

## From the Churches.

NEW ROSS, LUNenburg Co.—We baptized five willing converts on the first Sunday in the new year. We hope others will follow soon.  
J. E. BLAKNEY.

LUNenburg, N. S.—The evangelists have come and gone. Great good has been done by their meetings, 110 have been received into the Presbyterian church, 200 into the Methodist and 16 have been welcomed into the Baptist church, 12 by baptism, others are coming. The meetings are very enjoyable. The church is in excellent condition, all very thankful and happy. We had the largest communion yesterday of any time in the history of the church. May the good work go and spread all over the land. May it be as the secretary of H. M. Board expressed it that this year may be the greatest in our history in spiritual uplifting.

SHEDIAK.—The Baptist church small in numbers and weak financially are still holding the fort. Rev. E. C. Corey visits us every four weeks, and spends the Sabbath here. His labours are much appreciated, the church edified and strengthened in gospel truths. The young people who have lately given themselves to Christ and the church in his own appointed ordinance are faithful, have a Bible reading every Sabbath morning, and when not preaching, a prayer and praise meeting. The presence of the Master is often manifested. We need greater consecration and prayer for souls brought to Christ, the whole village moved by the power of the Holy Spirit.  
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SUMMERSIDE, P. E. I.—It has been the privilege of the pastor to go down into the baptismal water on two Sabbaths since our last report. Ten have been added to the church by baptism, three by experience and three by letter. A deep work of grace is now in progress at Belmont, Lot 16, where General Missionary A. P. Baker is holding special services. God is richly blessing that community. During the Xmas season the pastor and wife received a number of tokens of the good-will and love of the members of the church. On Xmas eve Mrs. Robinson was agreeably surprised by a substantial gift in the shape of a purse of money. May the Holy Spirit dwell more fully in the hearts of pastor and people, is our sincere prayer.  
W. H. ROBINSON.

January 19.  
SPRINGFIELD, P. E. I.—Pastor Carter desires to make mention of the kindness of his friends on his field and in other parts of the Island. On Christmas eve friends from Union Vale, Knutsford and Springfield visited the parsonage, and, after a pleasant evening, left the house much richer by their gifts of provisions and useful articles. He has also been generously remembered by friends in Alma and Alberton. On New Year's eve many of the friends met again, and presented Mrs. Carter with an address and a beautiful fur saccue worth \$38. Mrs. Carter gratefully wishes to thank all the friends who united in making her this beautiful present. The parsonage is also being generously supplied with wood.

LOWER AVLEBROOK.—It was my privilege to spend the Christmas vacation in this place, and I have promised to visit the field for each Sabbath until the coming of their new pastor. In all sections of the field the friends have shown me very great kindness. At Meadowvale I was prevailed upon to stay to a meeting in their church on Monday evening, the 1st inst. They then showed their appreciation of my services in a tangible manner, by giving me a donation towards my college expenses, this being extra to the Sunday collections. I feel that I should make mention of these acts of especial thoughtfulness on the part of my new friends. I trust that I may be used in winning souls for Christ, who shall greatly add to the strength of these churches. Will all who read this pray that the undecided on this field may accept Christ.  
J. O. VINCE.

OTTAWA.—Our correspondent "H. H. B." writes that the pastorate of the First church is vacant. Rev. R. R. MacKay as the successor of Dr. Carey had a large place to fill, and filled it well. His ministry has been most acceptable. The church has prospered both spiritually and in reference to its temporal concerns. Through Mr. MacKay's efforts a debt of \$5,000 has been wiped out, and the coming pastor will find a church of 445 members united and free of debt. Rev. A. Grant of Winnipeg has declined the call of the church at Ottawa believing that the work in the West has greater claims upon him. "I sometimes wish" our correspondent writes, "I had it in my power to import one of your best men from the Maritime Provinces. There is a good field here, and worthy of cultivation. Ottawa is growing and its Baptists are increasing. They have made fine progress here during the last ten years. We are hoping and praying for a first class man to preside over and guide us in spiritual matters. If the Lord does not send us such an one, we shall be greatly disappointed."

