

Religious News.

CHIPMAN, QUEENS CO., In addition to the regular May meeting of the W. M. A. S. an "At Home" was held in the vestry of the Baptist church here. The sisters of the two adjoining societies, viz., Pennly and Gasperaux, were invited to attend. Missionary selections and devotional exercises filled the hour of meeting, after which tea and refreshments were served to all present by the committee in charge. At 7:30 a public meeting was held in the main body of the church, the evening's programme consisting of addresses, readings and appropriate music by the choir. An offering was taken, amounting to \$20, for Foreign Missions. These social gatherings are a great incentive to all, as they bring us in closer touch with each other and the work of missions.

SECRETARY.

SUSSEX. Our work is encouraging. I baptized a young man on Sunday last. Our work at Wood's Creek, South Branch and Penobscuis is hopeful. W. C.

NEWCASTLE. Three were baptized at Derby on the 3rd of June. The preaching services and prayer-meetings are well attended, and the little cake at Derby is in a fairly prosperous condition. We hope soon to report the baptism of others. June 6th. E. C. BAKER.

PETITCODIAC. About ten months have passed since we settled on this field. We have found plenty of work to keep us busy, but have enjoyed it. We find the people kind and thoughtful in general. God has blessed us in many ways. Last fall we enjoyed a gracious revival at Kinnear, when eleven were added. After the revival the church made us a donation of \$26. Four have been added to the North River Church. They have repaired their house of worship, costing \$98, and which was all paid for when the work was completed. They have also purchased a new organ for the choir. Before the snow disappeared they pretty well filled our yard with hard wood. This church is moving along about as usual. One has been added since we came. The congregations are good and the Sunday school and prayer meetings are well attended. Several weeks ago we were favored with a visit from Sister Archibald. She spoke in the church on Sunday evening to an audience that greatly enjoyed her address. Collection \$12.56. We were sorry that Bro. Archibald was not with her, but hope his trip to the west will greatly improve his health. On the 8th of May this church made us a donation, with what came in since, of \$44. In all we have received about \$80 in donation from this field, for all we are very grateful. L. B. COLWELL.

FREEPORT, N. S. Two persons followed Christ yesterday, June 10th, in the ordinance of baptism. Interest in the Lord's work here does not wane. Others to put on Christ in the near future. E. H. HOWE.

GERMAIN STREET, ST. JOHN. Pastor Gates reports good congregations despite the fact that quite an exodus has taken place as usual for the summer. The country around will profit at the city's expense. On last Lord's day the pastor exchanged with Bro. Stackhouse of the Tabernacle church. Bro. Stackhouse preached with much acceptance and was in addition promised about \$140 towards the new building, which he and his people are about to erect.

PENNFIELD, N. B. Sunday, June 10th, three brothers in the flesh were baptized into the fellowship of the church at Pennfield, a sight greatly enjoyed and rarely seen. It was a day of good things to the church. We shall baptize again before long. Some who have been silent in the meetings of the church are now at their post. Our young people are working splendidly in every department of Christian work. The outlook is brightening throughout the field. Just

the regular work, that is all. I shall soon enter on my fifth year of pastoral work with these churches. Harmony and good will largely obtain.

T. M. MUNRO.

Business meetings have been held recently and gratifying reports presented. Three deacons have also been elected and were ordained to their work last Sabbath evening. The right hand of fellowship was given to two members dismissed from other churches, and it was my privilege to baptize a promising young man a few weeks since. A. H. L.

Ought We?

The Sabbath Association of Philadelphia is resolved upon the enforcement of the Sunday laws. It has given notice that after January 7th the law enacted in 1794 will be enforced. This law forbids the doing of any worldly work or business of any kind on the Lord's Day, except those of necessity and charity, and any one who violates the law will be required to pay a fine, or be liable to be levied on by distress, or, if his goods and chattels cannot be found, he will suffer imprisonment. If there are laws enacted there must be penalties attached to the breaking of them.

Every Christian man must profoundly desire an orderly and quiet Sunday in which trade shall stop and the doors of stores of every kind shall be closed; and not one business like that of liquor selling, but every business should be treated in the same way. This is what we would like to see. But there comes our trouble. What right have we as followers of Christ and members of his Church to use the law to compel people to keep the Lord's Day? The Lord never sanctions an appeal to physical and civil power to enforce any ordinance of his. We may urge and enforce Sunday laws as citizens for good civic reasons, but how can we as Churches of Christ do any such thing? An appeal is made to the Churches to raise money to enforce this Sunday law and to send men to prison if they stubbornly disobey. If a minister should read that law to his congregation and then ask for money to enforce it, we think the Christian spirit of the congregation would resent the appeal as being directly at variance with the teachings of the Master.

Let citizens unite, let Christian citizens unite, in guarding our day of rest, for it is a blessing to the community—a blessing great enough to warrant any labor and sacrifice; but let the churches refrain from appealing to Caesar to defend any Christian institution.

The Bible the First Printed Book.

It is a remarkable and interesting fact that the very first use to which the discovery of printing was applied was the production of the Holy Bible. This was accomplished at Mentz, between the years 1450 and 1455. Gutenberg was the inventor of the art, and Faust, a goldsmith, furnished the necessary funds.

The Bible was in two folio volumes, which have been justly praised for the strength and beauty of the paper, the exactness of the register, and the lustre of the ink. The work contained 1,282 pages, and—being the first ever printed—of course involved a long period of time, and an immense amount of mental, manual, and mechanical labor; and yet, for a long time after it had been finished and offered for sale, not a human being, save the artists themselves, knew how it had been accomplished.

