

Home Missions.

As no report of my work has appeared in the Messenger and Visitor for more than two months, it may be that those who are interested in home missions would like to hear from the fields in which I have been to work.

After assisting Rev. C. H. Martell in Belmont, N. S., I went to Macoon, and I had the pleasure of hearing a number of the young people, of that place, telling in our meetings that Jesus had forgiven them sins. Three were received for baptism, and the church was anxious to secure a pastor to gather in the sheaves. They joined with the River Hebert church in requesting the H. M. Board to send them a pastor as soon as possible.

At the request of Rev. Porter I spent three days in Parroboro, N. S., and was glad to learn that the Parroboro church was moving forward in the work of the Lord a united band, and that the Lord was adding to them those who were "being saved."

I spent about ten days with the Springhill church, N. S. The last Sunday I was there four were baptized and three were received by letter, others had found peace through believing. Bro. Murray, their faithful pastor, had his heart and hands full of work. The church has a large Sunday-school. There are reasons to believe that the Springhill church will become one of our strongest churches.

After leaving Nova Scotia I came to York county, N. B., and spent a few days with T. A. Blackadar, of Keewick Ridge. Bro. Blackadar has been doing good work; the majority of the young people of the place are in the church. Two or three young persons were converted, and all felt revived as we met every evening for a week to worship God.

I came to Springfield, York Co., about ten days since. This is a pleasantly situated place. On a hill in the centre of the place is a new Baptist chapel. The outside is finished, and they hope to finish the inside this summer.

Since I came to the place an accident occurred which cast a gloom over the whole place: A young man, who was just finishing a new house and who expected to be married in a few weeks, went to a bank for a load of sand. When he was digging the sand the bank from above fell on him and he died without a moment's warning. The whole community sympathize deeply with the Anderson family in their great sorrow.

God is blessing our meetings in Springfield. A young man was baptized yesterday, and the Lord's Supper was administered for the first time for eight years in this church. A number of the people are seeking salvation, and we hope to baptize again next Lord's day.

P. S. MacGREGOR, Gen. Missionary, Springfield, York Co., N. B., April 30.

Annuity Fund.

A brother understood from the report of a speech, that ministers who are subscribers to the Annuity Fund will not receive anything from it until or unless they are over seventy years of age, although disabled by sickness, &c. The following is the reply.

On consulting my memorandum book to-day, I find that I have neglected to reply to "Depositor," in regard to the advantages of the Annuity Fund.

Sec. 8 and 16 of the constitution answers the question. 15. The maximum annuities, for the present, shall be for a minister \$150.00; for a widow \$75.00; each child of a widow \$12.50; but no family of children shall receive more than \$50.00. If both father and mother are dead, and there is but one orphan, it shall receive \$40.00; if there are two orphans they shall receive \$40.00 each; or if a greater number they shall receive 100.00 equally divided among them. No child shall have any claim on the fund after becoming sixteen years of age. If the fund should not be sufficient to pay the annuities above specified, then a proportionate amount of the available funds shall be paid.

Rule 8 gives the qualification of a minister for participating in the fund. This is the rule:

8. Any minister who on account of accident or ill health ceases to receive a salary, and any minister after arriving at seventy years of age, shall be entitled to his Annuity. Every application for an annuity shall be made in writing either by the applicant or by some person on behalf of the applicant, and it shall contain satisfactory information respecting the grounds of the claim.

E. M. SAUNDERS, Treas.

—Dr. Chalmers' handwriting was also perplexing and often defied all attempts to read it. It is said that when his father received a weekly or fortnightly letter from his eminent son, he carefully looked it up. After a store had accumulated, the son would come and pay him a visit, and when he would break all the seals and ask the writer of the letters to read them.

—The Baptist Book and Tract Society have published a "Library Card," showing months of the year, and allowing five spaces to each month on one side, and a complete list of Bible's and Testaments for Church and School on the other. Samples may be had on application.

Geo. A. McDonald, Sec. Treas.

Religious Intelligence.

NEWS FROM THE CHURCHES.

Oxford.—I am happy to be able to report progress in our work in connection with the churches in this region. Yesterday, Sabbath, was a blessed day. I can say that my whole soul is in the work; yet I feel that I need more grace and power, Christian boldness and deep humility, at the same time. How much we need, as pastors and ministers of the churches, to be filled with the Spirit and the love of God! Dear brethren in the ministry, let us preach the Word and nothing but the Word of the living God, and success is sure. T. M. MURDO.

RICHMOND CHURCHES.—We are still at our post. Mrs. B.'s health being poor, my family have resided in Woodstock during the winter. But I have been able to keep up the regular services and to hold some extra meetings. Some old professors have become more interested, a number have asked for prayer, and a few expressed a hope in Christ. The pastor has been remembered by both churches during the domestic season: South Richmond church, \$24.30, and Richmond and Hodgkins \$40. We have again been called to mourn our loss, by the death of two young ladies, Miss Lucy Merithew, of the South Richmond congregation, and Miss Bertha Spyrar, of the Richmond and Hodgkins congregations; both of whom, while not church-members, died trusting in the merits of Christ.

"Not one object of his care Ever suffered shipwreck there." J. C. B.

LOWER ATLEBORO.—The Lord still continues to bless this church. Five were added to her members, a few Sabbaths since, three by baptism and two by letter.

RIVER JOHN, N. S.—Sabbath, April 29th, we visited the River and administered the ordinance of baptism to one believer in Christ. Brethren, pray for River John.

