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Grateful Mention.

On New Year's Eve a large number of our friends of Springfield gathered at the parsonage and declared their intention of remaining with us until the opening of the new century. During the evening, which was most pleasantly spent, Dea. J. F. Bent, in behalf of those present, presented us with cash and goods which have been since added to the whole amount exceeding forty dollars. Kind words were also spoken by worthy brethren of our own and of the Methodist church, for which we are deeply grateful. After our church bell had tolled for the dying century and ushered in the new with a joyful peal, the company departed, all voting this the happiest occasion of the kind during the present pastorate. On the following night and for a like purpose the good people of Falkland Ridge gathered at the residence of Bro. Henry Roop and presented us with cash and cash value amounting to thirty dollars. These are generous and noble expressions of appreciation, for which we thank our friends on and all.

E. E. LOCKE.

HARVEY, ALBERT CO., N. B.—We are glad to report that the smallpox has not yet reached Harvey. But another contagion, the contagion of liberal giving, has infected almost every home. Not long since I reported the gift of a nice fur-lined coat from Germantown section. I now take great pleasure in acknowledging a donation of \$80, which was presented to us on Saturday evening, January 5, with a few felicitous remarks by Capt. G. A. Coonan, in behalf of the Harvey church and community. Nor must I forget to express the pleasure it gave Mrs. Fletcher and myself to receive from 100 to 150 of our friends during the evening, who helped to demolish the excellent supper provided by the ladies of the church. This is our first experience of a "donation party," and we have found it enjoyable from every point of view—socially, financially and fraternally.

M. E. FLETCHER.

LOWER AYLESFORD.—During the fall and up to the present time I have conducted about ten weeks special services in two sections of the field which have resulted in nine baptisms and a spiritual strengthening of the church. We are now observing the week of prayer with much encouragement, the Holy Spirit's power is felt in all our meetings. Home and Foreign Missions as well as other denominational work is not neglected. Last year's church contributed about two hundred and twenty dollars for missionary work and the Convention Fund. We have a healthy W. M. A. Society which holds its monthly meetings at the parsonage. The sisters presented the president, Mrs. Webb, with a "Life Membership Certificate," for which she is very grateful. There are two live Mission Bands, one at Greenwood and the other at Tremont. A B. Y. P. Union was organized at Harmony last year, which I am glad to say is doing good work. About forty young people spent New Year's Eve at the parsonage. From 11.30 to 1 o'clock we held a social meeting.

Bros. A. Hilborn Baker, Licentiate, of Acadia, and E. S. Mason, Licentiate, of Acadia, of Springfield, and others gave stirring addresses. The 20th century found us praying to God for a special outpouring of spiritual blessings. On Jan. 2nd the parsonage was taken by storm. A very large number of friends came to make their annual visit. After spending a pleasant evening they left us the richer by sixty-five dollars in cash and useful articles. May the Lord reward them a hundred fold.

JOSIAH WEBB.

MAHONE, N. S.—Our outlook for the new year is hopeful. The congregations are large and very attentive to the preaching of the Word, our prayer and conference meetings seasons of refreshing. The people are continually showing in a tangible way their appreciation of our efforts. At Christmas an invitation came from North West to come to the house of Dea. Aaron Joudry. Arriving we found a number of the people gathered, who presented us with a fine "turkey" and enough products of the farm to last the winter and cash to buy extras. Last week there was brought to the parsonage a fine new riding sleigh which, in the language of a good Presbyterian who saw it, is a princely gift of the people of Mahone. For all these we are very grateful and much encouraged.

W. B. BEZANSON.

ELGIN, N. B.—At the close of a year of church work it is our pleasure to report progress. Recently the Public Hall at Forest Glen has been repaired, at an expense of \$350, which gives us a place of worship in nearly every respect neat and commodious. No debt has been entailed. The annual Roll Call of the Elgin church was held on December 30. A contribution of \$58 was received during the day towards the church debt. During the year the finances of the church have been conducted on the freewill offering system, which has been highly satisfactory to both pastor and people; only six dollars were lacking of the sum asked for. One month ago the Pollet River church gave the pastor a donation of \$26, and on New Year's night the Elgin church met at the parsonage and gladdened him again with a gift of \$55, for all of which we are duly grateful. We begin another year with greater desire for a spiritual quickening.

H. H. SAUNDERS.

Our hearts were made glad on New Year's evening, by a surprise visit from about 60 of our friends from Argyle, Argyle Head and Glenwood, who came bringing not only good cheer and good wishes for the New Year, but also some more tangible expressions of their esteem and good will. Deacon Slocumb, on behalf of the friends, read a very kind and appreciative address, setting forth the high esteem in which the pastor and wife are held, and also presented us with a beautiful China tea set, 2 table glass sets, a table set of pitchers, besides other useful articles. We thank one and all, and pray that the great Giver may bless one and all.

R. A. MCPHER.

L. J. MCPHER.

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F. B. SEELYE.

Lunenburg Quarterly Meeting.

The Lunenburg County Quarterly Meeting met with the New Germany Church Jan. 2nd and 3rd. President H. B. Smith opened the first session with devotional exercises. After which Rev. J. C. Blakeney preached. His subject was "Ambassadors for Christ." This he treated in a very clear and impressive manner showing the importance of our relation to Christ. Pastor Porter conducted the after meeting in which many took part. Hopeful reports were heard from the Churches all are supplied with Pastors many of whom are just now engaged in special work. May a rich blessing be ours. The W. M. A. meeting was conducted by Mrs. W. R. Bass, good reports were heard from many of the local societies. This meeting was very interesting and profitable. At the last session brother Richard Delong was ordained Deacon. Pastor J. E. Blakeney preached on "The Caring for Souls." This was an impressive message for all.

W. B. BEZANSON, Sec'y.

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