

Home Missions.

A SPECIAL BOARD MEETING was held on the 28th ult.

REPORTS

were received from the student missionaries, F. N. Atkinson, A. A. Shaw, F. J. Bradshaw, N. E. Hermon and Lew Wallace.

GRANTS

1. To Dalhousie East, N. S., \$60, for one year from August 1st, '91. Rev. S. Langille, pastor.
2. To Rawdon and Maitland group \$300 for one year from September 1st, '91. Rev. L. A. Cooney, pastor.

APPOINTMENTS

1. F. N. Atkinson to Little South West and North Ek churches.
2. Rev. G. W. Springer to Musquash field, St. John Co., for eight weeks.
3. Bro. Joshua Goodwin, to Rockport—Shediac group.
4. Bro. J. D. Spidell, to New Harbor and Seal Harbor for three months.

REMARKS

The movements of the General Missionaries, Rev. I. Wallace and Rev. J. W. S. Young, are directed by the board. All requests for their labors should therefore be made direct to the Corresponding Secretary, and not to the missionaries. It must be remembered that there are a large number of pastoral mission fields at present, so that these brethren will be required chiefly for looking after these.

A. COONEY, Cor. Sec.

Hebron, Oct. 1st, 1891.

Farewell Service.

The time having arrived for the departure of the Rev. L. D. Morse and wife to the foreign field, it was determined by the Nictaux church, of which he has been and is a member, to mark the event by an extra service. We called to our aid the pastors of the surrounding churches, who came to our help right nobly. We also invited the F. M. Board to send or name a representative to add to the interest of the gathering, but that body felt disposed neither to aid nor reply. We also intimated to our returned missionaries that their presence and enthusiasm would be agreeable to us and profitable to the churches, but suppose their numerous engagements in another province prevented their attendance. While these circumstances tended somewhat to disappointment at the moment, the interest of the meeting suffered nothing for want of thought or enthusiasm.

The pastor presided, while the following exercises of an interesting and stimulating nature were completed, on the evening of the 30th Sept. in the Nictaux meeting-house. The Rev. G. P. Raymond read selections from the Holy Scriptures; Rev. S. H. Cain offered prayer; Rev. J. T. Eaton addressed the meeting on "The Divine Authority for Foreign Mission Work"; Rev. F. M. Young furnished an "Historical Sketch of our Mission and Missionaries"; Rev. E. H. Howe spoke about "What we are doing for Missions versus Our Ability"; Rev. E. E. Locke advocated "Larger and more frequent Gifts for Missions"; Rev. S. H. Cain presented "Some Encouraging Points in our Mission"; Rev. G. W. Corey gave "Some Personal Impressions and Reminiscences" in regard to Bro. Morse as a Christian brother and fellow-student. The pastor read a farewell address to Mr. and Mrs. Morse, to which they gratefully responded. The exercises were interspersed with appropriate music rendered by the choir. A collection for missions was taken, and Rev. S. Langille offered prayer and pronounced the benediction. The exercises were instructive and enthusiastic throughout. A large congregation from Nictaux and neighboring churches were stimulated in Christian service. Bro. Morse goes from his native place commanding the respect and bearing the best wishes of the entire community. We trust his future career will be one of true Christian usefulness. W. B. B.

Nictaux, Oct. 1.

Not at Pictou.

Bro. Freeman's letter, in this week's MESSENGER AND VISITOR, seems to call for a word of explanation from me. I accepted the appointment of the Home Mission Board in full faith, and went to Pictou, where I spent four or five weeks, but would gladly have continued there, but the Board yielding to the earnest request of the Sussex church released me from that post, and I have returned to Sussex. I feel deeply for the loyal brethren at Pictou and River John who were greatly encouraged at the prospect of having a pastor settled among them. The outlook in Pictou is not very promising at present, but there are a few true-hearted brethren there who are very anxious to see a Baptist church planted in the town, and if it were possible for the Board to undertake the work, it would doubtless enlarge and strengthen after a little. There are some forty members at River John, with good prospects of growth, and it is most desirable that the little church there should have pastoral care. Most of the brethren there are earnest Christians and keep up the meetings on the Sabbath whether they have a pastor or not.

There is also a good opening at Westville, which could be worked in connection with the rapidly growing village of Eureka. There ought to be a man placed on this field as soon as possible.

There is perhaps no county in Nova Scotia whose material resources are being more rapidly developed than those of Pictou county, and it would seem most desirable that there should be at least three strong men placed there at once. We all deeply regret that Bro. Parry has had to lay down the work at New Glasgow. It will be a heavy blow to the brethren there; for Bro. Parry had already taken a strong hold upon the hearts of the people, and they were, perhaps, more hopeful than ever before in the history of the church. It will not be easy to fill his place. New Glasgow requires a pastor of ability and consecration, equal to the one who is in the providence of God, about to retire from that post. The Board will doubtless do all in their power to occupy these important points in Pictou county. It is a time when we need the Master's injunction, "Pray ye therefore for the Lord of the harvest, that He would send forth laborers into His harvest" field.

