

Notes and Notices from Digby County.

A recent visit to Digby gave me the opportunity of witnessing an unusual temperance revival. This staid old town is manifesting a astonishing enthusiasm in this good cause. The lodge of Templars is crowded; a gospel temperance meeting is held monthly, with large intelligent audiences; a young men's temperance league, of the "red ribbon" type, holds weekly meetings, and has already some 200 members on the roll; the traffic and its patrons are in disrepute; and a respectable quietness—in marked contrast to the disgraceful rowdiness of the past summer—is observed. Doubtless, the enemy still lives; but for the present he is obliged to skulk.

The Baptist church is holding on its way, under the leadership of Pastor Brown. In financing it is hard to beat. In benevolence in our churches it has few competitors. May the Lord crown all its efforts with the Holy Spirit's influence.

The ministers' conference and missionary meetings held in town and at Broad Cove were of a very encouraging character. The programme agreed to for this county during the winter months will test the grit and grace of the pastors. Some of us have forty miles of hard, hard road to travel, with some "perils by sea" to encounter. It is in the hearts of the pastors to do this, and we expect the Divine blessing to attend us.

The Rev. W. L. Parker, by accepting the pastorate of the Lower Grandville church, has left us. This we regret, as to this another church in our county is pastorless. So far as I can learn, we have now five churches of this class, viz., Weymouth, New Tuxet, Hillgrove, Tiverton, and Freeport. With the last named on this list I am best acquainted. It ought not to remain without a pastor. It is deserving of a good one. It does not allow its pastors to leave it unpaid. It has an intelligent, appreciative congregation, a compact field, and good church buildings, affording to any faithful pastor an opportunity for solid, hard, successful work. I hope these vacancies may be soon supplied, and that great things done for God, by his grace, may be reported ere long.

MISSION BAND AT WESTPORT.

About a year ago three of our sisters engaged in this good work for our young folk, and organized by appointing Miss Carrie A. Saunders president, Mrs. E. Davis vice-president, Mrs. H. Hayford treasurer, Miss E. Cann secretary.

On the evening of the 22d ult. this Band gave us an entertainment—the second one of the year. They carried out a carefully prepared programme, to the great delight of a large audience. One very interesting and profitable part was a careful and quite exhaustive review of the history of Baptist missions in Burma. At a previous entertainment a like review of our own Telugu mission was given. Both of these were prepared by the president of the Band. The prompt recitations and ready answers showed that our children are being well informed, and are much interested in the facts of this branch of our denominational work. This we regard as good foundation work, the sowing of seed, the fruiting of which is not doubtful. The opening of the "mission barrels" and the financial report for the year was a glad surprise to all lovers of missions present. These young folk and little ones have led us seniors handsomely in this department. Sums from 17 cents to \$1.80 were emptied from each of the depositors into the treasury of this society, adding more than \$28 to their stock. This sum was gathered in six months, and to my knowledge represented some hard work and a good share of self-denial. The latter, we all know, is rather a scarce article in our Baptist brotherhood and sisterhood.

The report footed up more than \$55 for the year's operations. This also represents much prayerful toiling by our sisters in charge; but it pays, and we know that "God provides no cheap glory for His people." He has given us as arduous commission, full of toils and perils. If He, by His Spirit, will condescend to consecrate the hearts of our children to His service, as they have, it may be thoughtfully set apart these sums for the good of heathen children, how unspeakably grand will be our future.

Halifax City Missions.

The November meeting of the Executive of the Halifax Baptist Union, was an exceptionally pleasant and interesting one. The representatives of the Tabernacle were conspicuous by their absence, but otherwise there was a very full attendance of the members of the board. Rev. C. W. Williams, now pastor of the Dartmouth church, was very cordially welcomed upon this his first appearance at the Union. A number of bills were presented and ordered to be paid, in order to liquidate all present liabilities a few of the brethren standing very generously made up in cash or in pledges the sum of twenty-five dollars. Verbal reports of a very encouraging nature were presented from the mission stations.

At Quispool Road the Sabbath School rejoices in an excellent staff of officers and

teachers, and well maintains its former interest and efficiency. An evangelistic service is conducted here on alternate Sabbath evenings by young men of the First Church, and a very pleasing interest is manifested in these meetings. The number in attendance ranges from forty to seventy-five. The weekly prayer and praise service is held regularly on Thursday evenings and is always acknowledged to be a profitable service.

