

resident clergymen and others addressed the gathering. Superintendent Wm. Bradley of the Gibson S. S. was elected president and sister Edith Emack of the same school, secretary. Both are most capable and efficient officers.
W. R. ROBINSON.

BRUSSELS STREET, ST. JOHN, N. B.
Pastor Waring baptized one person on Sunday last. Special meetings are being held and the interest is deepening.

MAUGHERVILLE, N. B.
Last Sabbath we baptized four at Little River as a result of a few special meetings. Others are inquiring the way.
O. P. BROWN.

WOLFVILLE, N. S.
I baptized fourteen young women last evening (24th), thirteen were from the Seminary and one from the senior class in College. This number makes thirty-four thus far baptized from our Schools, and there are others to come, together with a large number from the town.
H. R. HATCH.

ST. MARTINS, N. B.
At the close of an impressive service on Sabbath evening last, Pastor Cornwall gave the hand of fellowship to thirteen new members, eleven of whom have recently been baptized and two received by letter. Many others are deeply interested. The pastor has embarked on a new enterprise, namely the building of a parsonage, of which we have long felt the need. Judging from the past, we feel assured success will attend his efforts.

ST. ANDREWS.
We have many reasons to be encouraged, although we cannot report additions. The Sunday congregations are large and very attentive. Sabbath Schools have lived through the stormy winter. The prayer meetings are seasons of refreshing. The demands of the field tax our energies to the utmost, but with the blessing of the Lord and vigorous health we are able to do the work. There are noble and consecrated Christians in the churches, who are a great encouragement to us.
CALVIN CURRIE.
March 25th.

GERMAIN ST.
The Germain St congregation has been favored with much excellent preaching by the different ministers who have supplied its pulpit during the past few months. Last Sunday the preacher in the morning was Rev. A. T. Dykeman of Fairville and in the evening Rev. B. N. Nobles of Carleton. Both were heard with much interest and profit. The prayer meetings and the Sunday School are being well sustained, and the church is looking forward with much interest to the coming of the pastor elect—Rev. J. D. Freeman, who, it is expected, will enter upon his labors with the church about the twentieth of April.

SUSSEX.
It was the writer's privilege to spend last Sunday with Pastor Camp at Sussex, and to enjoy the pleasant hospitality of the parsonage. Brother Camp is laboring assiduously for the advancement of the cause in Sussex and adjacent places. He has recently been assisted by Bro. H. A. McLean in special services at Sussex and Penobscis. Bro. McLean has now gone to assist Pastor Steeves at Advocate, but the meetings will be continued at Penobscis during the present week. Pastor Camp baptized four persons at Sussex on Sunday evening and welcomed two at Penobscis, where he preached in the afternoon, after having preached at Sussex in the morning. There is a deep interest at Penobscis. Some of the people come ten miles to attend the meetings and the work is very encouraging. Mr. Camp expects to baptize a number there shortly. The people of Sussex have made their pastor very comfortable. Recent improvements have made the parsonage one of the pleasantest and most convenient in the province. And the pastor is giving unstintedly of his large physical and intellectual resources in the interests of the people. May large blessings continue to rest upon his labors.
—M. & V. S. McC. B.

The Home Mission Board.

The executive committee of the Home Mission Board met on the 2nd inst. for the transaction of business. Reports from several brethren in the employ of the board were read by the secretary, and amounts due were ordered to be paid. Stormy weather and bad roads has hindered many of our missionary pastors from getting to their regular appointment during the winter. The appointment of Rev. J. B. Colwell as general missionary was ratified by the executive, and he will enter upon the work the first of June. The treasurer reported funds on hand to pay all dues to March first.

A Sympathizing Saviour.

"A BRUISED reed shall He not break."
Here is the picture: A slender bulrush, growing by the margin of some tarn or pond, its sides crushed and dented by some outward power, some gust of wind, some sudden blow, the foot of some passing animal. The head is hanging by a thread, but it is not yet snapped or broken off from the stem. It is "bruised," but the bruise is not irreparable. And so, says this text, there are reeds bruised and "shaken by the wind," but yet not broken. And the tender Christ comes with his gentle, wise, skillful surgery, to bind these up and to make them strong again.

On no man has sin fastened its venomous claws so deeply but that these may be wrenched away. In none of us has the virus so gone through our veins but that it is capable of being expelled. The reeds are all bruised, the reeds are none of them broken. And so this text comes with its grail of triumphant hopefulness, and gathers into one mass, as capable of restoration, the most abject, the most worthless, the most Christ-hating of the race. And he looks on all the tremendous bulk of a world's sins with the confidence that he can move that mountain and cast it into the depths of the sea.

In accordance with other metaphors of Scripture, we may think of "the bruised reed" as expressive of the condition of men whose hearts have been crushed by the consciousness of their sins. "The broken and contrite heart," bruised and pulverized, as it were, by a sense of evil, may be typified for us by this bruised reed. And then from the words of this text there emerges the great and blessed hope that such a heart, wholly and solemnly removed from its self-complacent fancy of soundness, shall certainly be healed and bound up by his tender hand. Did you ever see a gardener dealing with some plant, a spray of which may have been wounded? How delicately and tenderly the bag, clumsily hand busies itself about the tiny spray, and by stays and bandages brings it into an erect position, and then gives it water and loving care. Just so does Jesus Christ deal with the conscious and sensitive heart of a man that has begun to find out how bad he is, and has been driven away from all his foolish confidence. Christ comes to such a one and restores him, and, just because he is crushed, deals with him gently, pouring in his consolation. Whosoever there is a touch of penitence, there is present a restoring Christ.

