

From the Churches.

LIVERPOOL.—Sunday morning, Aug. 29th, I baptized three believers. Z. L. F.

MILTON, QUEBENS CO., N. S.—On Sunday, Aug. 29, six persons were received into our fellowship, four of them being baptized on that date. W. L. A.

LOCKPORT, Aug. 29.—This morning, I had the pleasure of baptizing the following young ladies: Ethel Peterson, Jessie Whetmore, Effie Ringer. We are enjoying a visit from Rev. H. S. Baker, the evangelist, and Mrs. Baker. The preaching and singing of Bro. Baker, and the Bible readings of Sister Baker, are wonderfully helpful. ADDISON F. BROWNE.

WOLFVILLE.—Rev. W. A. Newcomb, of Thomaston, Me., spent a few days here recently visiting his mother and other friends. On Lord's day, 22nd ult., he preached two very able and inspiring sermons. He is always heard by Baptists here with delight and profit. Mr. H. H. Bligh and Mrs. Bligh, of Ottawa, have visited friends in Halifax and in this vicinity. Mr. Bligh is one of Acadia's honored sons. He holds a good position in the department of Justice, Ottawa, and it is gratifying to know that his strong influence is used for the support and prosperity of the Ottawa Baptist church.

KENTVILLE.—The resignation of the pastor, Rev. H. A. Porter, has been reluctantly accepted by the church, in order to permit him to continue his theological studies. Mr. Porter entered into pastoral relations with the church in October last. His work has been attended with much blessing. The membership of the church, has been increased by 96, of whom 71 were received by baptism, 23 by letter, and 2 by experience. Mr. Porter is very highly esteemed for his ability as a preacher and has won a large place in the affections of his people, who are very sorry to part with him. He purposes to pursue his studies at Rochester, N. Y.

MACCAN, N. S.—Sunday, Aug. 29th, closed my thirteen weeks' visit to the Baptist church here. During that time we felt the blessing of God upon us. Bro. A. F. Baker spent two weeks with us, and God blessed his work. During his stay he baptized eight, Mr. Howe of Parrsboro, also spent a Sunday and baptized five more, and last Sunday, Mr. McLeod of Amherst came to our assistance and baptized two. In all, the church has been strengthened not only in numbers, but in power and spirit. God has heard the prayers of His people and is now answering. Others are on the way. May God direct a servant here to continue the work. O. R. MERRITT, Sec'y.

DORCHESTER.—On the evening of the 8th inst., as already stated in the MESSENGER AND VISITOR, a mother and daughter were received into the Baptist church here, and last evening a father and son, the Hon. H. R. Emerson and his son Henry, by baptism. The baptism was before the regular service, and the church was filled to its utmost capacity by an audience made up of all denominations of Christians. There was an after meeting, the largest part of the congregation remaining, and the very best spirit was manifested. Good results are expected. Two things are generally admitted here, that the Baptists have the proper form of church government, and the New Testament mode of baptism, and this is doing its work in the community. Last evening an educated Roman Catholic said to a Baptist: "I admit that you have the mode of baptism that prevailed in the time of the Apostles, but our church had authority to change it, and did change it." There are evidence that others here are looking to the Baptist church as their future Christian home.

How?

If one desires to know how Quarterly meetings can be conducted with little friction, small waste of ammunition and the largest effect, let him visit the sessions of the Shelburne County Quarterly. This was the privilege of the writer to do Aug. 10-12. The meetings were held with the Woods Harbor church, of which Rev. Ernest Quick, Th. G., is pastor. Rev. H. B. Dunn is the devoted and efficient Pres.,

and Rev. A. F. Browne, the faithful and enthusiastic Sec'y. The meetings were attended regularly and promptly. They were spiritual from first to last. The evening sessions were strictly evangelistic. The testimony meetings were powerful. The people gathered with the expectation of God's blessing and they were by no means disappointed. Hearts were quickened and souls saved. Rev. C. W. Sables, Rev. H. S. Baker and Rev. J. H. King participated in the services. The sermons preached by Revs. Baker, Dunn and King were of an high order. The pastors are true-hearted men with whom it does one good to become acquainted. TRAMP.

The Marriage Law.

EDITOR MESSENGER AND VISITOR.—I notice Brother H. A. Charlton's article in your paper of 1st inst., on the marriage law of N. B., and his interpretation of the words "having charge of a congregation in the Province or connected therewith." I do not understand the law to mean what he interprets it, but think it means that the congregation the minister has charge of must be either altogether within the limits of N. B., or partly within N. B., and partly within some other province or state, as for instance the congregation may be partly in N. B. and partly in Maine, or partly in N. B. and partly in N. S. In either of the latter cases it is legal for the minister to solemnize marriage. Perhaps my idea of the law is incorrect. If so I should like to get dispossessed of it.

I notice the Con. Statutes say that if a person unauthorized solemnizes marriage he is liable to a fine of 100 pounds, and if a person authorized to marry neglects to send the certificate to the Clerk of the Peace he is liable to a fine not exceeding 20 pounds. I have not the subsequent amendments to the law and the information in the Con. Statutes N. B. may be incorrect in which case I would be glad for Bro. Charlton to correct me.

Yours truly,

M. ROUNDEL, Issuer Mar. Lic.

Alma 19th.

Our Future Convention.

It has occurred to me that the interest of the denomination would be much more satisfactorily served, if instead of the large number of delegates now admitted from the churches to Convention, the number were reduced to the pastor and one other, or two when churches are large and one of these to also, by appointment, represent the B. Y. P. U's. The churches paying the travelling expenses, and the Convention entertaining committee to provide entertainment. All others to be at their own charges but to have the benefit of excursion rates and reduced board.