At Kempt Road there is a marked improvement in the condition of the mission. Regular services, similar in kind to those conducted at Quispool Road, are being held here under the direction of the North Church. The Sabbath School, although not large, is faithfully sustained and gives promise of better things. Here too is held a fortnightly service on Sabbath evenings, also a weekly prayer-meeting on Tuesday evening, and not without encouragement. In addition, efforts are now being made to establish a "Mother's Meeting" in this place. The conviction was expressed that greater progress might be expected at this mission, if there were a building better adapted to the work.

It was resolved to request the various Sabbath Schools in the city and Dartmouth to hold a concert in aid of the funds of the Union. The Board also appointed a committee to examine the published reports of other city Unions and to present whatever suggestions might be gathered therefrom. It is believed this Union is entering upon a better day.—Tablet.

St. John Ministerial Conference.

At the St. John Ministerial Conference on Monday morning Bro. Spencer reported work among the sailors and at the Marine Hospital. Bro. Ingram spoke of the mission work as concerning. The Sabbath school at Haymarket square is increasing, and now numbers about 80. One who had been on the ground of the Salvation Army about baptism had been convinced that he should be baptized, and throw his influence with the church. He was baptized by Bro. Mellick on Sabbath. Bro. Gates reported good social services and large congregations at the Sabbath services. Bro. Mellick thinks there is a growth of spiritual interest in the church. An effort is being made to pay off a part of the debt on the church. The membership are at peace among themselves. Bro. Gordon spoke of his work in connection with the Seminary as encouraging. Bro. Parsons stated that the interest in his church is growing, a larger number taking part in conference, and the preaching services are better attended than for some time. Five have been received by letter and one by baptism since last report. Bro. Hartley is sowing the seed in hope. Bro. Capp had nothing special to report. Bro. Martell had nothing of special interest from Fairville. One was baptized in Carleton on Sabbath, and the prospects are good for a work of grace.

The remainder of the session was devoted to reviews of books last read by the members of the conference. Bro. Spencer referred to Spurgeon's "According to Promise." Bro. Gates had been reading "Robert E. Smith," and gave a very clear outline of the book and a very trenchant criticism. Bro. Mellick had been reading Graves on the Parables, and illustrated his peculiar treatment of them. Bro. Capp had read "Paddy at Home," by a French writer, giving an account of the state of Ireland. Bro. Martell gave an outline of Hickok's work, "The Eternal Atonement." He considers the book suggestive and stimulating.

Information.

For the information of those interested, I would say that the Board of Directors of the Union Baptist Education Society is, by its act of incorporation, composed of sixteen lay members of such corporation, annually elected by the Society, and all the Baptist ministers of the Province of New Brunswick who may be accredited to any Baptist association in N. B., and all the F. C. Baptist ministers of the Province of N. B. and Free Baptist ministers of Nova Scotia, accredited to either of their respective conferences.

The Board meets the first Thursday in each month, at 3 p. m., in the office of John March, Esq., Germain street, in the city of Saint John.

The secretary of the Society, Amos A. Wilson, Esq., of the city of Saint John, is the officer of the Society to receive funds. The superintendent, Rev. J. A. Gordon, is also authorized to receive funds for the Society. His address is St. John, N. B.

MONTY, McDONALD, President U. B. E. S.

An Attractive and Instructive Book.

There has just come from the American press an octavo volume, of nearly seven hundred pages, on "Baptist Hymn Writers and Their Hymns." The author of this attractive and instructive book is Rev. Henry S. Burrage, D. D., the editor of Zion's Advocate, an excellent weekly journal, published in Portland, Me. Dr. Burrage, who is a man of marked literary attainments, and an indefatigable worker, has found time outside his editorial pursuits to make contributions of special value to permanent religious literature. He has done some work which few men could have done. He is the author of a volume on "The Anabaptists of Switzerland, etc." He has with great industry prosecuted researches into the ecclesiastical history of Baptists in

Europe. In that field of study he has perhaps no equal. I would not be easy for any one to make an inaccurate statement touching the history of the so-called Anabaptists and escape detection with Dr. Burrage on his track. He has done much to correct the misrepresentations, the erroneous opinions and wrong judgments of other and distinguished historical writers—writers who did not dream that what they were promulgating would upon further investigation have to be very much revised, if not wholly rejected. And now Dr. Burrage comes to us with another volume, for which he deserves our hearty thanks. He brings to us a large amount of historical and biographical materials relating to the hymnody of the Christian church—more particularly relating to the contributions made by Baptist writers of hymns, which have been incorporated in the various collections printed for use in public religious worship. I think every one will be more or less surprised, and many of us will be delighted, to find that Baptists, from first to last, have done so much in the way of replenishing the hymnody of the church of Christ.

