

assumed grievances. In the case referred to, the wretched maddness, when, by the way, appears to have shot the wrong man after all, was hailed as a heroine, not only by most of the public journals, but, as a member of the Legislative Assembly assured the Court, by the members of that body also! What hope for the future can be indulged for a country where all classes of society appear to be so lost to sentiments of truth and justice? It would seem as though a very small matter might at any time cause a recurrence of the earthquake which rent France at the great Revolution, and which there is much reason to fear will, like the second shocks of the recent convulsions in Spain, prove more disastrous than the first. Abate omni.

VIATOR.

January 21, 1885.

Religious Intelligence.

NEWS FROM THE CHURCHES.

WOLFEVILLE.—The monthly concert for prayer for the spread of the gospel, was held on Sunday, last. The claims of our Foreign Mission Board, in the present emergency, were presented by Dr. Rand, Dr. Higgins, and Prof. Jones. It was resolved that a special donation of at least \$100 be secured this week, and forthwith forwarded to the Secretary, John March, Esq. This is, of course, exclusive of the amount contributed to the Convention Fund proper. The prayers and addresses were marked by strong confidence that the work of our Missions is of the Lord, and that our brethren of the Board will be speedily delivered from financial embarrassment. It should be noted here that as the Wolfeville church contributes liberally to the Convention Fund, it is fairly open to it to make a special donation to the funds of the Foreign Mission Board. Of course, those churches which have not yet provided for the due discharge of their obligations to the Convention Fund proper, will bestir themselves. They, as well as individuals, must be just to all our benevolent objects before they are generous towards any one of them in particular.

The Acadia Missionary Society, an organization whose membership is composed of students in Acadia College, Horton Collegiate Academy, and Acadia Seminary, is in a healthy condition. Its aim is to cultivate interest in missionary work, and especially to gain information respecting Christian missions in foreign lands. Monthly meetings are regularly held, when papers are read and addresses given. Japan was the country under consideration at the January meeting. At the close of the students' prayer meeting in the Academy Hall, on Wednesday evening the 4th inst., the missionary society resolved to take up a collection among the students of the three institutions to be forwarded as a special donation from the society to the treasurer of the Foreign Mission Board. The prayer meeting was one of unusual interest.

R. H. T.

CHORONOUGH.—The church is somewhat revived. Several conversions. Expect baptism next Sabbath.

D. W. C.

BEAR RIVER.—Nine candidates have been received for church membership after baptism, who will probably follow Christ next Sabbath.

W. E. HALL.

MACHAGUAC.—Our usual services are increasing in interest. One young lady has been received as a candidate for baptism, and others are deeply moved, and thinking and praying about the salvation of their souls.

T. A. B.

CHESTER.—On Sabbath evening, Feb. 1st, a very interesting concert was given by the Chester Baptist Sunday-school. The Bible was the subject.

The superintendent, Charles Smith, Esq., was presented with two handsome bound volumes of poems, in appreciation of his services.

On Feb. 3rd, a basket sociable was given at Chester Basin by the Mission Band. It was an enjoyable affair. **DOUGHERTY.**—The work of grace still continues in Dougherty. We visited the waters again last Sabbath, when five more believers in Jesus followed Him in the blessed ordinance of baptism. Two others received the hand of fellowship. Others are seeking the Lord. Our congregations on Sabbath evenings number between three and four hundred. Your readers will remember that this is a new interest in Dougherty town.

The Baptists of Dougherty have great reason to thank God and take courage. "Not unto us, O Lord, not unto us, but unto thy name give glory, for thy mercy and for thy truth's sake."

A. T. DYKMAN.

RIVER JOHN.—I engaged in September last to spend a quarter of my time, for one year, with the above named Church. Though few in number, the church has come up nobly to the help of the Lord, and our meetings have been well attended. Some time since a young man professed faith in Christ and was baptized. Lately, special meetings were held in which we were assisted for a few evenings by Rev. C. E. Martell, of Omslow. Last Lord's day, I baptized four believers in the presence of a number of people who gathered in the sunshine on the banks of the river to witness the ordinances. Others have since found peace through believing, and some are earnestly seeking salvation. The Rev. Isaiah Wallace is expected to preach at River John next Lord's day.