1. The said representatives to attend regularly and strictly to the business of Convention, and the body to sit until the business is completed.

2. That friends generally be invited to attend and that accommodation be secured at reasonable rates.

3. That such delegates secure their appointment at least one month before meeting of Convention, so that the president and executive could select suitable chairmen for all the necessary committees, that such chairmen may on Temperance, Sunday School, Missions, etc., carefully prepare the body of a report to lay before their committees when named, and thus secure a well thought-out report for consideration of Committee and Convention.

Too often important matters are hastily considered for want of time, whereas the convener of committee of previous appointment would have time to acquaint himself with facts connected with the subject committed to him and with the wise

counsel of his committee. A better and more condensed report could be presented to Convention for discussion and adoption than is likely to be secured by the present mode. W. J. G.

Ordination.

On the invitation of the Lawrence town church a large number of delegates assembled on Tuesday, the 30th Aug. for the purpose of assisting the church in setting apart to the Christian ministry their pastor elect, Mr. Lew Wallace. Upon the reading of the church minute calling the council the same was organized with the following officers and delegates:

Rev. J. T. Eaton, moderator; Rev. E. L. Steeves, clerk; Rev. J. W. Brown and Deacons Parker and Charlton, Nictaux; Rev. R. D. Parter and Deacon Bishop, Lawrence town; Rev. J. Webb, Deacon Roop and Bro. W. A. Mason, Springfield; Rev. E. L. Steeves, and Deacon Longley and Elliot, Paradise and Clarence; Rev. J. C. Young and Bros. Neillie and E. C. Young, Bridgetown; Rev. E. P. Caldwell and Deacon Walter Graves, Wilmont Mountain; Rev. G. J. C. White, Annapolis; Deacon S. Pine and Rev. S. Langille, Clements vale; Rev. J. T. Eaton, Clements port; Rev. J. A. Porter, Deacon Jacob Roblee and Bro. John Roblee, Lower Granville; Pastor Irad Hardy and Deacon Caswell and Mrs. Caswell, Granville Mountains.

The following were invited to seats in the council:

Rev. Isaiah Wallace, Rev. Wm. Wallace, Rev. B. H. Thomas, Rev. G. C. Crabbe, Licentiate C. W. Rose, Deacon A. F. Newcomb of N. B., Rev. Osgood Morse, Rev. J. L. M. Young, Brother J. S. Trites and Bro. Isaiah Dodge.

The council then proceeded upon the examination of the candidate on his Christian experience, call to the ministry and views of Christian doctrine. Some two hours were spent in a thorough and exhaustive examination during which brother Wallace not only gave splendid evidence of the Lord's call to this his chosen work, but proved himself well fitted in every way to handle clearly and in orthodox manner his views of Christian doctrine. Upon motion it was unanimously resolved to proceed with the ordination.

An appointed committee consisting of the moderator, clerk and Bros. Young and Wallace, arranged the following programme, which was fully carried out in the evening service:

Ordination sermon, by Rev. Wm. Wallace of Utica, N. Y.; Ordination prayer, Rev. Isaiah Wallace; Hand of Fellowship, Rev. J. W. Brown; Charge to the Candidate, Rev. G. J. C. White; Charge to the Church, Rev. S. Langille; Hand of Fellowship to the county, Rev. J. T. Eaton; Rev. B. H. Thomas, G. C. Crabbe and O. Morse invited to assist in preliminary services.

A large congregation were present in the evening, the church choir gave some excellent music and Rev. Wm. Wallace taking his text from 2 Pet. 1:21 preached an eloquent and instructive sermon.

Brother Lew Wallace has evidently already won the hearts and confidence of his people and enters upon his pastorate in Lawrence town with exceedingly bright and hopeful prospects.

REV. E. L. STEEVES, Clerk.
REV. J. T. EATON, Moderator.

In the Homiletic Review for September, the reader will find in the Review Section some peculiarly able and timely discussion of important current topics. Professor Sayce, of Oxford University, England, opens with a discussion of "The Limitations" of Archeology as a Substitute for Old Testament History, showing clearly by facts and illustrations that while oriental archeology affords us a test and a measure for Old Testament History, it is not a substitute for it, but has rather restored confidence in the historical accuracy

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acy of the Old Testament. In this third article on "The Apostle Paul as Preacher," Professor Wilkinson, of Chicago University, treats of Paul's "Method and Subject-Matter," and brings to a conclusion his exhibition of Paul as "the Apostle of obedience to Christ." He emphasizes the need of pressing this Pauline idea in the present crisis.

The Sermonic Sections contains among others one of Dr. Alexander McLaren's inimitable sermons entitled "When the Oil Flows"; one of peculiar freshness and originality on "The Trinities," by Dr. Frederick D. Power, of Washington, D. C.; one by the distinguished German Reformed Theologian, Dr. E. V. Gerhart, of Lancaster, Pa., on "Blessedness of Final Communion with Christ"; and one by Dr. George F. Pentecost, late of London, England, on "Christian Unity in Diversity."

The Editorial Section, which is more extended than usual handles many topics of vital importance.

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GRAVES, Graves took residence of Germain St. the 1st after and family n about 22 years many years Germain St. humbly with on high. "in the Lord from their la them." Rev services at the interment with Rural Cemetery ents are bur are sleeping coming of G the dead. M reaved broth they all at la God.