

* From the Churches. *

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NICTAUX, N. S.—We are enjoying a work of grace at the Torbrook Section of the Nictaux church. Seven persons have recently been baptized and two have been received by letter. Others will, D. V., be baptized next Lord's day.

W. M. SMALLMAN.

ALBERT MINES, N. B.—A little over a year has passed since our new church was dedicated, and we are happy to report that we are now free of debt. All the services of the church are well attended and the interest is good. MILTON ADDISON, Surrey, N. B.

OTNABOG, N. B.—The pastor of the Olivet Baptist church, Rev. Manuel Nales, is sick at present and there are no meetings at present. But we are hoping that God in his infinite mercy will raise him up to preach the gospel once more. Brethren pray for us.

HILL GROVE, N. S.—Since last writing we have ordained to the office of deacons, H. T. Warne and John Nichols. Our meeting house has been thoroughly renovated, painted inside and out. The church deserves much credit for the good work done. Our congregations are good and the outlook is encouraging. For the first time in the history of the church the Sabbath School will be kept open during the winter.

J. W. BANCROFT.

MILTON, QUEBEC COUNTY, N. S.—We have entered upon the third year as pastor of this church. Pastor and people are moving along harmoniously. During the past year there has been substantial gain. Thirteen were added to our membership by baptism. These all have continued in the faith. Three young ladies in the Sunday School successfully passed the Normal examinations. The meeting house was repaired to the amount of about \$645. Repairs consisting of metallic ceiling and walls in main room, also new windows. Expenses for the year in the vicinity of \$1345. Of this amount \$1200 has been raised. Through the indefatigable efforts of our people the finances are in a promising condition. At present the work in all departments is well sustained and we are hoping, praying and working for a genuine revival. H. B. SLOAT.

Dec. 4th.

ELGIN, N. B.—For the past few months the Goshen people have been repairing their house of worship. Last Sunday it was again opened for worship with due regard for the occasion. Dr. Brown and Rev. N. A. McNeil kindly preached for us morning and afternoon. Although the day was unpleasant good congregations gathered, good offerings were given, and at the close it was gratifying to state that the amount in hand would about meet all bills. \$300.00 has been expended, and the house thoroughly refitted. It is finished within with hardwood veneer and nicely painted in the natural wood. A furnace has been put in the basement. The work is so well done that for years it should not need any further repairs. Two weeks ago the Pollet River church met at Dea Solomon Smith's and after spending the evening very pleasantly, presented the pastor with the sum of \$36.00. We gratefully acknowledge the same. The time is approaching when this large field that I now try to serve alone, should be divided. The people are well able and the work demands it.

H. H. SAUNDERS.

GRAVES SETTLEMENT, N. B.—Four miles from Petitcodiac, a place known as Graves Settlement, there lived a few Baptists who resolved to build a house of worship. Three weeks ago the house was completed, and in the presence of a very large crowd the house was set apart, or

dedicated to the services of God. Through the wise generalship of Rev. N. McNeil, everything connected with the opening was a complete success. Rev. E. C. Corey was the preacher of the morning, Dr. J. W. Brown in the afternoon, Rev. H. H. Saunders in the evening. Although many of the people were compelled to stand up during the services they were listened to with marked attention. At the close of the evening service an evangelistic service was conducted by the writer. A number expressed a desire to be saved. I have continued the meetings since. Nine (9) were baptized, others have professed conversion and no doubt will join some other church. Bro. Corey was with us two nights, Dr. Brown one night and Brother McNeil several nights. The people are delighted to have these brethren come as they preach the grand old gospel. There are some 20 Baptists here who desire to be organized into a church. We are looking to God for a rich blessing this week. J. A. MARPLE.

