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HEREAFTER this paper will be issued from the press every second and fourth Tuesday in each month.

MANY articles for this paper are held over for want of space.

WE are sending a few copies of this issue of this little paper to a number of brethren in different parts of the province, with the hope that they will place them in the hands of persons who will become subscribers for it. This paper is not intended to antagonize or supplant any other religious paper; but in as much as most of the religious papers are necessarily higher in price than ordinary weeklies, and a large proportion of our population feel either too poor or unwilling to pay for a high priced paper, we have ventured to publish this twice a month at the low cost of fifty cents a year, giving in its columns the usual amount of church news, and items of interest to the readers, such as revivals and progress in church work, marriages and deaths, etc.; also a select amount of religious reading matter that is instructive and inspiring to the head and heart. A Christian home without a religious paper, especially without one representing their own denomination, is minus a needed factor in keeping the family in sympathetic touch with the momentum of the body, to say nothing of the ignorance that results from a want of a knowledge of the doings and needs of the denomination to which the family may be attached. It is sad to think that in a large number of our Baptist families, and in many instances in deacon's families, our denominational paper is not to be found. To many such families we have sent this little paper, with the hope that in view of its low price and interesting and useful contents, it will be sufficiently appreciated to be taken for one year's trial at least. Now, dear brethren, send along your subscriptions.

"When you say you love your pastor, and yet never invite him to your home on special occasions, except they be funeral or marital, you belie your own words. You simply regard him as an hireling.—*The Baptist Standard*.

PERSONALS.

A note from Bro F. C. Wright, of Troy, N. H., expresses encouragement to the Board in its publication of THE HOME MISSION JOURNAL. He welcomes the new visitor from New Brunswick as a very near friend. Mrs. Wright's health continues to improve.

Our Danish missionary, Bro. N. P. Gross, is at present visiting the churches in behalf of our mission in the north. He carries with him a gramophone, which sings gospel hymns, reads the scripture, and repeats the Lord's prayer very distinctly. We do not think Bro. Gross needs these helps personally, but it may interest his audiences to see and hear the wonders that can be performed by this curious instrument. His collections are in aid of our mission work, and we commend him to the sympathy and help of the churches.

Rev. A. J. Hughes, who for six years has been a most successful pastor of the First Baptist Church of Phoenixville, Pennsylvania, has received and accepted a unanimous call to the pastorate of the Central Square Baptist Church of East Boston, Mass., at a salary of two thousand dollars a year. Central Square is an important field for usefulness, but for several years past has had some trying difficulties to contend with. But it is to be hoped that Mr. Hughes, by Divine help, will be able to grapple with them, and straighten matters out so that the good work will run more smoothly in the future. Mr. Hughes is a son of the late William Hughes, who died some years ago in this city, and a nephew of Rev. J. H. Hughes (west side). He was baptized into the fellowship of the Leinster street church by the late Dr. McKenzie, while he was pastor there, and subsequently he went to the States and studied for the ministry, graduating at Crozier. He enters upon his new field the first of February next.

We are sorry to hear that Rev. Ezekiel Hopper is failing in health. He writes us from Hampton as follows: "My health has been failing ever since I last met you, so much so that I have resigned my pastoral charge at Pollet River and have come to Hampton for medical treatment. Since coming here I have been confined to the house all the time, and to my room most of the time. The doctor says my life's work is done. I like your little paper very much, and wish I was able to canvass for it. May the blessing of God rest upon your work is my earnest prayer."

EXPELLED.—Under cover of a license from the Second Kingsclear Church, Lewis King is

charged by the churches—Second Cambridge and First Johnston, of Queens County,—with abusive harangues and subversive teachings. We therefore annul his license, and expunge his name from our roll.

By order of the church,

G. A. HAMMOND.

December 26, 1898.

FOREIGN MISSIONS.

It should be generally known that the Board of the New Brunswick Convention receives funds in aid of foreign missions, as also for the Northwest and Grande Ligne. Several of the churches have a decided preference that their gifts should be credited to our convention, which, in addition to its chief enterprise, the operation of the home mission fields, also fosters all the general interests pertaining to the Baptist body.

Many individuals also have expressed themselves as unfavorable to the payment of high salaries to the secretaries of the maritime boards, and some have, on this account, gone so far as to send their gifts direct to the mission fields, without the intervention of the Foreign Mission Board or its secretary. One sister has quite recently handed a special gift to the secretary of our board, with the express wish that it should be sent direct to a certain department of our work among the Telugus. Others have made similar requests. And to any such we would say that our board will handle all such funds free of charge. No deduction for salary, office expenses, or printing of Year Book is taken from any offering sent us in aid of either foreign missions, Northwest or Grande Ligne missions, or for the Baptist Annuity Association. We send the amounts given for these objects *in toto* as we have received them.

If, then, there are any who wish their money sent without deduction to any of the general work of the body, our board offers them such facility. As has been before announced in these columns, our secretary and treasurer perform their work without salary.

We are now receiving monthly foreign mission and other general funds, which are being expended faithfully in all cases, as contributors may designate. We are glad, also, to add that the spirit of general benevolence was never better among us than at the present time.

Do not neglect to send your Home Mission offerings to

BROTHER J. S. TITUS,
St. Martins, N. B.