

Arrangements for the 4th of April.

St. John.—The day of prayer for missions (April 4th), will be observed by Brussels street, Leinster street and German street churches of this city, in Union Services, in the morning, afternoon and evening. It is hoped there will be special seasons, marked by Holy Spirit's power.

The Rev. B. H. Thomas, of Sunbury Co., N. B., writes: "The three churches of which I am pastor, have arranged to hold a mass missionary meeting in the Margerville Baptist meeting house. A sermon on missions will be preached, followed by addresses on the same subject. A silver collection will be taken." This is a good example. It is to be hoped that many of our churches will arrange to make the 4th of April a memorable day in the history of our churches.

Dedication.

Sabbath, March 16, was a memorable day in the history of church affairs at Dorchester Cape. The new Baptist church edifice at that place was dedicated as a house of worship. The structure is a neat and creditable one and does honor to the place and the people who have been instrumental in its construction. Of course outside help was solicited and not refused, and it is interesting to know that there are men in the country who will contribute to these objects, although not interested in the place and people to any great degree. One gentleman, an old Baptist church member, sent the committee \$50, upon condition that the Rev. D. C. Lawson, that old and faithful veteran in the cause of his Master, should preach the first sermon therein. The money and condition were both rapidly accepted—the condition was very acceptable, as it seemed to be the unanimous desire of all interested, that that old standard bearer of the truth of God's word should be the first to utter the praises of Him whom he has so long served, in the new building.

Early in the morning, although the roads were very bad, numbers were seen on their way to the scene of the dedication. A large congregation gathered, and Rev. Mr. Lawson, who seemed inspired by the occasion, delivered a very able sermon, taking as his text the last four verses of the second chapter of Paul's Epistle to the Ephesians. The reverend gentleman, always eloquent and earnest, was particularly so on this occasion, and delivered a sermon appropriate and impressive.

In the afternoon the Rev. Mr. Hall, of Sackville, preached an excellent sermon to a large congregation. Rev. Mr. Lawson followed with an admirable address. The evening services were conducted by Revs. L. M. Weeks and W. F. Hall, the former preaching a very able discourse. The collections amounted to \$28 for the church building fund. The building is about paid for.

Rev. A. H. Lavers preached very acceptably in the Baptist church, Dorchester, in the absence of Rev. Mr. Weeks at the Cape.

Council of Recognition.

An ecclesiastical council convened in the Y. M. C. A. hall, Truro, Friday afternoon, March 21st, to consult with those immediately concerned in reference to the formation of a second Baptist church in the town of Truro.

Churches were represented by their delegates as follows: Prince St., Truro—Rev. J. E. Goucher; Bros. C. H. Blair and T. M. King; Amherst—Rev. D. A. Steele, Bro. J. A. Christie; Great Village—Rev. P. R. Foster, Rev. T. B. Layton; Onslow West—Rev. M. W. Brown, Deacon Chas. Dickson, Bro. S. G. Morrison; Upper Economy and Portageville—Rev. C. H. Haverstock, Rev. Geo. A. Fulton; New Glasgow—Rev. A. T. Dykeman; Halifax (1st church)—Rev. W. H. Cline; Dartmouth—Rev. C. W. Williams.

Rev. J. J. Armstrong was invited to a seat in the council.

Rev. D. A. Steele was appointed moderator, and Rev. C. W. Williams, clerk. Prayer was offered by Rev. P. R. Foster.

A communication was read which had been presented at the last regular conference of Prince St. Baptist church, Feb. 28th, requesting dismission on the part of thirty-four of its members, for the purpose of forming a second Baptist church. To this was appended a statement, by the clerk of said church, certifying that this request had been acceded to. Minutes of meetings already held by the new body were read, and also the covenant and articles of faith accepted by it.

After due deliberation the following resolution was moved by Rev. P. R. Foster, seconded by Rev. A. T. Dykeman, and unanimously adopted:

"Whereas, we have heard the statement of these brethren with reference to the matter upon which we have been called upon to advise; and whereas we have considered their covenant and articles of faith, and believe them to be in full accord with those held by the Baptist churches of these provinces and by the Baptist brotherhood at large; Therefore Resolved, that this Council hereby expresses its approval of the action of these brethren and recognizes them as a regularly organized Baptist church."

At the request of the newly constituted church the following brethren were

ordained as its deacons: Bros. Ross, Cummings, J. J. Wallace, John Hay, J. Blair Fulton.