Brother and sister, suffering from any sorrow and bleeding from any wound, there is balm and a physician. There is one hand that will never be laid with blundering kindness or with harshness upon our sore hearts, but whose touching will be healing and whose presence will be peace.
ALEXANDER MACLAREN, D. D.

To a Dead Church.

God does not usually give tender babes in Christ to the keeping of churches that are cold and dead and low in life. The general life of the church in nineteen cases out of twenty, if not in ninety-nine out of a hundred, determines what that of these babes shall be, and that within a few months after their conversion. Churches must prepare the most helpful atmospheres for converts, if they are to have committed to them these tender lives for nurture and growth. It would be as reasonable to expect a loving father to put his babe into a pest-house as for God to

put his children into the keeping of a church infected with moral inertia and disease.—Canadian Baptist.

Married.

ALLEN-PARSONS.—At the residence of the bride's father, Fort Egan, N. B., on the 19th inst., by Rev. B. Barry Smith, J. Stedley Alley of Bayville, Westmorland county, N. B., to Josie L., daughter of Mr. John Parsons.

TINGLEY WILBUR.—At Riversdale, Albert county, N. B., March 14th, by Rev. F. D. Davidson, Miles E. Tingley of Riversdale and Martha M. Wilbur of Cambridge, Albert county, N. B.

BLAKENEY POWELL.—At the Baptist parsonage, Pettedonia, March 5, by Rev. L. B. Colwell, Wilford Plateny to Lillie Powell, all of Kinnear, Westmorland county.

JOHNSON HALLETT.—At the residence of the bride's parents, Mr. James V. Hallett, Lower Caverhill, March 13th, by Rev. C. W. Sables, Norman A. Johnson of Upper Hansville to Nettie A. Hallett of Lower Caverhill.

COLE-WHITE.—At the residence of Lawrence Keilber, Amherst Point, on March 27th, by Rev. J. A. Huntley, George Warren Cole of Sackville, N. B., to Annie Maud White of Amherst Point.

ROBERTSON-CLEAN.—At the residence of the bride's parents, March 20, by Rev. Addison F. Browne, J. Bennett Robertson of Long Creek and Hattie I. McLean, third daughter of Hector McLean, Esq., of Long Creek.

Died.

CHAPMAN.—In St. John, on 21st inst., of slow fever Burpee W. Chapman of Lower Newcastle, Queens Co., aged 27 years. The deceased professed religion 28 years ago, having been baptized by Rev. S. D. E. King who was holding special services near his home at the time. He united with the Lower Newcastle church and has ever walked worthy of his profession. A severe mental affliction came upon him, from which he never fully recovered. This was a source of much anxiety to his parents and friends, but amidst it all his trust in Christ remained. Near the close of his suffering as reason returned he longed to depart and be at rest. He was visited by Rev. A. E. Dykeman to whom he gave undoubted assurance of his Christian hope. His remains were brought to Lower Newcastle and there on a bright and beautiful Sabbath morning, were laid away awaiting a more glorious day when Jesus shall come again to call them forth. A father, mother, three brothers and two sisters remain to revere his memory.

MURPHY.—At Harvey Bank, Albert Co., N. B., on the 20th of March, Mrs. Margaret Murphy, widow of the late Peter Murphy in the 77th year of her age. For many years Sister Murphy was a great but uncompensated sufferer and for several years was unable to leave the house. She nevertheless kept up her interest in the church and the W. M. A. S. She will be missed by the whole community, but most of all in her home where she was a model Christian mother, remembering at the throne of grace every day her children both at home and abroad, who may well rise up and call her blessed.

CRAG.—At Chancok, Charlotte Co., March the 10th, Daniel Craig, aged 82 years. Brother Craig was baptized many years ago by the Rev. A. D. Thomson. His neighbors speak of him as peaceable and upright man. "The memory of the just is blessed."

VEE.—After a short illness, Mrs. William Vee of Newcastle, aged 64 years. Our sister was baptized 39 years ago by Bro. Hickson, and led a consistent Christian life. She fell asleep, peacefully trusting in Jesus. An husband, 1 daughter and 5 sons are left to mourn their great loss, but they do not sorrow as those without hope. God comforts them.

BISHOP.—Mrs. Alice M. Bishop, wife of Mr. Isaiah Bishop, Eastport, Me., died at her home after a short but severe illness, on Feb. 8. Mrs. Bishop was born in Harvey, Albert county, N. B., in 1852. She united with the Baptist church in that place in 1875 under the pastorate of Rev. T. A. Blackadar. The family moved to Eastport, Me., in 1881 and Mrs. Bishop transferred her membership to the Washington Street Baptist church of which she remained a useful and beloved member till the time of her death. Mrs. Bishop was a woman of many sterling qualities. She was a devoted wife, a self-sacrificing mother and an earnest and cheerful helper in every good word and work. The family bereavement was made doubly sad from the fact that the death of a bright and beautiful little daughter, Edie, took place only one week before. Few incidents in many years stirred the city so deeply. Both funerals called out large gatherings of sympathetic friends. Mrs. Bishop leaves behind a sorrowing husband, two sons and three daughters, who have the assurance of public sympathy in their bereavement. The funeral services were conducted by Rev. J. A. Ford of the Washington street Baptist church.