The Memorial church has been pastorless for nearly six months. It is one of our best churches, but seems difficult to suit in the matter of ministers. They have had a great variety of preaching, and must be suffering from rhetoric and the want of pastoral care. The Fourth church, Rev. Wolfenden, pastor, is looking forward to the erection of a new building on Ashland Avenue.

HERE AND THERE.

The Seminary people at Morgan Park have broken ground for a new Theological Hall, made necessary by the increasing number of students for the ministry. The Illinois Baptist State Convention meets this week with the church in Rock Island. Will give you some facts in regard to state work in our next letter. We have just lost by death one of our most active laymen, the Hon. C. N. Holden. He was a member of the Second church, and had been identified with the Baptist cause in this city just fifty years. He was one of the founders of the Theological Seminary, and was president of its board of trustees at the time of his death, and had always been one of its strong financial supporters. This recalls the bereavement that has fallen on Canadian Baptists in the death of Hon. William McMaster, the merchant prince of Toronto. Like Mr. Holden, his heart was bound up with ministerial education. They were both good men and true, and loved our Zion. In years to come they will still speak through men whom their wise benefactions have helped to equip for the christian ministry. WESTERN.

## From India.

Rev. I. C. Archibald writes to Rev. J. R. Hutchinson: Mrs. Archibald and I expect to make a tour of the out-station soon, beginning at Tekkali. Subbarayadu was married to Cassie last Monday. Bimlipatam Mission Chapel to be dedicated Sept. 10th, or thereabouts.

Rev. G. Churchill writes: Happy mortal that you are, to be free from the plague of mosquitoes and bugs and beetles and flies of all kinds as you sit down to write! I am having such a fight of it here this evening. I am trying to write without the punkah. What a mess it is, to be sure! First I have to stop to kill a mosquito that is thirsting for my blood. Then I have to catch hold of and throw across the floor a big beetle that is trying its best to smooch my writing as fast as I make a mark; and as for the little ones, they are too numerous to mention—they are everywhere—into eyes ears and nose, and on the pen, and crawling and sprawling about in all directions. Have you forgotten it all? Before I forget, I must tell you how I came it over a couple of crows. There have been two about the house that have been specially troublesome. Mrs. C. has been begging and beseeching me for a long time to make an example of them; so I loaded up my old musket about a month ago and ordered rice and things to be put in a convenient spot, where I hoped to get a shot at the two at least. But not a bit of it. They evidently smelt gun-powder; for though I watched patiently a good many times, I never got those two crows within gunshot of each other. At last I got mad one day and blazed away at one of them. I struck the spot where he had sat, but he had left before the shot got there. It did not even frighten them, and they were just as saucy again as ever, coming into the house and helping themselves to whatever they could find. Last Sunday things came to a crisis. I was reading here in my room when I heard them in the dining-room, and as I looked out they "ca-a-ad" at me in the most insulting manner. It was too much, and there and then I vowed vengeance on them. I thought if they would only come into the room when I was waiting for them, I might fasten a line to the door and pull it to before they could get out. Mrs. C said, "Why not stand behind the door and push it to?" I did not believe those two crows were fools enough to get caught that way after all I had seen of their sharpness. However, on Tuesday, as I had a little leisure after breakfast, I threw down some bread inside the door and went to my work. Soon one of them came and got a piece. I took my stand behind the door and the next time he came he did not get out again. How he did scoot through those trusses and beams overhead, and didn't it just do me good to think I had him in a tight place! I got a long bamboo, and after a few passes at him, down he came. His wings now grace the front of the pigeon house, while his carcus went to make a curry for our sweeper. I tried day before yesterday to get the other, but he was too quick for me, and managed to get his tail out of the door just in time to save it. The slam of the door and his narrow escape frightened him so that I did not believe he would ever come in again. But he did, and to-day I took up my position again, after letting him carry off some pieces of bread. I did not wait long before he came again. He stood for sometime looking in, but at last he gave a hop in, and bang went the door. But he was so sharp and quick that he was half way through when the door caught him, and there he was in the most ungraceful position, his head on one side the door and his feet and tail on the other. So I feel quite elated, and the sweeper is happy again to-night, as he thinks of his prospective bite, literally, of the "old crow."