The following order of exercises was arranged for the evening, and most successfully carried out: Reading of Scripture, Rev. J. E. Goucher; prayer, Rev. A. T. Dykeman; sermon, Rev. D. A. Steele; hand of fellowship, Rev. P. R. Foster; charge to church, Rev. W. H. Cline; charge to deacons, Rev. C. H. Haverstock. C. W. Williams, Clerk of Council.

Truro, March 22.

Religious Intelligence.

NEWS FROM THE CHURCHES.

SPRINGFIELD, Annapolis Co.—Rev. J. W. S. Young has been holding special services here with glorious results. On the 16th inst., seven were baptized, and the meetings still continue.

MECHANICVILLE, N.Y.—It may interest you to know that I baptized ten more believers last evening into the fellowship of the Mechanicville Baptist church. At the after-meeting nearly 200 remained, and several new cubes of religious life appeared. This week I expect to preach at Hudson, N. Y., every evening, assisting the pastor in evangelistic meetings. Mar. 10. W. BARRS.

TIVERTON, N. S.—We have spent two weeks in special effort with the little church at Tiverton. At first prospects were discouraging, yet things gradually improved until none could dispute the presence and power of the Holy Spirit. Sinners cried for mercy and were saved. Yesterday, the 16th inst., seven happy believers, three of whom are heads of families, were baptized and welcomed into the church. These with the four previously baptized, make 11 received during the winter. The brethren are greatly revived and encouraged, as their prospects are now such as to warrant a hope for the future growth and prosperity of the Baptist cause in this place. J. W. IDOLY.

BEDFORD, SUMMERSIDE, P. E. I.—We are glad to be able to report that God's saving grace is being revealed in our midst. All over this field the congregations are large and attentive. We, during the winter, have received many practical expressions of the kindness of God's people in shape of donations, for which we would be thankful. In Summerside we have held special meetings for two weeks with cheering results. On Sunday night, in the presence of the largest crowd that I have yet seen in the church, it was my privilege to baptize one, and among the number our own daughter, Lizzie. Backsliders have been brought to bow to Christ and plead forgiveness. The work still goes on. Poor sinners are coming home. Thank God for the Holy Spirit. Jos. A. CHAILL.

CHARLOTTETOWN.—I have just closed my first year's pastorate in this church. It was a year of mingled fear and hope. In spite of the many and formidable difficulties by which we were confronted progress all along the lines of church life and work has been made. Seven more have been baptized on the first Sunday in March; others will follow. At our conference, 113 members were present and our prayer-meetings are largely attended and full of interest. The Sunday-school teachers of this city, through the Y. M. C. A., under the presidency of Chas. Palmer, C. C., have invited me to organize and conduct Sunday-school Teachers' meetings once a week, which are outgrowing the capacity of the parlor. The interest in the study of the Word manifest by the audience is something wonderful. The attention given and courtesy shown the leader by those Christian men and women of culture, is most encouraging. J. A. GORDON.

MONROE, N. B.—From the pastor's monthly report for February, read at last business meeting, we call the following items, Feb. 2nd, baptized seven; 9th, six; 16th, two; 23rd, two; received by letter four; on experience, one. Total for the month, twenty-two. During the month some eighty meetings have been held in connection with the church and its out-stations, and all around we rejoice in the manifestations of God's goodness, presence and power; the outlook is promising in connection with our church. We have four schools in good working order, and the attendance steadily increasing. Our pastor is working with seal and energy to advance God's cause and kingdom. His health has not been of the best this winter. The church some weeks ago granted him a vacation as he seemed to rally slowly from the effects of that prevalent disease, la grippe, but of late having considerably improved and the church having so much on its hands, has decided not to take a rest until a later date. CLARK.

NORTH CHURCH, Halifax.—After closing my co-operation with pastor Hinson in Moncton and vicinity, I planned to do some work at Little Mountain, but as the impassable state of the roads and the severe storms rendered the time for special meetings then unfavorable, and as, in the meanwhile, an urgent request came to me to hasten to Halifax to help the North Baptist church in their trouble, caused by the illness of Pastor Manning, it was concluded to defer further effort in New Brunswick and come to this city. My work here has been congenial and pleasant. I have filled Bro. Manning's regular services and held a few extra ones with tokens of their favor. My good opinion of the North church has been strengthened by this visit. The conference on Friday evening, Feb. 28, was largely attended. About 150 were present and nearly one-half of the number took part. Several are seeking the Lord and looking Zionward. Yesterday our work was hindered by the drenching rain. I am to linger here this week in special services and hope to see good. Next week (D. V.) I am to go to Cornwallis, N. S. I am glad to say that Bro. Manning, whose illness has been a very serious and dangerous one, is rapidly recovering and he hopes to be able in a few weeks to resume his loved work. March 3. ISA. WALLACE.