P. S. MCGONNEN.

SHELBURNE.—The first of the year we began special services at Sand Point. Notwithstanding bad roads and inclement weather, meetings are well attended and the interest is general. The Church is revived; a number profess conversion; yesterday three were baptized. Meetings and interest continue.

BRANDSTOWN.—Special meetings are in progress here notwithstanding the exceedingly unfavorable weather. Some spiritual quickening has been apparent, and early additions to the church are expected. General harmony prevails in the different sections of the field, whilst the congregations continue to be large and to manifest deep interest in the preaching of the gospel.

BARRINGTON.—In the lower part of Arryle, Yae. Co., there is a settlement about three miles long, called Arryle Sound, containing 50 families of Baptists and Free Baptists, intermingled. Two years ago the Baptists erected a snug place of worship, in which, during the past month, Rev. Wm. Miller and Bro. E. Swin, Free Baptists, and your humble servant, conducted a series of union meetings. From the first the Lord was evidently present in our midst. His people were greatly revived. Many sinners were pricked in their hearts, and upwards of thirty were baptized and united with the churches. Perfect harmony prevailed throughout, and the Baptists and Free Baptists in that locality are practically one body. In every community where the two denominations exist, a similar union could be effected amongst the people, they would then be in a position to discuss the question of organic combinations. Newspaper discussions, resolutions of denominational gatherings, and findings of committees, will effect very little towards the accomplishment of the desired end, unless the hearts of the people are drawn together in love. Let there be a season of courtship all along the lines, and then, if the twain desire to become one, a marriage may be more easily effected. A discussion of terms of union at the present time, either in the newspapers or in public bodies, would, in my estimation, only have a tendency to widen the breach.

W. H. RICHARD.

TANCOCK.—Our church here is struggling along with its many difficulties. Bro. Whitman, (Lia.) has been laboring with us for some time, and I believe the good seed sown by him will bring forth fruit to the glory of God. We are supplied at present by C. E. Pines, (Lia.) He came here on the 10th. We have been holding meetings here every evening since he came, when the weather would permit. Pray for us that the good work may go on.

H. HUTT.

DEDICATION.—On the 18th ult., pursuant to previous notice, the 2nd Moncton Baptist church dedicated their splendid new meeting house to the worship of God. Though the weather was inclement, yet the congregations were large and attentive throughout the day.

Dedication service at 10.30 a. m., in the following order: Singing of appropriate hymns by the choir; reading of scripture by Rev. G. O. Gates, of Moncton; opening prayer by Rev. M. Normandy, of Kent Co., after which Bro. G. O. Gates preached the dedication sermon, taking as his text Psalm 122:1. The Spirit of the divine Power was present, and the sermon was truly as earnest, faithful, and able presentation of gospel truth that will not soon be forgotten. After the sermon, the present pastor, J. W. Carpenter, in a few appropriate remarks, addressed the meeting, announcing that the building was free from debt. Then followed the dedicatory prayer by Rev. J. Gammon, former pastor, which completed the morning service.

At 3 p. m., Bro. Gates preached again to a large and attentive congregation, taking as his text, John 10:38-39. Truly the divine Spirit was present in the unfolding of such glorious gospel truth.

The sermon in the evening was by Rev. M. Normandy, of Kent Co.; text Rev. 1:5. The discourse was faithful and well received. Rev. W. W. Corey, of Salisbury, was present after noon and evening, and took part in the services. Our new house is 32x50, containing 60 pews, a roomy platform and a bible stand. It is well warmed and lighted, and built in a very substantial manner, without regard to cost, but with a view to comfort. Very much credit is due to the contractor, C. Trice, Esq., who exceeded the plan and specifications by a large outlay of his own funds. Truly we ought to be thankful to God for such noble-hearted men. I rejoice greatly in the completion of our new house; it will be a great strength to the cause of God in this vicinity.