We are having heaps of rain now, and it is warm, so you know how easy it is to get into a "sweat." I am in one now as I am writing. There is not much special to write of. Touring is out of the question, unless where there are bungalows. I made a short tour of a week, the last of June and first of this month, on the main road towards Vizianagram. I stopped in D. P. W. bungalows, and had to pay half a rupee a day for the privilege. One morning at Maradam, as Nursiah went to roll up his mat, he found a snake under it that they all considered deadly. Though we had plenty of rain we were able to get about pretty well. We had the usual experiences. In some places a good hearing, in others not. Did not find anyone who seemed to be on the right road, or even looking in the right direction. I made a visit also to our German friends at Salur. They evidently mean business, and have come to stay. They are going into school work, but at present the school is under a cloud. Their teacher has turned out badly, and the boys have nearly all left for the town school.

## Home Missions.

THE BOARD MEETING

for October was held on the 10th, in the vestry of the First Baptist church, Yarmouth.

REPORTS

were received from Brethren Wm. Smallman, Clements; J. A. Marple, Tancook; W. H. Jenkins, Granville Mountain; E. E. Daley, Musquash, N. B.; L. J. Tingley, Harcourt, N. B.; Wm. London, Queensbury, York Co.; W. S. Black, Bright; C. P. Wilson, Lower Stewiacke, J. E. Timer, Margaret's Bay; G. E. Angevine, New Ross; and I. Wallace, Gen. Missionary.

GRANTS.

1. To St. John Mission, $250 for one year.
2. To Margaree and Mabou, N. S., $75, for current year. Rev. F. A. Kidson, missionary.
3. To Springhill church, N. S., $100 for one year, from Sept. 27, 1887. Rev. Jos. Murray, pastor.
4. To East Dalhousie, N. S., $50, for current year. Rev. W. J. Bleakney, pastor.
5. To the St. Francis field, N. B., $200 for one year. Rev. C. Henderson, missionary.
6. To Forest Glen church, Yar. Co., N. S., $50 for one year. Rev. E. P. Coldwell, pastor.
7. To Windsor Plains, Hants Co., $30 for seven months. Rev. J. Johnson, pastor.

From the foregoing it will be seen that we are pushing out into new fields. Madawaska County is once more to enjoy the labors of a Baptist missionary. We feel the responsibility of the movement; but He who has said, "Go into all the world," bids us go forward, and we dare not disobey. Pray for our dear Bro. Henderson, that his labors may be abundantly blessed of the Lord. And do not forget to send forward your contributions, that the Board may have the funds to send to him and all the missionaries their salaries when due.

HOME MISSION RECEIPTS.

Estimated expenditure for the year, including debt of $438.32, appropriation for supplementary fund, and $1000 for work in the North-West, $12,000.

Receipts from Sept. 13 to Oct. 10:—

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| Tancook church, per J. A. Marple. | $ 2 00 |
| Convention Fund, per Dr. Day..... | 150 00 |
| Rev. Calvin Curry, Jemseg..... | 1 00 |
| Mr. and Mrs. Wm. Crisp, Paradise. | 2 00 |
| Goat Island S. S. concert..... | 5 46 |
| | $160 46 |
| Before reported..... | 87 35 |
| Total..... | $247 81 |

REMARKS.

In about two weeks the first quarter of another year will be ended. It will be seen that thus far only a little more than half the amount of the debt has been received.

The reports of the student missionaries are now coming in, and these young men need the balances due them to enable them to go on with their studies. At the end of this month the quarterage due to missionary pastors will be due, and at this time of year will be especially needed by every one of them; but how can they be paid from a treasury already overdrawn?

A. COHOON, Cor. Secy.

Hebron, Oct. 15.

