

WINDSOR, N. B.—Windsor has been figuring so often in the papers of late that we feel inclined somewhat to "hide our diminished head" for awhile, but the exceeding liberality of the kind donors who made it possible for our congregation to enjoy a sumptuous tea on Xmas day demands a note of thankful acknowledgment from "some one." As that much talked of individual has been tardy as usual I must apologize and set about the task myself. About 250 sat down to a truly Xmas tea, delicious enough to satisfy the greatest of epicures. After this, two Xmas trees, with Mr. and Mrs. Santa Claus to distribute the toys and candies, were the centre of attraction. Every child received a present, and all present for the evening seemed to forget about being burnt out and many heart-felt expressions of gratitude were heard from the more thankful ones to the generosity of the friends in Wolfville, Hantsport, Yarmouth, Amherst, Canard, St. Stephens, Digby, Berwick, Annapolis, Truro, Falmouth and Mrs. Allison Smith, of Halifax. We have outgrown the age of "tea meetings," but the strange circumstances seemed to warrant us on this occasion to seek to bring in a little Xmas sunshine and sociability among our homeless congregation. The "Tabernacle" was decorated with evergreen, bunting and bright colored flags, which covered the rough boards and frame of our present place of meeting. It seems so good to have any kind of a place of our own that we little minded for a time, but as the seams in the floor and ceiling and walls open wider and wider we have a little too much ventilation in the region of the feet and we long to have a new church and school room.

In behalf of committee,
RACHEL NALDER, Chairman.

PRINCE STREET, TRURO.—January 1st the church and congregation sat down at six o'clock in the vestry to a Birthday Party, it being the fortieth anniversary of the organization of the church. It was a veritable banquet, the ladies having spared no pains to make the viands worthy of the occasion. Of course admission was free, as this church allows no admission fee for anything connected with its house of worship. At 8 o'clock an adjournment was made to the audience room, Mr. W. Cummings presiding. After devotional exercises, the only three living male charter members addressed the meeting—Brethren C. H. Blair, L. J. Walker and W. Cummings. Of course they had to speak of the "old times," and very interesting they were to the younger people of today. There being some debt on the building, incurred by repairs and improvements, a free-will offering was taken for that purpose and amounted to five hundred and sixty-one dollars. On Lord's Day, January 2, a 10 o'clock praise meeting began the services of the day. At 11, Mr. S. Cummings, now studying at Crozer Theological Seminary, preached an admirable sermon. The appropriateness of this is seen in his being a son of one of the living charter members. At three o'clock those who were in the Sabbath School forty years ago met with the Sabbath School of today, and related very interesting reminiscences of their work for the Master in the long ago. At seven o'clock the grandmother church, 106 years old, (Onslow), the mother, 40 years old, (First Truro), and Emmanuel, a daughter nearly eight years old, with the pastors of the same, met in a union service, and a very interesting service it was. The historical papers were, naturally, the most attractive part of the programme, though the music, by one of the finest choirs in the provinces, was a rich feast to all. This church was organized January 3, 1858; but a "Chapel" in which were conducted Sabbath School, prayer meetings and preaching services, was built in Truro in 1840. For eighteen years it was a station of the Onslow church. Since it became a separate organization it has had three pastors. D. W. C. Dimock was pastor 15 years; J. E. Goucher was pastor 19 years; H. F. Adams is in the sixth year of his pastorate. It was a "day of small things" in 1858, the constituent members numbering forty-two. Nevertheless, they subscribed a sum large enough to engage a pastor, and he was for fifteen years their pastor in the mother church. So that Pastor Dimock was for thirty years their minister in spiritual things. The church grew rapidly in numbers and ability. During the nineteen years pastorate of Rev. J. E. Goucher it had great prosperity. It has ever been a generous church, and maintains that character today, as seen in giving one thousand dollars to Dr. Trotter for the Acadia College "Forward Movement," and one hundred and thirty dollars to Pastor A. Shaw for Windsor Baptist church, in one week in October, '97. During the present pastorate, incumbency there have been sixteen thousand dollars contributed for all purposes, and over one hundred added to the church roll. We are now looking forward to our Jubilee, 1908.

MARRIAGES.

GRAVES-WADMAN.—At Charlottetown, P. E. I., Jan. 18th, by Rev. C. W. Corey, Wm. Graves, of Emmysvale, to Ella May Wadman, of Crapaud.