GUELPH, ONT.—At the seventh annual meeting of the Trinity Baptist church, tea was served by the ladies, and afterwards the annual business meeting was held, the pastor, Rev. J. W. Weeks presiding. Reports were received from the Trustees, Sunday School, B. Y. P. U. Women's Circle etc. The report of the clerk showed that 13 were received by baptism, 8 by letter, 2 by experience, while 8 were dismissed by letter and one excluded. There were no deaths. The report of the Treasurer, showed that the sum total raised for missions was \$192.37, of which \$32.90 was for Foreign Missions, \$55.97 for Home Missions, \$28 for Grande Ligne, \$22 for Manitoba and N. W. T., and \$3.50 for ministerial education. The amount raised for current expenses fund showed a deficit of \$31.47. An offering was taken up to wipe out this deficit, when the sum of \$51 was raised. Altogether the year's work has been very successful, which is due in a great measure to the earnest and zealous work of the pastor, who is not only held in high esteem by his own congregation, but by the community at large.

LOWER ECONOMY AND FIVE ISLANDS.—Shortly after we arrived on the field in October last a reception was held at the parsonage which amply stocked our larder, and also added many useful things to our stock of housekeeping utensils together with six dollars and forty cents collection taken at the tables. Wood has also been supplied gratuitously, a very important item in the pastor's bill. On New Year's night the annual goose supper was held in the parsonage and adjoining building, at which the sum of forty-five dollars was realized, and the balance of the debt on the parsonage was cleared, leaving the church property entirely free from debt, which is no small thing to be proud of, as we boast one of the best and most pleasantly situated parsonages in the county. The ladies of the congregation, although few, have done wonders in the way of lifting the burden of parsonage debt. We have just finished a series of special services at Five Islands, and we have felt the presence of the Master with us. The church has been strengthened and believers built up, and we expect some additions to our church as the result of the services. May the Holy Spirit follow the efforts put forth for the advancement of the Master's kingdom.  
M. E. G.

EAST POINT, P. E. I.—Three months ago I settled in the church here, and have found a noble band of Christian workers. The congregations are large, and a lively interest is manifest in all department of our work. Meetings are held at out-stations including Souris as often as time will permit. General Missionary Baker is about beginning special work at Souris. Brethren the need is great and the field not the most promising; pray that the power of the Most High may be with us, and that many souls may be saved. The people all over this field are very kind, appreciative and

helpful. Many indeed have been their expressions of good-will. Our table has been kept well supplied, and our stoves filled with the best cut and dried hardwood; but last evening the pastor was warmed both inside and out by the gift of a beautiful Russian con skin coat, and the pastor's wife made glad by the gift of a purse containing a snug sum in gold. The presentation of these gifts was accompanied by a very kind and thoughtful address by our good brother, Deacon Scott. We value these gifts not alone for their cash value, but because they are given by the young men of our congregation, and we pray that each and all of them may open their hearts to receive the great gift of His love. May God bless the donors. Brethren pray for us.

E. A. MCPHER, Pastor.

January 20.

FITCHBURG, MASS.—Rev. A. T. Kempton was tendered by the people of his new charge a very enthusiastic "reception" on the evening of Jan. 22nd. Mr. Kempton writes: My congregations have increased, and already about a dozen have come out and made a profession of religion. The outlook is most cheering. Voices of church members that have not been heard for years, are being heard in every meeting.

BRIDGEWATER, N.S.—The Master's cause is moving joyously forward—we had the stirring evangelists, Crossley and Hunter with us for three days only, but they gave us a grand start. Since they left we have been labouring alone, and our hearts are greatly rejoiced to know that the Lord is richly blessing us. Many have decided to seek their Father's board, where is fulness for the hungry; and new voices are now mingled with ours in the praise of God. Our baptistry is now in the iron embrace of the Frost king, but we expect soon that we shall be privileged to visit it in obedience to our Lord's command. I take this opportunity also to acknowledge the very great kindness of my church to me—as is evidenced in their kindly remembrance at Xmas tide.  
A. H. C. MORSE.

January 6th.