J. W. CARPENTER.

The entertainment in Berryman's Hall, on Thursday and Friday evenings, under the auspices of the Ladies' Seminary Aid Society, was a very excellent one. The stormy weather prevented as large an attendance as could have been wished, but all who were present were well pleased.

GERMAIN ST., ST. JOHN.—At a meeting held Feb. 5, the resignation of Rev. Henry Cross, the pastor of this church, was accepted. Many will regret the departure of Rev. Mr. Cross from St. John. Can he not be secured by some of our churches, so that his labors may not be lost to these provinces? **HAMILTON STATION.**—The pastor baptized 4 persons at the close of the afternoon service; three of them joined the Hampton Village church and one the church at the station. The meetings are quite interesting and the hopes of the faithful strengthened.

All correspondence with the Jeddore Baptist church is to be addressed to Peter W. Mackall, West Jeddore, Nal. Co., N. S., who has been recognized church clerk in place of Enos Baker.

JANESBORO.—The Janes church is being greatly blessed with revival influences. Meetings were held continuously for six weeks, many of them attended with marvelous power yet throughout the whole there have been no loud shoutings heard, nor any undue excitement manifested. The results of the meetings thus far, are as follows, eight were baptized on the first Sabbath in January, two on the second and three on the fourth, thirteen up to the present time. We expect to baptize many more during the winter as there are many who have come forward for prayer, and some who have given satisfactory evidence of conversion. The congregation here is a very large one for a country place, the meeting house, which is also large, being often filled. There is here an extensive field for labor, the church numbers considerable over a hundred members, beside scores of unconverted people and many sick and some dying, all of which keep us constantly on the move. Death is claiming his victims in our midst very often. On Thursday the fifteenth of this month, there were three coffins carried into the church at one time, and on Friday the twenty-third, these were solemn occasions. The people of this place are not unmindful of our temporal needs, of this fact we were fully convinced on last Monday evening, when about one hundred and thirty of them took possession of the parsonage, doing just by leaving behind them a donation of cash and goods amounting to \$157, this is all the harm they have done. This was purely a donation and not part of my salary. May God richly reward the kind people in my humble prayer.

CALVIN CURRIE.

QUARTERLY MEETING.—The Westmoreland Co. Quarterly Meeting held its session with the 2nd Moncton Baptist Church, on the 18th ult., at 7 o'clock, p. m. In the absence of Rev. D. G. McDonald, who was to have preached the quarterly sermon, Rev. W. W. Corey, of Salisbury preached very acceptably from Isaiah 53:11. Earnest addresses and appeals were made by Rev. G. O. Gates, M. Normandy, J. Gammon, and Pastor Carpenter. Good impressions were made. The business meeting was then held, Rev. G. O. Gates, chairman, Pastor J. W. Carpenter, secretary, pro tem. After business necessary to the continuance of said quarterly meeting, it adjourned to meet with the Salisbury Church at Boundary Creek, meeting house—due notice of which will be given by regular secretary.

J. W. CARPENTER, Sec'y pro tem, FERRIS.

As a social gathering recently held at Bridgeport, Rev. W. H. Warren was made the recipient of a beautiful present in the shape of a superb easy chair. Donations were also made to him, both at Bridgeport and at Wadville; and the good people at Centerville, in addition to their stipulated proportion of salary, graciously furnished the minister's horse with a winter's supply of hay.

GENERAL.

ONTARIO.—At Decoyville, Teeterville and Beverly St. Toronto, special services are in progress, and quite a number have already professed conversion. Baptisms are reported as follows:—Clarendon St., Oshawa 2, Whitby 2, Hanover 8. Churches have been recognized at Lyndville and Moss.

There are 4,347 Congregational churches in England and Wales, with a seating capacity of 1,568,357.

FOREIGN.

A large number of the Jews of Russia in Russia have professed a faith in Jesus of Nazareth as the Messiah, and have formed themselves into a congregation which they call the National Jewish Congregation of the New Testament. This congregation now consists of over two hundred families.

In Madagascar no one could read sixty years ago, but now there are nearly 300,000 on the island who have some part of the Bible and read it.