BRIDGEWATER.—It was my privilege, yesterday, to baptize three more, two of whom are leading members of our choir, and one the librarian of the Sunday-school. The latter institution is in flourishing condition. The officers of the past year have all been re-elected, which speaks well of the efficiency and satisfaction with which they have done their work. Mr. T. B. Paillo, inspector of schools for Lunenburg and Queens, is superintendent. The class of young ladies taught now by Mr. Johnson Manning is very large, as is also that of the youngmen, taught by Dr. E. A. March. Scarcely any school in the Province can boast of better teachers than can ours. The prospect for the church generally is most encouraging.

SACKVILLE.—God is still giving us tokens of his grace. On Sabbath, the 22nd, I baptized thirteen, yesterday, the 29th, three. Forty-one have been added to our number, by baptism, since our last association. I have always kept a list of the name and residence of those I baptize, with the date of the baptism. I see by that list that those I baptized yesterday just made the number seven hundred that I have had the pleasure of thus "burying with Christ." This seems to be quite a number, but when I remember it was twenty-three years the 22nd of last past year have all been re-elected, which speaks well of the efficiency and satisfaction with which they have done their work.

—Howard-Welsh.—At Newcomb's Hotel, Andover, Vt. Co., on the 25th April, E. Rev. C. Henderson, Mr. Henry A. Howard of Piquette Lake, Me., and Miss Mary E. Welsh, of Bath, Carleton Co.

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GILLUM-CARVERY.—At Halifax, May 1, by Rev. A. W. Jordan, B. D., Mr. G. G. Gamm, of Halifax, and Miss Catherine Carvery, of Preston, N. S.

Marriages.

FARQUHAR-DELOW.—At Kempf, on the 14th ult., by Edw. C. J. Blakney, Joseph E. Farquhar of Pleasant River, to Ella Jane DeLong, of Kempf.

HARLOW-WATERMAN.—At Pleasant River, Queens Co., April 25, by Rev. J. H. Jenner, Maurice A. Harlow, of Brookfield, to Dora A. Waterman, of Pleasant River.

ACKER-MCCRAY.—At Lake Pleasant, Springfield, on the 5th ult., by Rev. W. J. Blakney, Levi Acker and Dora McCray.

DANIELS-RAYFUSE.—At North River, Lun. Co., on the 14th ult., by Rev. W. J. Blakney, Nathan Daniels and Letitia Rayfuse, both of North River.

ACKER-MALLMAN.—At the parsonage, Springfield, April 26, by Rev. W. J. Blakney, Cornelius Acker and Rosie Mallman.

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and resurrection of our Lord. On Sunday, the 15th, four more, and on the 22nd four more, and there are more seeking the Saviour. We hope to have baptism on the first Sunday in May again. We have also time for the sick, returning to their Father's house, and pledging themselves anew. For all of these things we give thanks. How true, "not by might, nor by power, but by my spirit, saith the Lord." The church is praying for greater blessings, and we hope to report more soon. Amen.

SPRINGFIELD.—Bro. Hayward is taking up new ground on the border of his already wide field. He has held some meetings at McLeod's Corner, and five have offered themselves for baptism. This is a place which has not had Baptist preaching for long years, except very occasionally.

LEWISTOWN.—The pastor extended the right hand of fellowship to four on last Sunday evening; three by baptism and one by letter.

PERSONALS.

Bro. DeWolfe, of Beaver River and Malstead, N. S., has accepted a call to the pastorate of the Hampton and Norton churches, N. B.

Bro. White, of Jacksonville and Jacksonton, has accepted a call to the Temple Baptist church, Yarmouth, N. S.

Bro. J. B. Woodland, for several years the esteemed pastor of the Temple church, Yarmouth, has accepted a call to the Baptist church, Galesburg, Illinois. His wife and his family are the guests of Sabbath, April 25. The overflowing attendance attested the hold he had secured of the community. Bro. W. is one of the men we can very ill afford to lose.

Dr. Armitage, after a pastorate of forty years, resigns the charge of the Fifth Avenue church, New York. His salary is to be continued, and he left free to do what he pleases to assist his successor.

Financial statement of W. B. M. U. for 3rd quarter, ending April 30th, 1888:

Received from N. S. \$541.07  
" " N. B. 295.12  
" " P. E. 45.00  
" " donations 11.80  
" " home missions 43.85

Total for 3rd quarter \$932.04  
Six life members this quarter.  
May 1st, 1888:

Paid J. March, treas. P. M. \$875.00  
" A Cohoon, " H. M. 43.85  
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Convention Funds Received.

First Yarmouth church \$38.45  
German St church, St. John 62.82  
Second Horton church 29.00  
Robt Martin, Gaspeaux, for F. M. 2.00  
Mrs Church, Unit A. Chipman 45.00  
Wood's Harbor 5.00  
Samuel Pyle, Boylston, Guysboro 5.00  
G. W. Lantz, New Ross, for H. M. 2.00  
Mrs G. W. Lantz, New Ross, for W. B. M. U. 1.00

Mrs P. Dodge, Middleton 1.00  
Miss Augusta Dodge 1.00  
Miss Bella Randall, " 1.00  
Mrs Wm Neilly, " 50  
Whittemburg S. S., Lower Seiwacke 3.53

Yarmouth, May 7. \$159.30  
G. E. DAY.

—It is supposed that Roscoe Conkling left an estate of about \$200,000 and no will.

—Bishop Keener, of the Southern Methodist Church, says that "the nearest road to the devil which he knows of, runs through the theatre."

—I have to thank you for a pleasant evening, Miss Bilderback, said young Peckinbush at 11.30 o'clock as he rose to go, "I have scarcely felt as if I were an acquaintance until this evening, but now it almost seems as if I had known you for years." "I was about to make the same remark," murmured the young lady, with her eyes on the clock. "It does, indeed, seem a long time."

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