STRANG-McPHAIL.—At Westville, P. E. I., by Rev. C. W. Corey, Edgar P. Strang, of Cape Traverse, to Annie McPhail, of Westville.

CARR-ROLSTON.—At the Baptist parsonage, Fairville, N. B., Jan. 19th, by the Rev. G. R. White, B. A., Charles J. Carr, of St. Martins, to Nellie Rolston, of this city.

GILLIE-SANGSTER.—At the home of the bride's parents, New Harbor, Guysboro Co., N. S., Jan. 13th, by Rev. R. Osgood Morse, M. A., Thomas F. Gillie to Emma G. Sangster, both of New Harbor.

BURKE-MASON.—At the residence of the bride's parents, Country Harbor, Guysboro Co., Jan. 5th, by A. J. Vincent, Frank Burke, of Drum Head, Guysboro Co., to Eliza Mason.

OUTHOUSE-BLACKFORD.—At the home of the bride, Jan. 15th, by Rev. L. J. Tingley, Herbert Outhouse to Mrs. Sarah E. Blackford, all of Tiverton, Digby Co., N. S.

SILVER-ERNST.—At the Baptist parsonage, New Canada, by Rev. D. W. Randall, on the 16th inst., John Hugh Silver, of Pleasant River, N. S., to Florence Ernst, of Ohio.

BEZANSON-SHAW.—At the parsonage, Windsor, N. S., Dec. 29th, by Pastor Shaw, Dudley Bezanon, of Windsor, to Minnie Shaw, daughter of William Shaw, of Falmouth.

PAYZANT-TAYLOR.—At the Baptist church, Falmouth, Jan. 12th, by Pastor A. A. Shaw, of Windsor, Charles Payzant, of Windsor Forks, to Ida Gertrude, daughter of William Taylor, of Falmouth.

STATES-BOLES.—At the residence of the bride's foster mother, Mrs. Prevost, Windsor Plains, Jan. 12th, by Pastor A. A. Shaw, Alonzo States, of Hantsport, to Gertrude Boles, of Windsor Plains.

DEATHS.

MILLET.—At Windsor, Jan. 15th, after a long and trying illness, Sarah, daughter of Elisha Armstrong, and wife of Alpheus Millet, aged 31 years. Mrs. Millet was a consistent member of the Windsor Baptist church.

MESSENGER.—At Lower Canard, on the 12th inst., Emma Muriel, aged 2 years, youngest daughter of Lewis and Annie Messenger. The body was buried in the family lot in Falmouth, Pastor Murray in attendance. In the home circle Muriel was bright and full of promise. What a joy to the bereaved is the assurance that what on earth was but a promise in heaven is a glorious reality.

COLPITTS.—On Nov. 20th, at the hospital in Boston, Lillian Hopper, wife of the late L. H. Colpitts, of Mapleton, and daughter of Stephen Hopper, of Elgin. She leaves two children, an aged father, brothers, sisters and many friends to mourn her loss. She had been for many years a consistent member of the 1st Elgin Baptist church. In death as in life she trusted in Jesus.

GINN.—Mrs. Ginn, widow of the late Deacon Ginn, died at the residence of her son Robert, St. Leonards Station, January 11, aged 75 years. Sister Ginn had been in declining health for more than a year and her death was not unexpected. She was baptized nine years ago by Rev. Charles Henderson and united with the Baptist church at this place. She left nine children to mourn the loss of a kind and affectionate mother, but their loss is her gain.

TIBERT.—At Central Grove, Digby Co., N. S., Jan. 13th, of tubercular meningitis, Eleanor Tibert, aged 13 years and six months. She experienced religion in a powerful revival last spring, united with the church and lived an exemplary Christian life until the end came and she departed to be with Christ. The bereaved family have the heartfelt sympathy of the entire community.

BAKER.—At the P. E. I. hospital, Charlottetown, Jan. 16th, Cassie J. Baker, of Summerside, aged 39 years. Her life was a copy of her Master's. Diligent, uncomplaining, heroic, unselfish, she lived for others. Even her last thoughts were for her friends and her widowed mother. Many hearts are saddened, but the God she loved is more than able to comfort. The saddened mother, brother, and two sisters have the sympathy of a large circle of friends.

DAVIDSON.—At Isaac's Harbor, Jan. 15th, after sixteen hours of suffering from injuries received while working at the Goldbrook mine, Spurgeon, son of James and Mary Davidson, aged 19 years and 8 months. Our young brother was loved and respected by all who knew him. He was one among the few who live an every day Christian life. His hope in Jesus was bright to the last. The father, mother and two sisters have the sympathy of the whole community. May the God of all comfort sustain and uphold them by His grace in this their trying hour.