Dr. Burrage indicates in his book the hymn writers and their hymns among the Anabaptists, the English, the American, the German, the Swedish, the Danish and Norwegian, the French and the Welsh Baptists; also Baptist hymn writers and their hymns in Spain, in Mexico, in Greece, in India, in Burma, in Assam, in China, in Japan and in Africa. In an appendix Dr. Burrage gives a most interesting account of English Baptist Hymn Books and their compilers; of American Baptist Hymn Books and their compilers; also of German Baptist Hymn Books and their compilers. It must have cost the author of this volume an immense amount of labor and no little expense in money, to have, in the first place, secured the materials out of which the book is made; and then, in the next place, to have been a herculean to select and arrange the matter for publication in a single volume of reasonable dimensions. Evening after evening up to a late hour, have I sat reading with absorbing interest this book. There is a fascination about it that holds one spell-bound. It is full of surprises. How many of the most famous, the most familiar and the most enduring hymns—hymns that for many years, and throughout Christendom, yes, and in heathendom, have been sung in public assemblies, are the products of Baptist hymn writers. And how few, even of the most intelligent in our denomination, have been aware of the fact that these hymns came from the heads and hearts of Baptists. The illustrations, or likenesses are few and choice. The faces of Dr. John Fawcett, Chas. H. Spurgeon, Dr. S. F. Smith, Mrs. Emily C. Judson, and Dr. Basil Marly, greet us here and there in the volume. Dr. Burrage deserves thanks for the restraint he has imposed upon himself in this matter of illustration. Our "Baptist Cyclopaedia," which has been facetiously called "The Baptist Praise Book," overdid this thing. Likenesses there appear ad nauseam usque of every one, except it may be, the men who have thus been served up for the public eye. But I know some of these men who would like to inflict some severe punishment on the author of the "Baptist Cyclopaedia." Dr. Burrage has not overlooked Baptist hymn writers who have sprung up in the British Provinces. A few receive the notice they deserve. I have an impression that one of the most gifted writers of sacred songs among our brethren in the provinces was the late Rev. Samuel Elder; and to him there is no illusion in Dr. Burrage's book. But Mr. Elder may not have written any hymn that gained insertion in a volume compiled for "the service of song in the house of the Lord." I wish my esteemed friend, Rev. D. A. Steele, of Amherst, N. S., would, as he can, show up in the MESSENGER AND VISITOR, the pure lyrics that were composed by that gifted brother, Rev. Mr. Elder. And I hope my brethren in the Provinces will procure for themselves "Baptist Hymn Writers." In conclusion, I ought to say that I have not been bribed by Dr. Burrage to write this as an advertisement. I paid cash for the copy I have, and would be willing to pay more rather than be without the book. W. S. MCKENZIE, Boston, Nov. 26, '88.

have commenced the erection of a neat little Baptist meeting house, pleasantly and conveniently located. The building is up and boarded in, and will likely be completed during the next summer.

ISA WALLACE, Nov. 26. GASPERSAUX N. S.: The church here had to hold a monthly missionary meeting; at Gaspersaux. At the first, there was a temperance concert and a collection for Home Missions. The exercises, however, were carried by an address from Prof. A. Caldwell, who gave an interesting sketch of the history of the Telugu Mission. On the evening of the 8th brethren Rutledge, Baker and Davis, from the College, sided much to the interest of the occasion by their earnest and timely words. There are some encouraging indications of an increased religious interest on the field. We need the Spirit's power.

PLEASANT VALLEY AND DEERFIELD.—The Lord is graciously blessing the church and Sunday school in this place. Our meeting of late have been full of interest and blessing. A number have been baptized in Christ. Fifteen were baptized by the pastor and received into the church Sunday Nov. 25. All of these are members of the Sunday school. Others have been awakened and we expect that the good work will continue. A brother was also received by consensus and he belongs to the Free Baptist Body. E. P. COLDWELL, Nov. 26.