Sussex, Oct. 2.

E. J. GRANT.

Dedication:

The Baptist church at Highlands, Aberdeen, N. B., was opened for the worship of God on Sabbath, Sept. 29, Rev. T. Todd preaching the dedication sermon from 1 Cor. 3: 21: "For all things are yours." At 2 p. m. the pastor, A. H. Hayward, preached from Ps. 73: 16; and at 5 p. m., Rev. J. C. Bleakney preached from Acts 13: 39. At all the services large and attentive audiences were present. The house—a neat structure 38 by 28, with 18 feet posts and arched ceiling—is finished throughout, and best of all, thanks to the many kind friends who so generously aided us, is now free of debt. Special meetings have been held since the dedication with good interest. One candidate was baptized on the 27th and seven others with her received the hand of fellowship into the church. Three candidates were baptized at Simonds a few weeks ago, the result of special meetings held there by Bro. A. H. Shaw and myself. One candidate was received into the Florenceville church recently by baptism and by experience. Thus the merry days have fallen, for which we would desire to be grateful.

Bro. A. H. Shaw, of Acadia College, spent his vacation with us on this field. His labors have been highly esteemed and helpful. I am now left with eight preaching stations. What are they among so many, was the question of old; that is the burning question with me at present.

A. H. HAYWARD.

Religious Intelligence.

NEWS FROM THE CHURCHES.

NICTAUX, N. S.—Pastor Bradshaw writes: We are moving on in our church work steadily, but would like to see more progress. Baptized one two weeks ago.

NEW SALEM—Rev. J. W. S. Young writes: Since the Association, held here, I have returned to hold a few extra meetings. God has been pleased to bless us with an outpouring of His Holy Spirit. On Sabbath, Sept. 27th, I had the pleasure of baptizing seven happy converts, and this morning, Sept. 29, three more came to us for baptism, making ten I have baptized since the work began. The church has been greatly revived and strengthened.

SPRINGFIELD, Annapolis Co., N. S.—Last Sabbath it was our happy privilege again to visit the baptismal waters, when a young sister was buried with Christ in baptism. The work is slow, but I trust, sure. It is the Lord's work, and we rejoice in it. We would give expression of our thanks to kind friends who, on 9th September, came to our call and helped us enjoy a pleasant day in tea-meeting, and leaving us a net gain of \$270, and so helping us in the completion of our house for God.

S. LANGILLE.

BLACKVILLE, N. B.—Sabbath, 13th inst., was a good day with us. Rev. T. Todd preached to us at 3 p. m. It was a grand exhibition of Christ's power to save. The sermon was followed by appropriate remarks by Rev. J. A. Potter. D. Crandall, the moderator of the P. E. L. Association, preached. It was a rich gospel feast, and listened to, I trust, with profit by many. Brethren D. Crandall and S. Smith also took part in the services. I trust the sacred influence of these meetings, together with all the meetings connected with the Western Baptist Association, gathering, will be as bread cast upon the water to be seen again after many days.

J. A. MORSEHOUSE.

LOT TEN, P. E. L.—Again, to-day we assembled on the banks of our Jordan to witness the administration of Christian baptism, the moderator of the P. E. L. Association, Rev. Bro. Cahill, officiating. Two ladies, one in the bloom of her young womanhood, the other approaching more mature years, the candidates. Each of them were instructed in the principles of pedo-baptism, but upon a close reading of God's Word were led to accept Christ, hence the truth; were made free, and, like the rich Ethiopian eunuch, bade the cares and anxieties of earth stand still, while in obedience to heaven's mandate they went down into the water, both they and the officiating "Philip," and he baptized them. One of these, the younger, is the daughter of our esteemed friend Barnaby Trowdale, of Conway, Lot 11, whom we yet expect to see, with the remaining members of the family, connected with our denomination. The elder lady, Miss Elsie, of Lot 12, educated Episcopalian, brings to us financial as well as moral help.

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UPPER AYLESFORD.—The Upper Aylesford church, which has been so acceptably supplied during the summer by Bro. Ganong, of Acadia, has extended a unanimous call to Rev. J. W. Bancroft, M. A., of North Sydney, and it is expected that he will accept.

