

The Rev. James Read, who died in May last, was for a number of years engaged in ministerial labours as pastor of the Congregational Church in Sheffield, N. B. Having changed his views on baptism, he was baptized by the late Rev. E. J. Harris, in Woodstock, and thenceforward for nearly a quarter of a century he continued to be faithfully and acceptably engaged as pastor of the Baptist Churches in Ohio, Yarmouth County, and Londonderry and Portauipique, Colchester County, N. S. Having removed a few years ago to Annapolis County, he engaged occasionally in Home Missionary labours; and when called away from earth, was holding an appointment from the Western Missionary Board. He was much esteemed by his brethren as an unassuming but deeply pious man of God.

The Rev. S. Bennet Taylor died on the 28th of March last. For a period of nearly thirty years he laboured for the promotion of the cause of God with a good degree of success. Although possessing but few educational advantages, his communications were received with marked respect; he was sound in doctrine, and firmly attached to Baptist principles. During his ministry about 127 persons were baptized by him, and added to the Churches in the County of Lunenburg, to which district his labours were chiefly confined. He peacefully entered into rest.

The Rev. Nelson Baker, who was somewhat suddenly called from his labours not many weeks ago, was the subject of a powerful revival on Tancook Island, in Lunenburg County, N. S., which was in some degree the fruit of the ministerial labours of the late revered and lamented Joseph Dimock, then pastor of the Baptist Church in Chester, in that County.

Brother Baker for a short time studied at Horton Academy, but a deficiency of pecuniary means obliged him to go into the ministry, to which he felt himself called, without completing his education. He remained, however, a sincere friend of mental culture. He was an earnest preacher, and laboured to some extent in Lunenburg County, and finally settled with a Church in the neighbourhood of Margaret's Bay, Halifax County. His ruling characteristics were honesty and earnestness of purpose, and he died regretted by many as a worthy and useful servant of his Master.

In addition to the above cases, the Committee wish to make some mention of Ward Eaton, Esq., of Cornwallis, whose death occurred on the first of February last.

Mr. Eaton, though not a member of any Church, was nevertheless a man of real worth. During his life he was much associated with the earlier ministers of our denomination, and was by them very highly esteemed. In the community where he lived, he held the confidence of all classes. He frequently occupied, with credit, places of public trust. In education and missions he manifested a strong interest from the first commencement of our labours for those objects; and to the support of religion, in his own neighbourhood, his assistance was always freely given.

During his last illness, which was somewhat protracted, though regretting deeply that some duties had been neglected, he spoke confidently of his hope in Jesus Christ alone, and seemed to enjoy much re-