TABERNACLE Halifax.—We are rejoiced to hear that the Tabernacle friends have liquidated the debt on their church property. They have made a brave struggle and deserved success. It is to be regretted that Bro. Miller took the wrong strain too far at upon his health and has been compelled to take a rest. May he soon be recuperated and restored to his people and his work.

RIVER HERBERT.—Since assuming the pastorate of River Herbert and Macaan churches, my time has been fully occupied. The field is elliptical in form, extending from Sand River on the bay shore, to Nappan Station on the L. C. R., a distance of 31 miles. Off the direct line is Athol, in a southerly direction, twelve miles from the centre, and then Barronfield, five miles from River Herbert. We have preaching in River Herbert every Sabbath morning, and in the regions round about and beyond in the afternoon and evening. At the Joggins coal mines there is a union meeting house, small but neat, built under the superintendence of Mr. McNaughton, the manager. An attentive congregation assembles every two weeks to listen to the gospel preached. There the lines are drawn very straight between the Roman Catholics and Protestants. The former have withdrawn their children from the public schools, and have their own school in the chapel. Every two weeks we have preaching service on Sabbath evening at Shule, a community of 27 houses, and 13 miles from River Herbert. The prospects are very hopeful. Harmony prevails in the churches, and a desire for renewed consecration in the cause of Christ is apparent. The Rev. Herbert church has contributed her dollar member in the past, and will do more this year. The Macaan church will give the same per member as her sister. The church at River Herbert, assisted by the Macaan church, has a new parsonage nearly completed. It is situated near the church, with a commanding view of the beautiful valley. It is two stories, with high roof. The main house is 26x32 feet, with a kitchen 17x16. It will be heated with hot air, and have a tank in the cellar and a fine well near the kitchen door. The work is superintended by Capt. S. G. de Amherst, a builder renowned for thoroughness and despatch. Much credit is due the building committee for the energetic manner they have caused the work to progress. The internal arrangements were left to a committee of sisters, who have proved themselves adept in that art. Last, but not least, a warm and commodious stable has been built for the "parson's horse." I do not wish to be profane, but I am of the opinion that a good horse, &c., and a stable to put him in, are a means of grace. We hope to take possession of this new, warm and comfortable house the first of the New Year.

MONCTON, Dec. 2.—To-day was a double anniversary in the Moncton Baptist church, the third of Rev. W. B. Hinson's pastorate, and the first of the reopening of the enlarged church. The pastor reviewed the three years' work to a congregation of upwards of a thousand persons. His text was Acts 20:31, "The space of three years." Five converts were baptized this afternoon, and three, with five others, received the right hand of fellowship to-night, making 33 additions to the Moncton church since the conference, and 275 in three years. Last year was the most prosperous in the history of the church.—Sun.

PERSONAL.

Bro. B. N. Hughes celebrated his silver wedding some weeks ago. We were away at the time and no notice was sent us. It was a very pleasant and profitable occasion. The attendance was large and the presents made were various and some of them costly. Bro. H. has won a large place in the hearts of his people. He has a large and important field and a great number of young converts to train up for the Lord. We offer late congratulations and hope our brother and his family may be blessed in temporal and spiritual things.

Bro. M. P. Freeman was put on the sunny side by his people at Gaspersaux, on the 15th ult., by an offering of \$68 73, of which \$21 was cash. Also by his friends at White Rock Mills, on the 27th, by a donation of \$21, of which \$14 was cash. Bro. F. desires to make grateful acknowledgment.

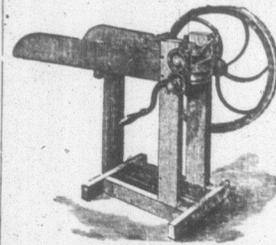
NOTICES.

The next quarterly meeting of the Baptist churches of York and Sablebury counties will be held with the Baptist churches at Fredericton, commencing on Friday, the 14th Dec. at 7 o'clock p. m. The brethren will please remember that according to the constitution, each church is requested to prepare a letter to be sent and read at the quarterly meeting. Rev. C. Currie is to preach the quarterly sermon; alternate, Rev. B. H. Thomas. Brethren, be sure and let your churches be represented by the best material you have. T. A. BLACKBURN, S. C.'s Treas.

Kewick Ridge, Nov. 16. The next session of the Yarmouth County Baptist Quarterly Meeting will be held (D. V.) at Argyle, on Tuesday, Dec. 18, at 10 a. m. If possible, delegates should be in attendance from every church in the county. M. B. SHAW, Sec'y. Nov. 28.

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