

MARRIAGES.

LAUDER-WOODWORTH.—At the Baptist parsonage, Surrey, N. B., Dec. 31st, by Rev. Milton Addison, Spurgeon Lauder of Hillsboro, N. B., to Lottie Woodworth of Albert Mines, N. S.

OSBORNE-TOWER.—At Hillsboro, N. B., Jan. 1st, by Rev. Milton Addison, George A Osborne, to Mary Ruth Tower, both of Hillsboro.

GIBBERSON - GRANT. — At Arthurette, Dec. 25th, by R. W. Demmings, Barnabas Giberson of St. Almo to Gladys Grant of Arthurette, Victoria county.

JENKINS-PADGET.—At the parsonage, Andover, Jan. 8th, by R. W. Demmings, Ernest Jenkins to Maria Padget, both of Burnt Land Brook, Victoria county, N. B.

DEARMAN-BROWN.—At the Baptist parsonage, Scotch Village, N. S., Jan. 8th, by Rev. L. H. Cranford, Watson Dearman of South Rawdon, N. S., to Sadie Brown of Scotch Village, N. S.

SEAVEY-HARRISON.—At Cox's Point, Queens county, N. B., on 14th inst, by Rev. W. E. McIntyre James E. Seavey of Pine Point, Maine, to Sarah Harrison of Waterborough, N. B.

MCLAN-FAIRWEATHER.—At Cumberland Bay, Queens county, N. B., on 16th inst, by Rev. W. E. McIntyre, D. Edington McLean to Edna L., daughter of Isaac Fairweather, both of Waterborough.

FILLMORE-STEVES.—At the home of the bride, January 15th, by Rev. W. Camp, Harry J. Fillmore to Elia May Steves, both of Hillsboro.

BRAY-STEVES.—At the residence of the bride's parents, Hillsboro, Jan. 15th, by Rev. W. Camp, Arthur B. Bray of Hopewell to Fannie Louisa Steves.

DEATHS.

SANFORD.—At Bricton, N. S., Dec. 27, after a lingering illness, George Sanford, aged 59 years.

CARMICHAEL.—At Washburn, Me., Dec. 24, John Carmichael, aged 32 years, son of Wm. Carmichael. Buried at his home, Bloomfield, Carleton county.

CROOKS.—At Tancook, N. S., Jan. 10th, Clarence Crooks, son of David Crooks, aged 14 years. A father, mother, 4 sisters and one brother left to mourn their loss.

BOWDEN.—Mr. James Bowden—who departed this life on Sunday, Dec. 22nd, aged 67 years. Bro. Bowden was baptized by the writer a few years since, and since his membership with the Second Falls he has been faithful in the discharge of his religious duties. Although at the last interview the pastor had with him he expressed the deep regret that he had not served the Lord earlier in life and that during his Christian career he had not served him better. His remains were carried to their last resting place on Christmas Day, a large number of people being in attendance. Bro. Bowden leaves a widow, a son in the Western States, two daughters, Mrs. Rankine and Mrs. Gilmour of Second Falls and a large circle of friends and relations. We shall miss him in our gatherings, but we can rejoice in hope.

LKDFOED.—At Pleasant Valley, Yarmouth county, Nov. 21st, Deacon Charles Ledford, aged 90 years. Our brother moved into this place over sixty years ago, when there were no roads, schools or churches. The 3rd Yarmouth Baptist church was organized in 1843. He was one of the eighteen charter members and the last—the rest were called home before him. Early in the history of the church, he was called to the office of deacon, which office he filled acceptably until old age retired him from active service. He was a robust and steady character, bold and straightforward in the work of life, strong in the doctrines revealed to us in the word of God. He loved to talk about the early history of the churches in his native country and the memory of the old minister was very precious to him. Death possessed no terrors for him, he was ready waiting. His funeral was very largely attended,—sons and daughters are left to mourn their loss.

REED.—On Saturday, December 7th Deacon Robert Reed of Hill Grove, Digby county, peacefully passed away. He was seventy-eight years of age. For nearly fifty years he had lived at Hill Grove and the greater part of this time he was a deacon of the Hill Grove Baptist church. Known far and near for the rectitude of his conduct, he had led an exemplary life, and has left a noble record to guide others. He was always ready with purse and hand to support the work of the Lord and further the interest of his kingdom. In his death the community loses a noble citizen, the church a staunch and hearty supporter, and his family a loving husband, and kind and tender father. He leaves a sorrowing widow, two sons and four daughters. The greater number of his children had returned home, and were at his bedside during his last hours. He died with a strong and abiding faith in his Redeemer and the hope of a happy re-

surrection on the great last day. May other strong men rise up to take the place of the veterans being called home!

HICKS.—From the home of her daughter, Mrs. R. McFarlane, Little River, Buctouche, Nov. 17th, departed Sister Margaret Hicks, aged 85 years. When the Buctouche church was organized 64 years ago, she then united with it, and remained faithful until transferred to the Church Triumphant.

MARGESON.—At Lawrencetown, N. S., Jan. 10th, of pneumonia, after a brief illness, Mrs. Mary A., widow of the late Silas Margeson, Esq., aged 63 years. The deceased sister had been for 45 years a member of the church and has lived a consistent Christian life. Rev. R. D. Porter a former pastor assisted Pastor Archibald in the services speaking from Ps. 127: 2 "He giveth his beloved sleep." Three daughters, a number of grand children and a large circle of friends remain to mourn their loss.

