

## From the Churches.

WESTPORT, N. S.—I baptized Bro. Herbert Collins, Jan. 30th. Rev. L. J. Tingley preached a very able and eloquent sermon for us Feb. 1st, after which Bro. William Howard was set apart to the office of deacon. Pray for us.

C. E. PINKO.

FRANKFORT, N. S.—Last Sabbath it was my privilege to baptize twenty rejoicing converts into the fellowship of this church, making thirty in all baptized since the good work began. In the early part of the meetings I was kindly assisted by Rev. C. E. Pincio, of Westport, who preached the gospel with power. L. J. TINGLEY.

February 14th.

HANTSPOUR.—We have recently baptized three and received two on experience. We are making an effort to get our list of members corrected, so that the number reported next year will represent somewhere near our working strength. This is not very inspiring work, but otherwise things are going along encouragingly.

D. E. HATT.

MAIN STREET, ST. JOHN.—A series of special meetings lately held has resulted in greatly quickening the spiritual life of the church and in promoting a hearty Christian fellowship among its members. Pastor Gordon has baptized on several occasions recently. Evangelist Martin, who has recently labored with much acceptance and success in connection with churches in St. John and Fairville, will supply the pulpit during the pastor's absence of two months in Winnipeg.

UPPER WICKHAM, No 3 PREACHING STATION, N. B.—I wish through the MESSENGER AND VISITOR to express my gratitude to the members of my congregation who so surprised me on the evening of February 9th. They met at the home of one of the brethren, furnished refreshments, spent a very pleasant evening, before returning home presented me with goods and cash, leaving me over \$25 better off. The way in which this people have treated me since coming among them has made my sojourn a very pleasant one. And God has blessed us in reclaiming backsliders and adding strength to the more active children of his kingdom; still we pray for each other.

I. NEWTON THORNE, Lic.

ANDOVER, VICTORIA CO., N. B.—A word or two from this place will let our brethren know that we are still living and moving on in the Master's work. Good congregations greet us on mostly every Sabbath and good Sunday Schools as well and our prayer meetings are very well attended by times and the Spirit is present with us. Our Unions on Friday evenings are very good indeed, good attendance. I received one in the church by letter, expect others soon. Our friends of Andover surprised us a night or two ago, by calling at our parsonage or home, late, just as the pastor was about to retire to bed, rushing in and threw on him a beautiful fur coat, value \$42. A grand surprise we received. May the Lord bless our good friends.

Feb. 14.

H. D. WORDEN.

WOLFVILLE.—The Wolfville Baptist church at its last business meeting passed with great heartiness a unanimous vote of grateful acknowledgment to Bro. George V. Rand, for his long and valued services to the church in connection with the choir. An address prepared and read by Dr. Jones, set forth on behalf of the church, its appreciation of the ability, zeal and self-sacrificing devotion with which Bro. Rand has served in the choir for more than forty years. Bro. Rand has been chorister for about thirty-four years. His labors in connection with the music began when Father Harding was pastor, continued during the long pastorate of the late Dr. DeBlois and also during the ministry of Dr. T. A. Higgins and of Dr. Trotter. Very few churches have a record like this. The address of the church referred to the unusual musical talent of Bro. Rand, his attendance and energy in all circumstances, his financial contributions to the musical equipment of the church, his influence in securing the musical instruments owned by the body, especially to his aid in obtaining the excellent organ now in use, the gift of Richard Pincio, Esq. It was a well merited tribute, well bestowed, and the church properly emphasized its words by adding thereto a cheque for a substantial sum of money. Bro. Rand's reply was, in words and spirit, worthy of

the occasion. At the close of his remarks, he nominated as his successor, Mr. R. W. Ford, Principal of the High School, who was duly appointed.

ALMA, N. B.—I baptized one young sister here last Sabbath, Feb. 13th. With the assistance of Rev. F. D. Davidson, we began special meetings about the middle of January and continued them about three weeks. And while we cannot report more than this one addition to our number, yet we feel that great good has been done in the direction of strengthening our Baptist interests in the village. Voices which have been silent for years have been heard again and a number of the unconverted have requested the prayers of God's people. We believe that impressions have been made which will never be forgotten. At a business meeting of the church held last week two new deacons were chosen and on the following evening were ordained. Also at that meeting it was decided to immediately proceed to the erection of a new church edifice, which for the past eight or ten years has been under consideration. This being one of the weak churches, it will be quite an undertaking, but the people are now determined to persevere in the course they are pursuing. Any help from outside would be thankfully received. Bro. Davidson is a forcible and fearless preacher of the good old Gospel, and churches needing assistance would do well to seek his services. I close my services with this people about the middle of March, after a pleasant pastorate of two years. It is sincerely hoped that a new pastor will be immediately secured. The coming man will find a kind people, but plenty of work.

M. B. WHITMAN

WINDSOR.—Our annual church meeting was held on the 2nd inst., at which reports from the different societies were presented and the work for the past year reviewed. Our three Sunday Schools are in a healthy condition. The Women's Missionary Aid Society did good work during the year and the reports from the Senior and Junior B. Y. P. U. were encouraging. The Mite Society and Sewing Circle gave material assistance by the sums of money they raised and donated. Notwithstanding the disaster which befell us last year, the Treasurer's report showed a good sum raised for local expenses as well as for mission purposes, although the latter sum was smaller than for some years past. The pastor's report showed: Total number of pastoral visits, 415; Sermons preached, 134; Prayer, social and conference meetings attended, 92; Baptized, 63; Funerals attended, 15; Marriage ceremonies performed, 15. The pastor has also taught a young men's class in the Sunday School, and held a fortnightly week-night service at Martock, an out station. Special services held there also resulted in much good. The church received much benefit from the Hunter and Crossley meetings. During the year eight members have passed away. The various organizations within the church have been well sustained and the pastor speaks gratefully of the service rendered by active helpers in the church, making special mention of those who for many years past have sustained the work at the outstations. The new parsonage is a monument to the desires of the church for the comfort of the pastor and his family. Alluding to the sad experience of the church, on account of the great fire, the pastor expresses the belief that the loss is not without compensation, and that in ten years time the church will be in all respects stronger and better equipped for the Lord's work than ever before. This, however, will not be attained without self denial and increased devotion to the work. A building committee was appointed to secure plans, etc., for a new church and, if sufficient funds are raised to warrant us in building, we hope to begin operations in the spring.