ISAAC'S HARBOR, N. S.—We are moving forward in our work in this community with a good degree of encouragement. The Master's favor seems to be manifest in many ways. There appears to be a growing spirit of reverence and thoughtfulness among those who attend our religious services, and our social meetings as well as the regular Lord's day gatherings are marked by increasing solemnity. The older members of the church cordially aid in promoting the interests of religion among us, and their earnest testimonies are very helpful and stimulating. Our young people are also taking hold of the good work with much earnestness. In temperance efforts a marked degree of zeal is shown. Our Division of the Sons of Temperance has grown rapidly, and it is proving to be a power for good in the neighborhood. It has already on its membership list more than one hundred names. Sobriety prevails among all classes. A Band of Hope has recently been formed among the children, from which we expect excellent results. Our sisters have also revived their W. M. Aid Society with cheering prospects of a large measure of success; and our church has made plans for systematic effort in collecting funds for the benevolent enterprises of our denomination. We cherish the hope that an increased measure of spiritual energy will be awakened in the various departments of our church work, and that the gracious Master will be pleased to grant us a season of refreshing from his presence. Nothing is more deeply needed or more earnestly desired among us than a genuine revival of religion and a large ingathering of converted young people. W. H. WARREN.

BARTON, N. S.—It has pleased God to favor us with a gracious manifestation of his saving power. For many years the Baptist cause here has been declining. The old members one after another have passed away and there have been none to take their places. The Lord was pleased to use the death of a young sister in the church to impress upon the minds of a number of her young friends their need of salvation. In the midst of the surrounding darkness the spirit of God was working among the people. Assisted by Evangelist C. W. Walden, we have held a series of special services with gracious results. The power of God has been manifest in quickening his children, in bringing those who have wandered from God to return, and in saving many precious souls from the bondage of sin. Nov. 9th I baptized seven happy believers in the beautiful waters of St. Mary's Bay, just as the sun was sinking beneath the western hill. It was a beautiful scene and a most impressive baptism. Nov. 16th I baptized eleven and Nov. 23rd I baptized eight more. The same evening I welcomed twenty-seven into the church. Twenty-six by baptism and one by experience. Among these were three of my own children. Nov. 30th I baptized two more of our young people. God has done great things for us whereof we are glad. Only those who have a knowledge of the condition of things existing here, can fully understand what it means to the Baptist cause at Barton, to welcome so many of our young people into the church. Our prayer is that the good work may go forward until many more shall yield to Christ. To God be all the praise. I have

found Evangelist Walden to be a thoroughly consecrated worker, well qualified for the work in which he is engaged. Any pastor needing assistance will find in C. W. Walden a true helper.

J. W. BANCROFT.

Queens Co., N. S., Quarterly Meeting.

The above Quarterly met with the Port Medway church on 25th and 26th ult. Owing to the inclemency of the weather the number of visiting delegates from the county at large was small. Notwithstanding his fact the meetings were interesting and profitable. The writer preached at the opening service on Tuesday evening. Matters of a routine character were disposed of on Wednesday morning. Reports from the churches represented were encouraging. Greenfield reported fourteen and Brooklyn three additions during last quarter. Kempt reported the recommendation of a pastor, by Home Mission Board, who is expected on the field in a few weeks. Part of time Wednesday afternoon was spent in discussing the apportionment of denominational funds to the various churches in the county. Some thought the ways of the convention committee in the above matter past finding out but finally it was decided that the growth of our work demanded greater

effort on the part of the churches in providing the necessary funds. A part of the afternoon session was devoted to the consideration of W. M. Aid work. Mrs. C. W. Corey was appointed president and the writer Secretary pro tem. After reading of Scripture and prayer an interesting and instructive programme was carried out consisting of three papers (1) The need of a W. M. Aid Society in the church. (2) The relation of the W. M. Aid Society to the church. (3) How to make the W. M. Aid Society "Go," written respectively by Mrs. Jos. Freeman, Greenfield, Mrs. C. W. Corey, Liverpool, and Mrs. O. B. Mack, Milton. Such were the merits of these papers that it was decided by motion to put them before our Baptist constituency through the columns of MESSENGER AND VISITOR and local papers. At the evening service Pastor Corey preached, text, R.v. 2:7, subject, "The Overcoming Life." His helpful and inspiring message prepared the way for an evangelistic service in which a number bore witness to the power of Christ to save and keep. Collections \$5.96.

H. B. SLOAT, Sec'y.

N. B.—Mention should be made of the hospitality of the Port Medway people in not only entertaining us during the Quarterly but in opening their homes to delegates until the following day when the storm having subsided we were able to return home. H. B. S.



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