Of the first printed Bible, eighteen copies are now known to be in existence, four of which are printed on vellum. Two of these are in England, one being in the Grenville collection. Of the fourteen remaining copies, ten are in England, there being a copy in the libraries of Oxford, Edinburgh, and London, and seven in the collections of different noblemen. The vellum copy has been sold as high as \$1,400. Thus—as if to mark the noblest purpose to which the art would ever be applied—the first book printed with moveable metal types was the Bible.

Married.

JACKSON-CAMP—At the home of the bride's parents in Woodstock, on the 6th inst., by Rev. T. Todd, Mr. William Jackson of Lower Wakefield, and Georgie Helen Camp.

ADAMS-RICHIE—At the home of the parsonage in Woodstock, on the 6th inst., by the Rev. T. Todd, Clayton Adams and Eva Richie, both of Canterbury, York Co.

MELVIN-FARLEE—At Keats, Westmorland Co., on the 6th inst., by Pastor J. B. Colwell, Mrs. Charles Melvin of Baltimore, Albert Co., and Alcha Farlee of Kinnear Settlement.

BROWN-BARTON—At Chipman, Queen Co., on 30th inst., by Rev. W. E. McIntyre, Henry A. Brown of Chipman to Helen M. Barton of Cumberland Bay.

WRIGHT-McLANIAS—At Steam Mill Village, June 7th, by Pastor M. P. Freeman, John H. Wright, of Lexington Mass., to Margaret, daughter of James McLanias.

FISHER-URQUHART—At the residence of the bride's brother, West End, on June 13, by Rev. Dr. Gates, Fred C. Fisher to May Louise Urquhart, both of this city.

STEPHENSON-PARENT—At the residence of the bride's parents, Maple Grove Hotel, Upper Queensbury, York Co., June 12th, by Rev. C. F. Sables, Isaac F. Stephenson of Mauderville, and Alice L. Parent of Upper Queensbury.

ERB-KEIRSTEAD—On the 22nd inst., at the residence of George N. Erb, 121 Brussels Street, St. John, by Rev. H. F. Waring, Mr. Edward Erb of Sussex, and Miss Rosa Keirstead of Collins, Kings Co., youngest daughter of Frances Keirstead, Esp.

PATERSON-CHAFFMAN—At Young's Cove, Grand Lake, by Rev. Leonard Watson, Mr. John Paterson of Johnston, and Miss Isabella Chaffman of Brunswick, both of Queens Co., N. B.

KILFELLEN-KINCADIE—At the minister's home, Hatfield's Point, N. B., on June 15th, by Pastor S. D. Ervine, Charles Kilfillin and Lucy Kincadie, all of Springfield, Kings Co., N. B.

Died.

MANN—Mrs. Mary Jane Mann died in the Lord on the 17th of May at her home in Manhurst, Kings Co., in the 75th year of her age. She was a worthy member of the Baptist Church and she will be much missed in the community, as well as in her home, which she leaves in sorrow. There are several sons and daughters who mourn the loss of a kind and Christian mother. Her husband preceded her to the fair and happy land a few months ago. "Blessed is the dead that die in the Lord."

FLETCHER—At Forest Glen, N. B., May 25th, Evelyn, aged 14 months, child of Henry and Nancy Fletcher. "Of such is the kingdom of heaven."

MALLORY—At Upper Loch Lomond, April 6th, after a long and painful illness, Samuel Mallory, aged 71 years. Mr. Mallory was formerly a resident of St. John, and a member of Brussels Street Baptist church.

GUNTER—A sad gloom settled down upon the village of White's Cove, Queens Co., on the 18th inst., caused by the death of Miss Tamar H. Gunter, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. William H. Gunter. She had been ill for some time, but hopes were cherished that she would recover, until a few days of her departure. She was twenty years of age, and was a very estimable young lady, loved by all her acquaintances. She was an efficient school teacher and served in several districts until compelled to retire from her calling by increasing illness. All that love could suggest, or means procure, was done for her restoration, by affectionate parents. But the great Father above had called for her to enter upon a higher sphere of service, and she resignedly complied with his will. Much sympathy is felt for the stricken family as this is the second time that death has visited their home within the last year. Her funeral was attended by a large gathering on Sunday; and an appropriate sermon was preached by Rev. A. B. McDoanid.

When blooming youth is snatched away
By death's resistless hand,
Our hearts the mournful tribute pay
Which pity must demand.

TOOL—At Kars, Kings Co., N. B., on June 14th, of consumption, George B. Tool, leaving a widow, four children, a large number of other relatives, and many other friends to mourn his departure. Several years ago he found peace with God through faith in the Lord Jesus Christ, and has ever since lived a life of peaceful trust in Him. To his friends he expressed a willingness to pass to his eternal home, saying that with him all was well. He was happy in Jesus. Blessed are the dead who die in the Lord. If we live the life of the righteous our last end shall be like his. May God bless the afflicted family.

McRAE—At Blackville, June 7th, in the 28th year of her age, Mrs. James McRae, daughter of Harvey Arleau.

PRICE—At St. John, May 28th, in the 82nd year of his age, George Lenoard Price. The remains of our dear brother were brought to Ludlow and laid to rest beside that of kindred and friends.

RUSSELL—In full assurance of awakening to glorious immortality, Alice Russell of Petersville, Queens Co., fell asleep in Jesus, on June 2nd. She was the widow of James Russell, and was about 74 years of age.