WEST YARMOUTH.—Bro. W. J. Rutledge writes that the ordinance of baptism was administered under impressive circumstances to eight believers on Sunday, Sept. 29, by Rev. F. H. Beale, of Hebron. Bro. E. has spent the summer pleasantly with the West Yarmouth church, and the divine blessing has rested upon his labors. He now returns to resume his studies at Acadia. This church now needs and deserves a good pastor. Bro. Rutledge writes of the kindness received at Acadia University, and a parting expression of which was a gift of \$50 to assist him in the prosecution of his studies.

ECUM SECUM, N. S.—Bro. L. J. Slaun white, lic., has just finished a mission of three months on Moser's River and Acadia. Bro. Slaunwhite has returned to school at Acadia University. He has done much for us in the way of raising money and material for our church at Ecum Secum; besides, he is an able preacher of the gospel—the ablest we ever had. He needs no written sermon, and scarcely needs to be studied like other preachers, and delivers them extempore. That is the best way; it has, I think, the most effect. We wish the Board to plan on sending Bro. Slaunwhite back to Ecum Secum next summer. We wish to see him back again, and I think he will be willing to come.

A. W. MOSEK, Church Clerk.

CHARLOTTETOWN.—On Sunday last fifteen persons were baptized by Rev. J. A. Gordon, in the Charlottetown Baptist church. The building was crowded to overflowing both morning and evening, and extra chairs had to be put in every available spot. Mr. Gordon preached two eloquent sermons, one in the morning on "The dignity of Christian Baptism," and in the evening on "Christ as the perfect leader." We are pleased to hear that the Charlottetown Baptist church was never in such a flourishing condition as to-day. Every member of the church is taken, and interest in all the services, on week days as well as on Sunday, is remarkably well sustained. Mr. Gordon leaves this morning on a well earned vacation tour to Quebec, Montreal, Ottawa and New York. We wish him a pleasant trip.

SERVICES.—Bro. A. F. Newcomb (lic.), who has been laboring with us the last four months, now leaves to resume studies at Acadia. He has won many warm friends by his faithful preaching, genial disposition and Christian deportment. We regret his leaving. Though there has been no gathering, the church has been strengthened and encouraged, knowing that our Lord has said, "I will never leave or forsake." We are few in number, many members having left for other parts. Prayer meetings are sustained, and our confidence in our Lord is manifested. Have just completed the repairs and painting of our church. It makes a respectable appearance. Our town is cursed with the liquor traffic, though in a Scott Act country. We ask the prayers of God's people.

BEDFORD, N. S.—The Lord has lifted the light of His countenance upon our work in this region. On the 13th Sabbath of this month one sister was added to our number by baptism at Day Spring. Yesterday we had a glorious day at Baker's Settlement, where, assisted by Bro. H. H. Saunders (lic.), we held church services. Three sisters who had given satisfactory evidence of having experienced a change of heart, were "buried with Christ in baptism," in the presence of a large congregation, who assembled from all the regions around us. One of these came from our own congregation, and another from a neighboring church. After serious and prayerful study of the teachings of the New Testament. At the close of the afternoon service these received the right hand of fellowship, and then some 25 persons sat down together to celebrate the Lord's Supper. This is the first time this ordinance has been administered by us in this region. It was evident "the Lord was there." The labors of Bro. Saunders in this locality have no doubt aided in bringing about this result, and he is deservedly held in esteem by the people in this Settlement and in New Canada, where he has spent the last three months. We were much encouraged in our work by the presence and aid of a number of brethren and sisters from New Canada. Pray that the work may continue and widen, until this land shall become fruitful as the garden of the Lord.

S. MANC.

Rev. G. O. Gates, of Gormain street church, occupied his pulpit again last Sunday, having returned from his Cape Breton trip with a fresh stock of health and energy.

Rev. C. E. Pines has resigned his charge at St. George, where he has labored hard and successfully for several years. His health is somewhat impaired, and he will rest for a few weeks at Wolfville, N. S.

Rev. E. A. Allaby, of Tryon, P. E. I., is spending a few weeks in St. John and other parts of the province. This well-earned vacation course after two years of continuous pastoral labor. Bro. A. reports a good interest on the Tryon field.

Bro. J. W. Higgins, late of Young's Cove, Queens Co., N. B., has removed to Plymouth, N. H. Bro. H. has done good work in Queens Co., and we are sorry to have him leave the province. We wish him much success in the work in which he is about to engage in New Hampshire.

We regret to learn that Rev. S. D. Irvine, pastor of the churches at Macquac and Keswick had the misfortune to break a leg about three weeks ago. Bro. E. has suffered much pain from the fracture, and feared for a time that amputation would be necessary, but we are glad to learn that the fracture is now healing and good progress is being made toward recovery.