A cablegram has just been received from F. D. Finney, Esq., stating that Shams, Upper Burma, has been sacked by the Ka-Chins. All the missionaries escaped and are now safe at Rangoon. This is a mission of the Baptist Board at Boston, and great interest has been felt in it for some time past.

UNITED STATES.

The Bay Home Mission Society intend to build 100 places of worship this year. The Southern Baptist Theological Seminary, Louisville, has among its present students three ex-Prebyterian preachers preparing for our ministry.

The Baptists in Massachusetts have 14 Associations, 293 churches, 378 ordained ministers and 58,338 members, who raised last year for all purposes \$738,229.71. There were 2,341 baptisms.

New Hampshire Baptists have 6 Associations, 80 churches, 95 ordained ministers, and 8,713 members (a decrease, for the year, of 63) whose contributions last year were \$97,163.37.

Rev. B. S. Cook, a preacher among the Wesleyan Methodists, was recently ordained a Baptist minister at Readsboro, Vermont.

In Gallipoli, Ohio, a remarkable revival is in progress. Nearly 1,000 conversions are reported. All classes are reached. Many schools are closed.

Mr. Joseph Cook began his tenth lecture season in Tremont Temple, Boston, on Monday of this week. The course is to consist of eight lectures on "Revelation and Inspiration."

THE CONVENTION AT BURLINGTON.—At the meeting on Monday, Jan. 26, the Executive Committee of the Union adopted the following memorandum, copies of which have been sent to the President of the United States, and to the Hon. John A. Kasson, Minister of the United States at Berlin:

The Executive Committee of the American Baptist Missionary Union desire to express their sincere gratification to the Government and people of the United States are duly represented in the International Conference at Berlin, to secure the freedom of the neutrality of Central Africa. The fact that this vast region was opened to the knowledge of the world by an American citizen, coupled with the consideration that this country has a deeper interest in the African race than the United States, seems to us a sufficient justification of the policy of participating in that august council.

As the patron and director of an important Christian mission on the Congo, the American Baptist Missionary Union desires also to express the profoundest gratitude that the proposition has been made in the International Conference, not only to suppress slavery and the slave trade, but also to prohibit the manufacture and traffic in intoxicating liquors throughout the Congo region; and it would hereby respectfully urge the Government of the United States to promote these measures as vital to the interests of civilization, humanity, and religion, by all the weight of its great influence, in the Council of the Nations.

S. S. Convention.

The eighth annual session of the P. E. Island Baptist Sabbath School Convention was held at Belmont, Lot 14, on Tuesday and Wednesday, the 20th and 21st ult. The attendance was fair, though not what it should be, when we consider the importance of the work. The first session was opened with social exercises, which had an inspiring effect on those present.

The officers for the current year were chosen as follows: Samuel Simpson, President; Humphrey Diamond Vice, do; J. B. Leard Secretary; Alex. McCormack, Treasurer.

The reports from several of the schools, showed them to be in a healthy state, open during the whole of the year. A number of mission schools have been organized, by Rev. E. N. Archibald, on the Western field, all of which are doing a good work. There were four regular sessions of the Convention, at all of which important subjects, bearing on Sabbath school work, were discussed.

Stirring and instructive addresses were delivered by a number of the brethren, on—"The advantages of the Sabbath school to young Christians," and, "The proper use of lesson helps in Sabbath school work." The evenings were given to Gospel preaching.

Sermons by Revs. W. B. Hulson, and R. F. Kinlay.

Mr. Hulson's sermon, delivered in his usual earnest and impressive manner, from the words "Do not sin against the child," was very appropriate and instructive.

A good paper was read by Rev. E. N. Archibald on "The necessity of repetition in Sabbath school teaching," and some good practical instruction imparted in the conducting of a "Model Bible Class."

This was regarded as one of the best meetings of the Convention yet held, and it is hoped that those attending have been stimulated to greater activity in this line of Christian duty.

It was resolved that a session of this Convention be held at Tryon on the Friday previous to the meeting of Association, the 3rd day of July, 1885.

J. B. LEARD, Sec.

Jan. 22nd, 1885.