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ELLS.—The following sketch of the late Deacon Joshua Ellis, of Canard, appeared in Monday's Halifax Herald, and will be of special interest to many readers of the MESSENGER AND VISITOR. The funeral took place from his son's residence Sunday afternoon, the 16th inst., the services being conducted by his pastor, Rev. C. H. Martell, in the presence of a large concourse of people, after which the remains were laid away in the old cemetery, Upper Canard, which contains the dust of so many pioneer Baptists, in the sure and certain hope of the resurrection of Christ Jesus. At Lower Canard, Cornwallis, Kings County, on Saturday, at his son's residence, in the 97th year of his age, passed to his rest one of the few survivors of a generation that came on the scene in the first decade of this century. "Deacon" Joshua Ellis, as he was familiarly called for more than half a century, was born December 13th, 1801. He was one of a large number of strong, sturdy, honest, industrious pioneers who found Canard street almost an unbroken forest and turned it into a continuous garden. Colonel Belcher, James Dickie, Ward Eaton, James Walton, David Eaton, William Burbridge, William Eaton, James Eaton, all of Canard, and all now departed, were among the pioneers who stood with Joshua Ellis for so many decades, and whose descendants now occupy and enjoy the rich dykes and fertile uplands brought in by their forefathers. These were men of whom any community might be proud. They were men of quick intelligence and full of general useful knowledge. They were giants in physique; they were full of honest work; they took the keenest interest in the old Liberal and Tory contests. Some took leading positions in the militia, notably Col. Belcher and David Eaton; others in the magistracy, notably, Ward Eaton, so widely known in his day; and others in the church, and Deacon Joshua was one of these. Converted and baptized in 1825 with his mother and four sisters, who constituted the whole family, he united with them and nineteen other recent converts, with the First Cornwallis Baptist church, which stood on the old parade ground at Upper Canard. This church was then under the pastoral care of Father Edward Manning, one of the most distinguished of Baptist pioneer preachers. The baptism of these twenty-five converts at Sheffield's Mills by Father Manning and Theodore Harding was a scene kept fresh in the minds of all the people of that country for a half-century following. It was as a member, and for so many years a deacon of the church, that the sterling qualities of Mr. Ellis' character were felt to most advantage. He was a right arm of his able and eloquent pastor. He stood to him as Aaron to Moses. There never was any break in the faithfulness of his service to God and to his church. He was learned in the Scriptures, and ready always with appropriate quotation. He was indeed a pillar in the house of God. In his declining years, when hearing had failed and sight had failed, and age brought its accustomed heaviness, holy Scripture flowed like a fountain from his tongue. The Word of God was his meat and drink. He will not be remembered so much as a farmer, though he was a good one, as his farm will prove; not so much as a politician, but still he was not unmindful of his duty on occasion, but as a humble, devout, faithful child of God he will be held in remembrance so long as any of his contemporaries continue. His son Charles succeeds the deceased on the farm. Four daughters, Mrs. Jonathan Borden, of Kentville; Mrs. Levi Eaton, of Lower Canard; Mrs. Moffat, of North Sydney, and Mrs. Pugsley, of Nappan, together with children and grandchildren, will long honor and cherish the memory of their kind and noble Christian ancestor.

Windsor Baptist Building and Relief Fund.

Clementsville, N. S., per Rev. S. Langille, \$2.75; Hants Co. Baptist Convention collection at Mt. Denson, \$3.80; J. W. Barnes, Wolfville, \$5.00; Rev. J. Howard Barnes, Wolfville, \$1; Friends in Hebron, N. S., per H. H. Crosby, \$10.50; Josiah Loley, Lower Economy, \$2; Suffield St., Hartford, Conn., Baptist S. S., \$2; Rev. W. H. Robinson, Antigonish, \$3; Mrs. Geo. Forbes, Vernon River Bridge, P. E. I., \$1; Belgonie Mission Station, N. W. T., \$2; E. Seaman, Kentville, \$1; Two friends, Oakville, Ont., \$6; Atwood, Ont., Baptist Church, \$5.25; John T. Winslow, Murray Harbor, South P. E. I., \$1; Rolling Dam Baptist church, \$1.55; Rev. Geo. and Mrs. Churchill, Bobbili, India, for relief of sufferers, \$20. A. A. SHAW, A. P. SHAND.

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