QUEBEC CO. QUARTERLY MEETING.—The Quebec Co. Quarterly Meeting met with the Baptist church at the Narrows on the 8th of March. There were present pastors M. P. King, M. G. McCreary, A. B. McDonald, C. E. Lewis, J. Coombes, E.

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K. Ganong, with a large attendance of lay brethren. The meeting opened with conference at 2 p. m., in which forty took part, and gave testimony of the power of God to save. There was a temperance meeting in the evening, prayer meeting Sabbath morning at 9:30. Bro. McGregor preached the quarterly sermon at 10:30, and it was acknowledged by all to be an excellent production. Service Sabbath afternoon at 3 o'clock, sermon by the writer. The evening service was of a special character. At the opening Bro. Coombes preached a short sermon, which was followed by a number of testimonies. During all the services on Sunday the house was crowded to its utmost. We trust some good seed was sown and the church revived. Not only the church with which we met received the benefit, but we have reason to believe that the delegates from different churches were revived, and returned to their homes stronger men and women for God than when they left. I think it would be well for every church in the county to try to have at least a few of its members attend the quarterly meetings for its own benefit as well as the good it may do to the other churches in forwarding the best interest of our Redeemer's kingdom. As there was no invitation for the next meeting, which will be on the second Saturday in July, the place was not decided upon. Any church wishing to have us meet with it may let us know by writing to the president, M. P. King, or the secretary, E. K. GANONG, Secy.

QUARTERLY MEETING.—The Baptist quarterly meeting just held with the church at Gibson, while not largely attended by our ministerial delegates, has been deeply interesting, and will be true to productive of great and lasting benefit. The meetings were largely attended, and of an unusual degree of interest manifested throughout. This field presents many attractions, especially so for the worker. Why not "go in and possess the land"? We have been waiting for our pastor elect, oh, so long! At present it is very uncertain when he will be with us, if at all. We can only say, may He send a good laborer into this vineyard. At present Bro. DeBlois is performing the duties of the pastorate with much acceptance. Our quarterly opened with a sermon on Friday evening by Rev. P. O. Reese; Saturday morning at 9 o'clock, the meeting was begun. Bro. B. H. Thomas, chairman, present, with Rev. Messrs. Crawley, Beckwith, Reese, Manser, DeBlois, Day, and Brethren Currie, Bailey, Babbitt, Clark, and others. There were no special topics taken up out of the usual line of deliberations. Prominent mention might be made of the places in which there is no preaching and where the need is greatly felt for the work of a missionary. In fact there are needed now three men to do the work necessary. The quarterly passed a resolution urging upon the Home Mission Board the necessity for more help. Services were held Saturday afternoon and evening, and Sunday. Adjourned to meet with the church at Prince William, the second Friday in June. Resolved at this session: "That hereafter the quarterly meetings be held the second Friday in the months of June, September, December, March." Mr. S. HALL, Secy-Treas.

TRURO.—There has been a very important move in Truro Baptist circles. For some time past the necessity for increased church membership has been apparent. Last season plans were prepared for improvements involving an expenditure of several thousand dollars, and it was intended to commence operations the coming summer. An alternative, however, presented itself in the form of a new church at the west end of the town, and recently this view of the matter has secured many supporters. The idea developed into a movement which during the past few weeks has taken practical shape, and an account of a council of recognition will be found in another column. In the end it was found that the names of the deacons of the new church, Bro. S. W. Cummings is clerk. Mrs. Hill, who was so efficient as organist of Prince St. church, feeling that the new interest needed her most, has left the finest choir in Truro to organize and train another fine one. The old church unanimously voted \$2,000 to the new undertaking in recognition of their share of church property left behind. In the same liberal spirit the Sunday-school voted an equal division of the library and other appurtenances of the school. The new church has been presented with a fine organ by Mrs. Mary Upham, in memory of the late Deacon Upham. A building lot has been promised, and a good proportion of the amount necessary for an edifice already pledged. The body is at present worshipping in the Y. M. C. A. hall. Rev. W. H. Cline conducted the first preaching services. Mr. Smallman, of Wolfville, preached on the 16th, and Rev. D. A. Steele on the 23rd. Rev. W. B. Hinson is expected for the 30th. Altogether the new church starts with every promise of a career of great usefulness, while the prospects of the older interest are in no wise injured. Truro, as every one knows, is growing rapidly; and in every town of its size there is room for at least two Baptist churches. Young people form a good proportion of the new church, and they are working hard. Being with them for a short time, we could not but feel the inspiration of their zeal and hopefulness. May God's richest blessing rest upon all that pertains to the new departure and upon the future as upon the past of the parent church. ONE OF THE COUNCIL.