## Superintendants of Baptist Sunday Schools.

You have ere this received the fourth quarter's lesson helps for 1887, and it is now my duty to say that with this lot your order stands complete for this year.

To avoid delay in beginning work next year promptly, and to have the usual supply of lesson helps on hand, you must renew your order soon, not later than middle of November. To leave it later is sure delay.

I presume the reason for our not receiving orders for lesson helps last year from the remaining schools was that they left the order until too late, and then sent off hurriedly to the publishers. Try and avoid that error this year by ordering from BAPTIST BOOK ROOM *early*. Prompt attention given to lesson help orders.

The prices of lesson helps for 1888 remain unchanged. They are sold by this society at published price.

This year we mail samples and a list of Sunday school exercises and dialogues, also, readings for Mission Bands and Women's Mission Aid Societies. Kindly drop post card for sample.

GEO. A. MCDONALD,
Sec'y-treas.

## "Burn the Old Sermons."

So says the ex-president of the Baptist Convention, of the Maritime Provinces. He would have all of us, pastors and preachers, gather up our old sermons, "all and singular of them," and after all the labor of thought and research expended in their preparation and delivery, *commit them to the flames*.

What say you, brethren in the ministry? Shall we obey, or shall we not obey? Suppose now, that we bring them all to the Convention at its next meeting in Wolfville, and there under the shadow of the "School of the Prophets," heap them together in some appropriate place, and "apply the torch." And then let us gather around and watch the ponderous pile reduced to cinders by the devouring element, and its ashes scattered to the four winds of heaven. What a conflagration! What would the sainted Cramp say if he were to witness it? He used to tell us to use our pencils and note-books on all suitable occasions, and like the bees "gather honey from every flower," and thus store up material for sermons; but he never told us to commit the results of these efforts to the flames. And I have yet to learn that any theological professor has ever given similar advice. In my opinion the sermon had better be burnt before delivery if it is not worth preserving after.

No, Mr. President, whatever others may feel disposed to do, I, for one, beg most respectfully to remain in incorrigible disobedience. I cannot afford to dispose of the accumulations of years in so summary a way, and I scarcely think that in this respect I am alone.

Why, just let us look for a moment. Who can estimate the loss to the world if all the "old sermons" had been burned? Some of the oldest sermons on record are found in the Bible. What could we do without them? for instance, Peter at Pentecost, Paul's at Athens, and many others, besides the hosts of uninspired men whose sermons, old as many of them must be, are doing a vast amount of good in the world.

But why does not our good brother the ex-president practice what he preaches? On retiring from office he gave us a very excellent sermon on "Pastoral Duties"—taking for a text—the result, I venture to say, of profound thinking and close study, full of most valuable instruction and excellent advice (except the burning), calculated to do very much good; but to be consistent with himself he should have taken it right home after delivering it and consigned it to the stove. But, no, he has taken pains to preserve it in substantial form—and very properly so—in order that it may be transmitted to after generations and be of use to others. Why, then, does he pass sentence of utter destruction, *by fire*, on all the sermons of the Baptist ministers of the Maritime Provinces? I. J. SKINNER.

# Religious Intelligence.

NEWS FROM THE CHURCHES.

UPPER BLACKVILLE, NORTH. CO.—We had the happy privilege to meet on the shore of the old Miramichi river again to administer the ordinance of baptism to three young converts. Praises be unto God! On October 3rd we met again in our dear Master's name for the same purpose, and baptized two more, one a Presbyterian lady, head of a family. To our God be all the praise! O. N. KEITH.

TATAMAGOUCHE BAY.—I had the privilege of baptising a happy believer into Christ on Sabbath, Oct. 9th, and welcoming her into the fellowship of this church. F. D. D.

BOCABEC.—I gave the right hand of fellowship to six last Sabbath, the 9th. Four of these had lately been baptized—two of them that same morning in the vicinity of Greenwood Bethel. We thank God and take courage. C. W. W.