W. E. A. S.

Annual Meeting of the Halifax and Dartmouth Societies, Jan. 22nd, 1885.

The ladies of the Woman's Missionary Aid Society in connection with Granville St. Church, took advantage of their pastor's ordination to hold the annual meeting of the association, on Friday evening, after the ordination, and thereby secured the help of some of the delegates. The reports read showed a great deal of progress and encouragement. If Miss Selden, Miss Johnston and Mrs. Manning, who read them, would make an abstract of them and send them to you for publication, I am sure they would prove interesting reading, and would undoubtedly incite others to greater activity.

The short addresses by Rev. S. R. Kempton, Dr. Sawyer, and Rev. M. P. Freeman were splendid. Just let me give you a thought or two for each. Mr. Kempton dwelt upon the magnitude of the work to be done in the mission fields of the world, and the inadequacy of the material means employed—the indifference of so many who profess themselves the disciples of Christ. We are trying to convert and bring into Christ's kingdom the teeming millions of the earth by giving a dollar bill. As well try to bat the ocean with a thimble. And yet it was by each one giving all he could, whether much or little, that the world was to be resubjugated for Christ.

Dr. Sawyer showed on a map, how God had prepared the way for the spread of the gospel over the western shores of Asia and the lands of Europe, where the gospel was first preached. It was in Europe, principally, that Christianity, through many centuries, had stood the blast of persecution, had grown in strength, and was now ready, after having been transplanted to the new world, to go to the East—to Asia and Africa. Had not God wonderfully opened the way again by placing under the benevolent sway of an enlightened and Protestant country, the 250,000,000 of India? As the way made so manifestly clear, was it not made equally clear that it was our duty to go up and possess the land in the name of our King? The address was excellent. I cannot by any means do justice to it; but as I listened to the speech, I thought, as often before, "Oh that all who love good and noble things could hear this!" What a pity that our President does not often speak and diffuse

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But I have said enough already about this annual meeting. The great cause of missions is suffering—Christ's cause. Oh Baptists, you who profess implicit obedience to the commands of Christ and hold yourselves ready to do your duty, come what may, how can you let the cause of the Redeemer of the world languish and his servants suffer. Our missionaries whom we all love, our missionaries, home and foreign, are virtually forgotten and neglected by every Baptist out of 100 since last August. Oh shame, brothers and sisters. The Lord whose you are and whom you profess to serve, must regard you as unjust stewards. Is it not a disgrace upon you as Baptists that since August last some 30,000 Baptist church members have contributed \$700 to Home Missions, and \$800 to Foreign Missions, where we should have had \$16,000. Who are to blame for this state of things? Not the Board, but the churches, especially the ministers. I hope to hear of a revival of the grace of giving in time.

SHANIDE.

During the month of November I had the pleasure of organizing a W. M. A. S. at West River, with a membership of fifteen.

At their first meeting eight more members were received. This society is meeting monthly and doing well. Pres. Mrs. Ross; Vice-President, Mary McNeill; Sec. Katie Ross; Treas. Isabelle McLean; Managers, Mrs. W. Stroth, Miss S. L. McLean, Mrs. McPhee, Miss Mary McNeill; Auditors, Miss Addie McEwen. B. L. Lavers, V. P. of W.B.S. M. U. of P. E. Island.

REVIEWS, &c.

The Homiletic Review for Feb. is an excellent number. Since its enlargement in Jan. it has been much improved. We give the greater part of one of its articles in our column this week. Dr. Schaaf's Reminiscences of Neander, the Symposium de Romans, and the article on Ministerial Education, are all interesting and instructive. Its other features are, in the main, excellent. It is published by Funk & Wagnall, New York, at \$3.00 per year.

Buds and Blossoms, a 40 page illustrated paper for family reading, is edited by Rev. J. F. Avery, Missagh Cottage, Kempton, Halifax, N. S. 75 cents to the above address will secure the monthly visits of this excellent paper.

NOTES.

Notice is hereby given, that an application will be made at the next session of the New Brunswick Legislature for an Act to incorporate the New Brunswick Southern Baptist Association.

W. E. MCINTYRE.

Sec. of Association.

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