PERSONAL.
Rev. M. B. Shaw wishes all his correspondence to be sent to West Advocate, S. instead Fallbrook, Cal., as heretofore.

The Rev. E. C. Corey has received and accepted a call to the pastorate of the Oxford group of churches in Cumberland county, N. S. His services with them will commence on the first of April. In accepting this call our brother takes up work where, in former days, his labors were abundantly blessed. The outlook of this union is hopeful.

NOTICES.

The Executive of the Grand Division of Temperance request all members of the Grand Division who can conveniently do so, to attend at the Division Room, Cornwallis St., Halifax, on Wednesday, 2nd April, at 8 p. m., for consultation on matters of the utmost importance to the Order.

On behalf of the Executive,
R. T. MORSE, G. W. P.

As I was appointed at last association as a member of committee to carry into more effective working our Convention Scheme in the western part of the Island, and as we in the West find it inconvenient and very difficult to attend the quarterly meetings of the Island, they being from 50 to 100 miles away, I would, therefore request the ministers and as many brethren as can, west of Charlottetown, to meet at the church, at Lot 16, on Tuesday, April 8, at 10 a. m., to hold a missionary meeting and to consider the propriety of organizing a quarterly meeting for the western part of the Island. Brethren do not fail to come.
Jos. A. CHAILL, Chairman.
Bedford, P. E. I., March 19.

ACKNOWLEDGMENT.—Received on Building Fund for Charlottetown Baptist church since last reported: Rev. J. C. Spurr, donation, \$4; Friend, Beverly, Mass., U. S., \$3; Mrs. W. W. Hay, Woodstock, N. B., \$1; Mrs. J. V. Roberts and L. V. Kirk (endless chain subscription), 20 cents; Friend, Amherst, N. S., \$2; Friend, Hillsboro, N. B., \$5; R. T. Schurman, Freetown, P. E. I., \$5. For the kind and cheering words accompanying these helpful gifts, I beg to express, on behalf of the church, our heartfelt gratitude to the donor. J. A. GORDON.

Mrs. Taylor wishes to acknowledge the present of a handsome counterpane and other gifts from sisters and friends of the Basin section of this church.
Chester, Lun. Co. GEO. TAYLOR.

The Brussels Street Baptist church celebrates her fortieth anniversary this week with a series of interesting services.

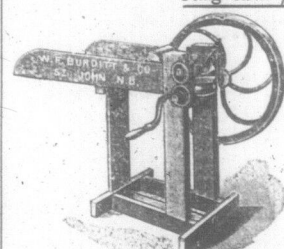
I am subject to sudden colds, followed by hard coughs, for which I use Wistar's Balsam of Wild Cherry, and find it the best remedy. We always have it in the house, and would as soon be without flour as the Balsam. A. Dunklee, Postmaster, West Brattleboro', Vt.

Literary Notes.

In "The Editor's Easy Chair" of *Harper's Magazine* for April, George William Curtis publishes certain of his reflections upon college dinners, and incidentally declares that New York is superlatively "the dining city of the world."

The series of comprehensive articles on "Great American Industries," published in *Harper's Magazine*, will be continued in the April number with "A Suit of Clothes" by R. R. Bowker, richly illustrated from drawings by W. A. Rogers, W. T. Smedley, Alice Barber, and others. The article presents the complete history of a piece of wool from the time of its growth on a sheep to that of its transformation into the manufactured product; and this involves a thorough analysis of the development of the wool industry within the past one hundred years.

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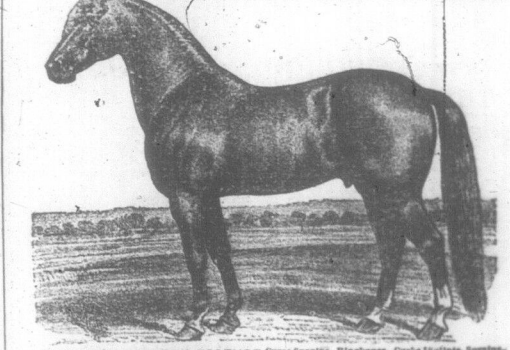
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