RAWDON, Oct. 12.—Last Sabbath, I had the pleasure of visiting the Rawdon church, of baptizing three young sisters, and of receiving five into the church; one by letter, and one restored. Rev. Geo. Taylor has been laboring with this church for the last three months, and his labors have been blessed. The church is now without a pastor. J. W. BROWN.

BEDEQUE AND TRYON.—I have just entered upon the third year of the pastorate with the above mentioned churches. The field is large and our people are scattered over a wide country. Still, the outlook for the future is hopeful. Yesterday I baptised a promising young man, head of a family. A larger number sat at the Lord's Supper in the afternoon, than for some time past. May the year on which we have now entered be one of richer blessing and greater prosperity than the previous one, is my prayer. I. J. SKINNER.

ANDOVER AND GRAND FALLS, Oct. 6.—During the past few months I have been trying to look after the interests of the cause of my Master at Andover and Grand Falls. During vacation months Bro. C. H. Sisson was here with us. We both worked hard, but our efforts were so scattered that they did not seem to have the desired effect. Still we trust in the God, who has said, my word shall not return unto me void. At the Grand Falls prospects seem to be brightening some; we have seen indications of good. At Andover matters don't change much. Bro. Sisson has returned to his studies at Brown University, R. I. Bro. C. Henderson, who has so faithfully and effectually labored so long on the Tobique field has left it and gone to Madawaska county, and we rejoice to know that his labors are being blessed of God to the salvation of precious souls there. Since these brethren have gone away, I stand as the only ministerial representative of the Baptist denomination in Victoria county, and, indeed, brethren, you have a very poor representative in me. The Tobique field is now vacant. Other sects have their missionaries there, and if we do not have a man to look after the interests of the cause we will suffer loss. We need two good strong men in this county; indeed, there is work enough for four, but I don't see how we can get along with less than two. I have been trying to do the best I could on the Andover and Grand Falls sections. But I feel that we ought to have a better man than I here; and I think others have the same idea, and just as soon as another is forthcoming to occupy these sections I am ready to give way. If there is any brother who wants to come on a field where he can preach three times on Sunday and every night in the week to different congregations, and in different stations, you are the man to come. And I think I can bespeak a hearty welcome for you, and, with the help of our Home Mission Board, a generous support. Now, brethren, I am anxious that these fields be occupied. Send your men along and I will do all in my power to have them located and sustained in this county. In the meantime pray for us, that grace may be given to assist us to stand to our post of duty. S. D. ERVINE.

P. S. I wish to acknowledge donations as follows: At Tobique road section of Grand Falls field, Sept. 11th, $14 80; also, at Grand Falls, Sept. 25th, 26 75; a total of $41 55, for which I tender my hearty thanks. And may God's rich blessing rest upon the givers. S. D. E.

TRACADIE.—We are thankful to our many friends for help last year in building our new church. May the Lord bless the cheerful givers. Our church is still in debt, and as we wish to do some work on the inside of the building this fall, we again call upon the cheerful givers for assistance. All communications should be sent to Dea. A. F. Bowden, or Frederick Bowden, clerk, East Tracadie, N. S. All parties authorized to collect for the church will have papers signed by Dea. A. F. Bowden, Dea. Samuel Gares, or Frederick Bowden, clerk.

CLEMENTSPORT, N. S.—We began with October our third pastoral year in Clements church. Plans made for an increase of support, and the many warm expressions of goodwill and affection, have greatly encouraged us. Gracious influences from above have been felt of late in different parts of the field. The baptism of a worthy sister, the mother of a large family, Oct. 2nd, has spurred us to renewed thanksgiving. Extensive repairs are now going forward on the Waldic church, built by our worthy fathers more than 60 years ago. A successful tea came off Sept. 29th, netting for the purpose $92. We have also since Convention held a tea and bazaar at Clementsport on behalf of our new house, and raised $152 clear! We miss the faithful help of our worthy assistant, Bro. Wm Smallman, now pursuing his studies at Acadia. May God, who has called him, fit him in his own way for a long and triumphant work in the kingdom of His grace. E. N. ARCHIBALD

NEWCASTLE BRIDGE, QUEENS CO., N. B.—The work of God has been greatly revived here. I baptized nine more happy believers last Sabbath, and they were added to the church. To God be all the praise.

