New York. The steamer Dominion arrived at an early hour on Friday morning and sailed again at 7 o'clock. Friday evening, with over 800 barrels of potatoes.

Bishop Sweeney was in Rome on the 22nd of April. He is now on his way home, and will reach St. John early in June.

The St. John River is reported to be rising very rapidly at the different landing points along the route. A marked increase in the height of the water is perceptible at Indiantown.

Yesterday morning the boys employed in working at the sawdust, and the men engaged at the lath machines in Mr. R. A. Gregory's mill, Carleton, struck for 10 cents a day higher wages and had their terms complied with. About 30 men struck work.

It will be interesting to the farmers and patrons of the Millidgeville steam ferry to know that at a late meeting of the company a committee was appointed to inspect the steamer with a view of inviting tenders for the necessary repairs. The work will be vigorously pushed, and it is expected that the boat will be on the route in about three weeks. At present farmers coming to town with teams are obliged to cross in scows, while foot passengers depend principally on the generosity of neighbors, whom it may be said, willingly place boats at the disposal of those desiring passage.

Our Grand Falls correspondent, writing on Saturday, states that the river is unusually high, and that there is a good prospect of all the drives being got out. Since then there has been a great deal of rain, the rain-fall of last evening alone being quite heavy. There is, therefore, every prospect that the mills will be well supplied with logs.

Mr. Lant's new steamer, the "City of St. John," will be ready to start from Point du Chene by Monday next. She is to be placed on the Gulf route, between Campbellton and Gaspe.

Capt. Ludlow, of the schr. "Bessie Black" of this port, writing to Messrs. Wm. Thompson & Co., from Mann Isle,

under date of the 2nd inst., states that his vessel went ashore that morning on the Island, about fifty miles east of Nassau, during a heavy blow from the N. E., and would prove a total wreck. The crew were saved and expected to reach Nassau three days after the writing of the letter. The captain says that part of the materials will be saved in a damaged state and the vessel will probably break up at the first tide. She was bound from Portland to Pensacola in ballast. She is 208 tons register and was built at St. John in 1872. Her owners are J. L. Dunn, Steeves Bros., D. J. Purdy, W. H. Brown, P. D. Scribner, Wm. Ritchie, Jonathan Titus, L. H. Vaughan and others. She is only partly insured.

The ship "Loanda," built for Mr. Bennett Smith, of Windsor, was launched from the yard of Mr. John Fraser, the builder, on Saturday morning. There was the usual large number of spectators.

Barque "Kate F. Troop" was towed from Tynemouth Creek, on Saturday afternoon, by the tug "William Stroud" and is now moored at Reed's Point wharf. She will be rigged by Mr. Jas. Casely.

On Saturday morning the steamer "Alpha," Capt. Black, arrived here from Lingan, C. B., and after discharging a cargo of coal for the Straight Shore rolling mill is to receive freight for New York. Her gross tonnage is 307 tons, net 211 tons. She has accommodation for some 30 passengers. The chief owner is Mr. Samuel Killam, of Yarmouth.

The portwardens have examined the brig, "Annie P. Odell" and recommend that the metal sheathing be stripped off and the vessel caulked all over, four additional iron knees placed on each side in lower hold extending down on the floor heads, and all the above-named damages made good. Mr. J. O. Stackhouse is superintending the repairs.

The barque "Gananogue," 766 tons McMoran master bound from Belfast to Miramichi, in a fog on the 18th inst. struck an iceberg four miles from Bird Rock, Magdalen Island, in thick fog. She stove in her starboard bow and filled rapidly. The crew, fifteen in all, safely landed on Bird Rock and were taken off on the 12th by a passing ship. Nothing was saved.

NOVA SCOTIA.

The cargo of cotton damaged on the steamer "Widdrington" was sold at auction at Halifax on Friday. Fifty bales of the driest brought \$36 per bale and the balance, about 700 bales, brought \$31 per bale. Galt Bros. & Co., of Montreal, were the purchasers. There was quite a competition for this cotton; bidders from New York, New Brunswick and the Upper Provinces being present.

The Nova Scotia Glass company of New Glasgow, are taking steps to get into active operation as soon as possible. The furnace, which will cost some \$8,000, will be delivered early in June.

About a year ago the lobster factory of Mrs. Barber, at Prospect was burned. Assisted by her brother, James Power, business was resumed this season. Located at Boutillior's Cove, St. Margaret's Bay, the new concern was just getting into comfortable working order, when on Sunday night the building with all its contents were burned. Loss heavy; no insurance. There is a strong belief that the building was set on fire by some malicious person.

Two prisoners, Randall and Miles, confined in Liverpool jail, awaiting trial on a charge of burglariously entering the store of J. Newton Mack, of Mill Village, escaped on Thursday.

The Halifax Chronicle of Friday, says that rumor to-day has it that the Government not liking the aspect of affairs in Picton, will not appoint Mr. McDonald to the Chief Justiceship until July.

Friday morning, in half an hour's canvassing \$90,000 stock in the Halifax Cotton factory was subscribed, and a further large amount has been secured in the afternoon. The enthusiasm manifested by the promoters is unbounded and the Halifax cotton factory is assured.

The Scott Act was carried in the County of Colchester, Friday. A large vote polled in Truro where the numbers were 144 for the Act and 17 against it. Some of the outside districts have not been heard from, but there is no doubt as to the result.

The steamer "Valeita" arrived at North Sydney on the 10th, from Montreal, with a large quantity of general merchandise. She got in the ice to the northward and was for some time in great danger, her steering gear was carried away and propeller badly smashed. It was only by the greatest exertion and good management that the vessel was saved. The "Valeita" proceeded to Newfoundland early on Tuesday after landing freight.

BRITISH AND FOREIGN.

In the Commons Thursday night the debate on the Land Bill was again adjourned. The principal feature of the debate was the speech of Wm. Shaw, advocating suspension of evictions and hoping that all the Irish members would unite to prevent the destruction of the bill.

In the House of Commons Friday night, Mr. Gladstone stated that in consequence of the opposition to the Parliamentary Oath bill, the Government intended to postpone the consideration of the service they shall take on it until the Land bill has been substantially disposed of.

A despatch from Rome on the 13th, says: The gravity of the Parliamentary situation increases. The left centre is expected to-night to draw up a motion of want of confidence. It is thought this will pass the Chamber and that the Cabinet will be modified. Meanwhile Premier Carroll resists the pressure put on him to resign. He intends to await the result of the vote. A disagreement exists between him and Depretis, Minister of Interior, who is considered to be his probable successor.

The Times' Tunis correspondent reports that he had an interview with the Tunisian Sheik at Islam. The Sheik denied having incited a holy war, and affirmed that he would continue his efforts to maintain peace.

Prominent Bulgarians at Constantinople state that any reasonable demands by the Prince are certain to be accepted, as the political future of Bulgaria will be seriously compromised by his abdication.

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