CLERK.

Grateful Mention.

On the evening of January 11 the good people of Barton gathered at the parsonage, where a very pleasant time was spent. Our hearts were not only made glad by welcoming these friends, but we were made the richer by some \$16, for which we would desire to offer them our sincere thanks. We would also make grateful mention of the kindness of the people of North Range, who, on the evening of January 12, met at Bro. Thomas Franklin's for the purpose of making a donation. Before separating we were presented with \$15.46 as a token of their good will. May God wonderfully bless the donors, as well as all the people on the field who have been so kind, especially during my late illness.

O. C. CRABER.

### Sunday School Convention.

The Nictaux, Springfield S. S. Convention met at the Springfield Baptist church on Feb. 3rd, at 2 p. m. After reading and prayer by Bro. M. P. Roop, an interesting paper was read by Dea. C. R. Marshall, subject, "How to gain and keep the attention of the Sunday School Class" which was freely discussed. Then followed a discussion on the use and abuse of lesson helps in the S. S. hour. Adjourned to meet at 7 p. m. At the evening session, reports of nine schools were received. Miss Hannah Saunders read a paper, subject, "Success a failure in Christian work." Music by choir. Recitation by Miss E. Dalay Webb. Remarks were made by Rev. J. Webb. Bro. W. A. Mason, H. P. Roop, and C. W. Roop, on "How shall we provide substitute teachers?" Rev. J. W. Brown suggested a normal class for the training of persons in the study of the Bible, so that they would be better prepared for S. S. teachers. After singing by the choir a very interesting "Model Bible Class," was taught by Rev. J. W. Brown. The convention adjourned to meet in May. Benediction by Pastor Webb.

E. M. BARTRAUX, Sec'y.

### Quarterly Meeting.

St. John and Kings County Baptist quarterly meeting convened with the Hampton Station Baptist church Jan. 28, at 7.30 o'clock p. m. Opening sermon preached by Rev. W. E. McIntyre, text, John 1:13, followed by social service. Saturday sessions at 10, 2.30 and 7.30 o'clock. Ministers present: Revs. J. W. S. Young, W. E. McIntyre, N. A. McNeil, J. D. Wetmore, E. K. Ganong, S. D. Ervine and W. J. Gordon, Lic. The business and social services were very interesting and helpful. Saturday evening Rev. N. A. McNeil preached from John 1:29. Sunday a. m. Deacon N. B. Cottle conducted a social service at 10 o'clock. The quarterly sermon was preached at 11 o'clock by Rev. E. K. Ganong, text, John 17:14. At 2.30 Rev. N. P. Gross preached from Ezek. 36:26, after which he gave a very interesting address on our Danish and French mission work. At 7 o'clock p. m. W. J. Gordon, Lic., preached from Jude 21. This sermon was followed by a very inspiring social service. Offerings taken, \$4.17, to be equally divided between Home and Foreign Missions. Also for Danish work, \$5. All the sermons preached were very clear, instructive and helpful in character and the social services inspiring. We know great good will follow such effort. As there was no invitation for the churches to hold next session, if any would like to have it held with them please notify Pastor S. D. Ervine, Springfield, Kings County, or T. A. Leonard, Long Point, Kings Co.

T. A. LEONARD, Sec'y.

### District Meeting.

The District Meeting of Kings Co., N. S., met at N. Kingston, Feb. 8th. The County Union of the B. Y. P. U. held its first rally on the previous evening under the leadership of President J. B. Morgan, A. B. Excellent papers were presented by I. P. Neily, Esq., Mrs. J. B. Morgan and Mrs. C. H. Martell.

The morning session of the District Meeting began with devotional service led by Pastor G. L. Bishop. Encouraging reports were received from the churches, excepting from three that failed in sending delegates. Billtown reported 32 baptisms, making 46 in all during the recent awakening at Woodville. Gaspereaux reported one baptized and a meeting house on the mountain completed and paid for at the cost of \$500. A lady in the United States is donating \$100 to the Pereaux church for a memorial window, to be placed in their new meeting house to the memory of David Freeman, a former pastor.

In the afternoon papers were presented by Pastors Read and Saunders. The former on the Sermon of today and the latter on Pulpit preparation. These were highly commended and elicited a lively discussion.

In the evening Pastor Williams spoke earnestly and well on the subject of Home Missions. Mrs. Morgan read a paper prepared by Miss Amy Johnston, who could not be present; this was followed by an address by Mrs. C. H. Martell. In both of these the duty of woman in our home churches to give the gospel to their sisters in heathen lands were eloquently set forth. Pastor Simpson gave the closing address, on the Forward movement. In Bro. Simpson Acadia has a most earnest and enthusiastic advocate. If all of Acadia's sons have the same consciousness of obligation

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Certain overtures had been previously made indicating a desire for union with the W. M. A. S. As the brethren, however, were tardy in pressing their suit the willing sisters sent a message asking for mutual consultation. An interview was had with happy results. Henceforth they are to be represented on the Executive; report their work; have a paper for the afternoon session, and occupy a place on the platform in the evening, when desirable.

M. P. FREEMAN, Sec'y.

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