Rev. J. A. Gordon, of Charlottetown, who, as noted last week, has been granted leave of absence by his church for a few weeks and placed on the sabbatical by a generous vacation, was in the city last week en route for the upper provinces. We hope Bro. Gordon may have a most enjoyable visit and come back strengthened for his work at Charlottetown, which is full of interest and promise.

NOTICES

The Lunenburg Co. District Meeting held its next session at Chelsea, on the second Tuesday in October.

C. W. COREY, Secy.

The Ministerial Quarterly Meeting of Cumberland County will meet at Macan, October 29, at 2.30 p. m. We hope to see a large delegation present. Each church is requested to send two delegates with its pastor.

H. E. SMITH, Secretary.

The Annapolis County Baptist Sunday-school Convention will meet on October 13th, in connection with the County Ministerial Conference, in Central Clarence, at 10 o'clock, a. m. A large attendance and a good time is anticipated.

J. T. EATON.

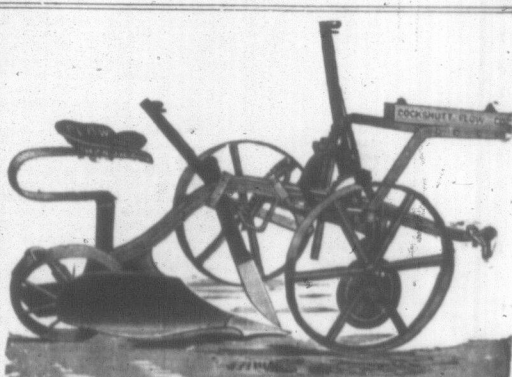
The 35th session of the Albert Co. Quarterly Meeting will convene with the 1st Elgin church at Elgin Corner, on the 20th of October, at two o'clock p. m. On account of an agricultural exhibition the meeting is one week later than usual. As it is our annual meeting and election of officers, we hope for a large representation from the churches. The following are the chairmen of the committees to report at the coming meeting: on Temperance, Rev. L. B. Colwell; on Home Missions, Rev. W. W. Corey; on Foreign Missions, Rev. E. C. Baker; on Sabbath-schools, Rev. S. W. Keimig; on Grouping of Churches, Rev. S. C. Moore; on quarterly sermon by Rev. S. H. Cornwall; alternate, Rev. I. B. Colwell. To read essays, Rev. M. Gross and W. McGregor. We ask prayer.

W. MCGREGOR, Secy-Treas.

Mrs. Lydia DeWolf.

September 30, 1891, was the sixtieth anniversary of the baptism of six candidates in the Bedford Basin, Halifax, by the late Dr. Ira Chase of Newton, Mass. The following are the names of the persons then baptized: Lewis Johnstone, M. D., J. W. Nutting, D. C. L., Mrs. Lewis Johnstone, Miss E. Tremain and Miss S. Grant. These six, together with Mr. John Ferguson, who had been baptized by Mr. Manning, were organized into the Granville street Baptist church. A fortnight from that date—October 14, 1831—John Pryor, Miss Fawson, Miss Lydia Prescott, and Miss Mary Ann Hinkley were baptized at the same place. Two of that number, Dr. Pryor and Miss Hinkley, still live. Miss Prescott, who became Mrs. Lydia De Wolf, passed to her reward on the 28th of June last. Miss Prescott married and lived for years in Kings County, N. S. After the death of her husband she returned to Halifax, united with the church of her first love and lived with her relatives till taken to her home above.

The baptism of these ten believers in the early autumn of 1831, was a religious event which has no parallel in the history of Halifax. Most of these people came from the cultured circles of the Episcopal church, at a time when Baptism was a bye word and a term of reproach in Halifax, and under the open sky, before all who chose to be witnesses, were buried with Christ in baptism in the Bedford Basin. This course was not the result of impulse. It was because of a decision reached after years of much prayer and thorough investigation, which had made the way of duty plain. Mrs. DeWolf was an "Israelite" indeed, in whom was no guile. Her life from beginning to end was humble, quiet and Christian like. In her latter days all who enjoyed her acquaintance called her "Aunt Lydia." No one could deny that she was an example of apostolic piety. She proclaimed the Gospel by the irresistible logic and fervid eloquence of a holy, humble life. So long as her fragrant name lingers in the memory of those who know her so long will her influence be felt for good. The stand taken by her and other good young women produced a sensation in Halifax 64 years ago. Some ridiculed them; others wondered at their heroism. They were congenial spirits. Unity they turned their backs upon the fashionable amusements of the day. They had found Christ and He was all they desired. They died to the world, and the world died to them. Mrs. De Wolf held on her course till she died. In the evening of life she was tenderly cared for by her niece, the Misses Mott, of Dartmouth. The most tender and devoted daughters could not have exceeded these relatives in their successful labors to soothe the declining days of "Aunt Lydia." She rests from her labors and her works do follow her.



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