Oct. 10. WILLARD P. ANDERSON.

QUARTERLY MEETING.—The sessions of the Quarterly Meeting held in Cardigan, York Co., were exceedingly interesting. The best of feeling prevailed, and the Holy Spirit's presence was manifested and felt in all the services. The business meeting on Saturday morning was full of the missionary spirit. Pastors and delegates seemed anxious to do something for the destitute in the regions beyond their own pastorates and homes. On the Sabbath a deep interest was evinced throughout the entire day. The Master was present, and the people were glad to hear the word of God proclaimed. Bro. Calvin Currie and others remained to assist the pastor for a few days. Success has crowned their efforts; souls have been saved, baptized, and added to the church. The pastor and church are much encouraged. To God be the praise. The Quarterly Meeting meets again the second Friday in December with the Baptist church worshipping at Lakeville Corner. The Rev. P. O. Reese is to preach the quarterly sermon, and the Rev. C. Currie is to be his alternate.

T. A. BLACKADAR, Sec.-Treas.

Keswick Ridge, Oct. 14.

BENTON, CARL CO., Oct. 12.—About four months since our church gave Rev. Josiah Webb a unanimous call to the pastorate. He accepted, and began work for the church in June last. He has proved a very energetic worker for the temporal welfare of the church. About two weeks ago he began some special meetings, and has proved to be specially adapted for the work. Last Sunday, was a day of deep interest with us. Our pastor baptized seven happy converts, and extended the right hand of fellowship to ten. The interest is still unabated, and the prospects are that many more will follow. Pray for us, that the Lord's work may continue and that many precious souls may be saved.

J. A. H., Church Clerk.

PERSONALS.

Rev. J. H. Hughes has received and accepted a unanimous call to the pastorate of the Franklin Park Baptist church, near Boston, and he will enter upon his work there the first of November. The church at Arcadia have reluctantly accepted his resignation, and are now open for correspondence with any faithful minister who may want a good pastorate. The South Yarmouth or Chebogue church, with Arcadia, will form a nice field for an active man. Bro. Hughes speaks very highly of the church at Arcadia; says that for its numerical strength and financial ability, it is among the best churches that he ever served, and that they are deserving of a good, faithful, earnest minister of the gospel.

NOTICES.

The Albert Street Baptist church, Woodstock, being without a pastor, is anxious to secure the labors of an earnest and efficient worker. If any learn of our need, who are in a position to supply it, will they please write at once to the undersigned, stating any particulars that would be of interest in the matter.

J. T. HORSMAN, Clerk of Church.

To the W. M. A. Societies of Nova Scotia.

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Mrs. Churchill's address is Bobbili, India; Mrs. Sanford, Bimlipatam, India; Miss A. C. Gray, Bimlipatam, India; Mrs. Archibald, Chicacole, India; Miss Wright, Chicacole, India. A. E. JOHNSTONE,
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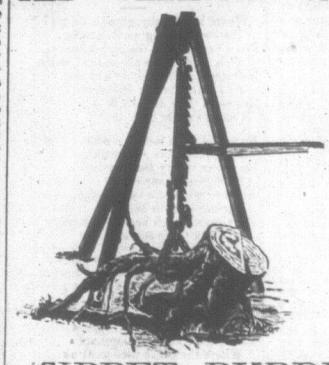

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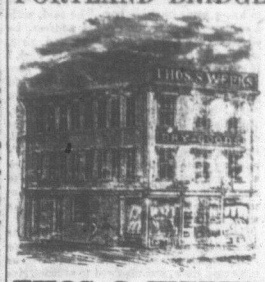

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| Total Assets, ..... | 753,661 87 | 909,489 73 | 155,827 86 | 20.6 |
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