JOHNSON.—Mrs. Johnson, widow of the late Robert Johnson, died at the home of her daughter, Beverley, Mass., on Saturday, January 4. Sister Johnson was a very active and useful member of the Second Falls church until her removal to the States about three years ago. Her seat was never vacant at the prayer and Conference meetings and with others "some of whom remain and some have fallen asleep." She was always present in giving her testimony in behalf of the Master and his cause. Mrs. Johnson was the last of the charter members of the church. I am told by a brother who takes a deep interest in our denominational work and carefully write such facts as these. A brief service was held at the Beverley home on Sunday evening. This service was led by the Rev. W. O. Stewart, a brother of our departed sister, and exactly twenty-four hours later—the burial services took place at Second Falls. In the evening a funeral sermon was preached in the church there to a good congregation. Mrs. Johnson leaves a large family connection to mourn their loss. "Blessed are the dead who die in the Lord."

BAKER.—Our church has suffered an other severe, and what seems to us an irreparable loss, in the death of Deacon Leason Baker. Our brother had been failing for more than a year passed, but for six months was confined almost all the time to his home. His sufferings, which were severe the last few months of his life, ended on the last day of the old year, as he peacefully fell asleep in Jesus. He was in his eighty-second year. Brother Baker was not an ordinary man, either in his natural gifts or in his consecration of those gifts to the Lord's work. Since his conversion more than 60 years ago, he has been untiring in his efforts for the church of God. In the writer's opinion no man has left his impress upon the Upper Wilnot church as has Dea. Baker. Upon joining the church he came almost immediately to the front as a leader. In the absence of the pastor he led the social services of the church with marked ability and acceptance for more than fifty years. He was deacon for more than forty years. With the break of one year only, he was the beloved superintendent of the Sunday school for forty-five years. He was never absent from the services of God's house when it was possible for him to be present. His life bore the scrutiny of the world and compelled the confidence and regard of all. "He rests from his labors and his works do follow him." Of his immediate family his beloved wife and one son are left behind.

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His pastor improved the occasion of his funeral by speaking from the words, "We being dead yet speaketh." Heb. 11:4.

PORTER.—At Port Maitland, N. S., on Dec. 31, Alice, beloved wife of Mr. Titus Porter, at the age of 31 years. Deceased had been in failing health for a long time, but the end came altogether sooner than was anticipated, the immediate cause being pronounced as peritonitis. Our sister had been a member of the Bay View church for over a quarter of a century, a quiet, pious, consistent Christian. The impress of her character and example is stamped deep upon her four children who survive her and who now, in their grievous sorrow, find strong consolation in the memory of a fond mother's Christian faith which sustained her amid the trials of life and enabled her to triumph and rejoice in the prospect of death. May the further consolations of the Gospel's glad hope give cheer to these children and to the bereaved husband and other sorrowing relatives amid the gloom in which they are now enshrouded. "Precious in the sight of the Lord is the death of his saints."

For the Lumber Camps.

Seeing an item in the Truro Weekly News of Jan. 2nd that "In different sections of the country, the lumbermen are making ready for their winter's work, getting camps ready, etc., and otherwise preparing for the hard labor that lumbering necessarily involves."

By this we are reminded of the short article in the *Prova Witness* of April 13th, 1901, commenting on the work done by the venerable Mr. Grieron in New Brunswick woods, and expressing a desire "that in coming years there might be concerted action between the Mission Committees of the Methodist and Presbyterian churches to do their share of work among the lumbermen of Nova Scotia. That they send in missionaries just as soon as the men go in. Provide an ample supply of good reading matter. Establish, if possible in the most central spots one or two reading camps, to which the men could resort on Sundays, and possibly in the long winter evenings, and where religious

services could be occasionally held of a week evening. The need is real; too long has it been overlooked. Possibly other churches beside those mentioned might be willing to co-operate in this work. Probably the lumber-kings would give material assistance."

We notice that in the Ontario woods a movement has been commenced to provide "Reading Camps," in which the men have access to papers, magazines and books for their leisure hours. Tables, chairs, light and heat are provided for the men. The Ontario government is aiding the movement to a limited extent. What will our Nova Scotia government do in aid of this non-sectarian movement?

Why need this good work be confined to one or two denominations? There is no sectarianism in the wood. They are as free as the air. Then let all denominational feelings be set aside, and all vie with each other, who can do the most to advance this religious movement among the denizens of the forest, during the few winter months of their sojourn there. Set the young folk to work to gather suitable literature, and let a good supply of healthful reading matter, with Bibles and Testament and Hymn-books be sent to the several camps in the various counties. Then follow with your prayers; and may the work of the Lord prosper in your hands. Don't forget to renew the supply from time to time. JESSIE R. ARCHIBOLD
W. C. T. U. Provincial Supt.
for Lumbermen for N. S.
[Maitland, Hants Co., Jan. 15th.]

Acknowledgment

I desire to acknowledge the receipt, on Christmas Eve, of a valuable Bronze Banquet Lamp from Capt. and Mrs. Dewis, and R. Lester Dewis and wife, also a beautiful five o'clock tea set and tray the gift of Deacon A. W. and Mrs. Atkinson. Mrs. C. W. Elderkin in behalf of the choir presented me with a very fine hymn book. For these with a number of other small gifts for the adornment of our home, we feel truly grateful. May the master make it possible for us to reciprocate such kindness in the keepfulness of our ministrations.

Mrs. O. E. STEVENS.
Advocate, N. S.