AMHERST.—During the past two weeks our meeting house has been taken possession of by large audiences to listen to the addresses of evangelist H. L. Gale, of Boston, who is conducting a three weeks campaign with us. Mr. Gale believes in the law of cause and effect in the spiritual world and works with the belief that if the right conditions are fulfilled on the part of professing Christians the blessing is sure to follow as a natural result. Another article of faith with him is that if the beauty of the Christ life is seen, sinners will be irresistibly drawn to it. Having implicit confidence in these two principles, and in the Holy Spirit to do the work, no sensational methods are resorted to. These addresses are clear, calm and convincing. Christians are drinking more deeply of the wells of salvation and a lasting impress is no doubt being made upon the Christian life and character of the town. A large number have already signified their determination to lead a new life and many more will follow as the services continue. The various departments of our church work are prospering. Mr. Miner with characteristic zeal and thoroughness conducted during the closing weeks of the year two series of special meetings at Salem and Warren with the result that the church was strengthened by the addition of 24 members by baptism. Others are yet to follow as a result of his faithful services in these sections of the field.  
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THIRD YARMOUTH CHURCH.—I have now started in on my second year of pastoral work here. The first year I worked two mission stations with this field—Carleton and Forest Glen. This year I take Lake George church instead of the mission stations. When we came to this field there was no home for the minister's family. Last spring, however, the church set to work in earnest for a parsonage. Bro. Samuel Kilian, gave the lot. A subscription was started—liberally and pretty generally signed. Materials were gathered and the work was commenced. Now we are nicely settled in this brand new home—wood-house, barn and a fine garden plot attached—the most comfortable and convenient home we have ever occupied. The church deserves very much credit as we have no wealthy men. No mortgage hangs over the new parsonage and but very little debt. This was all done in about six months, when the prices of all kinds of farming produce have been very low. We

don't deal in fish. The people have been very thoughtful for the pastor and his family. For the most part, fuel, vegetables and apples have been gratuitously supplied in sufficient quantities for the family's use and comfort. There have been no additions by baptisms to the church during the past year. The predecessors of the present pastor, had gathered the larger portion of the people, young and old into the church, so it has been a time to instruct and train those already gathered in, as workers for future usefulness. Three of our young men are taking a course at Horton Academy. Enoch Stubbett, youngest son of the late James Stubbett, for many years pastor of this church, is in sophomore year at Acadia preparatory to the ministry. The seminary is also represented by Miss May Crosby from this church. The regular meetings of the church are well sustained. Two very efficient Bible schools are run throughout the year. Just now very earnest prayer is being offered by the church workers for a rich outpouring of the Holy Spirit.  
T. A. BLACKADAR.

Pleasant Valley, Jan. 22.

WEST YARMOUTH, N. S.—Prosperity continues to mark the work of the West Yarmouth Baptist church. The highest record of the church in material advance is being made this present year—spiritually the interest is alive and aggressive. The utmost unanimity prevails. The benevolent contributions of the present convention year, now equal the offerings of the entire previous year. Salary has been paid every week with the utmost regularity. On Jan. 8th, the reunion and roll-call was held, when 150 of our members were heard from. Sickness abounds here about at present, this explains why a larger number were not present. At Xmas time we were generously remembered. After a prolonged and prayerful consideration, I have decided to accept the call of the Baptist church in the town of Digby. My resignation is before the church and has been reluctantly accepted. I will part with the dear people here with many sincere regrets. No local influence of any description has made this step desirable as we know that unbounded harmony has prevailed. In the entire pastorate not one discordant note has sounded, that would in the smallest sense of the word affect the pastoral relation. During our stay here extensive improvements have been made. The parsonage and the church edifice have been painted and otherwise improved, and nine new horse sheds constructed at Chebogue. The hall property at Overton has been repaired. A new platform and new pulpit furniture added much to the appearance of the hall. A new and expensive carpet has been placed in the dining room of the parsonage by the ladies. A W. M. A. S. has recently been organized, also two Mission Bands. The coming pastor will find one of the most thorough organized and united churches to be found in our convention. We desire to express our sincerest gratitude for all the kind things, for all the kind words, that have been said and done. May God continue to bless and prosper the West Yarmouth Baptist church. I close my labors here on the first Sabbath in February, and begin the pastorate at Digby on the second Sabbath. We still need the prayers of the brotherhood. The church here is considering the question of a successor.  
B. H. THOMAS.



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