

From the Churches.

BRIDGEWATER, N. S.—Had baptism again the 11th inst. Others to follow. A. H. C. MOORE.

SUSSEX.—Our pastor still continues his labors among us, our preaching and social services are largely attended. On Sunday afternoon he preached at Wards Creek to a large congregation. At the close of service three candidates were baptized.

GIBSON, N. B.—Sunday July 11th, Mrs. Gourley was baptized upon a profession of her faith in Jesus, in the St. John river, the Jordan of N. B. Our sister formerly belonged to the church of England, but after careful study of Gods word was convinced she had not been scripturally baptized, and so came to us.

GRAND FALLS, N. B.—We have received a beautiful Bible for our little struggling Baptist church at St. Leonards, from Sister Horsman, Woodstock. May God bless the giver. We still need some Hymn books. Who will send them? We received a postal from some Brother in St. Martins but could not make out the address, or rather the name. Send us the Hymn books dear Bro., they will be received with thankful hearts. Yours in Christian love, U. R. GROSS, lic.

HEAD OF TATAMAGOUCH BAY.—The little Baptist band of this place is being revived by the Spirit's power. Not long since, a special meeting was called in order to ascertain the number who were anxious to see the Lord's work prosper. A good proportion of the full membership gathered. There was much interest manifested; and it was unanimously resolved to appoint, and with God's help sustain a conference meeting to be held monthly. On June 20th Bro. D. Holmes and Sister S. Weatherly received the right hand of fellowship. J. T. DIMOCK.

Missionary Work in Madawaska County. It is contrary to common sense to expect on the part of a people, any deep interest in a work, concerning which they receive no regular information, to help support a missionary about whose trials and successes they are kept in ignorance. Since the brethren have given themselves more whole-heartedly and unreservedly to this work, especially amongst the French Canadians, as one endeavoring under Christ to fulfill their wishes, I take pleasure in informing them about this part of the Master's vineyard, and will continue to do so from time to time. My object in this letter will be to take up a few of its general features. The field is an extensive one. My stations are three, in chief, while the surrounding country furnishes many other centres, for house to house visitations and week night meetings, to be held either in school or dwelling house. We hold regular Sunday services in St. Francis (twice a month) at Edmundston and St. Leonards once a month respectively.

ST. FRANCIS.—This place affords at present perhaps the best opportunities for labour. Here every other Sunday morning and evening, we worship in two churches situated about five miles apart and in the afternoon at a school house midway between the two, where we have also started a Sunday School which promises well for the future. We have one Baptist church on the province side of the St. John river, built almost by the unaided hands of Rev. C. Henderson. Some twelve resident members continue to bear witness to the truth, but some of the lights burn very dim, having been interfered with by other "winds of doctrine" as well as injured by a dearth of religious teaching and a lack of capability to understand or even to read the scriptures for themselves. The sentiment among the people is favorable to us; thanks to the labors of such pioneers as the Rev. Mr. Knight, Rev. Mr. Estabrook, Rev. Mr. Henderson, and the various students who have labored there during the summer months, all of whom bear good names, speaking well for the character of our educational institutions, as cultivating Christian manhood in the truest and highest sense of the term, so that they win the confidence and affections of the people amongst whom they labour through their earnest and self-sacrificing efforts in propagating the gospel.

The inhabitants of this part of the country are mixed. There are Frenchman and Englishmen, etc., Roman Catholics and Protestants, scattered all along the St. John on the banks of which river, or the St.

Francis or Allagash rivers, the people live, with their farms jutting back up the mountain sides, or into the little valleys running between the mountains, just now clothed in all their summer beauty of verdure. The French people are in the majority, but we find a great intermingling of religious elements in the family as well as in the neighborhood, Roman Catholics marrying Protestants or vice versa; resulting in a larger measure of liberality towards ministers than I have found on any other of my appointments; this, too, has been brought about by the absence until very lately, of Roman Catholic churches in the vicinity; God helping us we expect to be able to plant many gospel seeds, in these hearts craving at bottom for peace, which many of these realize has not been obtained through a reliance upon their own works or even upon the priesthood, who constitute their guides in matters religious; yet the more common state of mind is that which may be illustrated by the remark of a woman whom I met the other day. She said "God will not hold me responsible if I do what my father and mother have done, and what the priest tells me to do, if I go wrong, they will be to blame." This reveals how a sense of false security has lulled many to sleep, surely, the "leaders of the blind" will have to answer for their deeds before the judgment seat of Christ; yet Oh! how dreadful the awakening of these poor souls if the gospel does not reach them, and ours is the responsibility. The St. Francis field extends from Port Kent up the St. John river to its farthest settlements, if one desired to ascend so far, as it is we go to Little Black, three miles from the mouth of the Allagash river, which is seventeen miles from our church; we take in also a settlement about fifteen miles up the Allagash. This will enable you to realize the length of the territory which all along the river is dotted with houses of both French and English, the latter, I am sorry to say, needing the truth about as much as the former, although perhaps better able to understand and more free from the cobwebs of superstition and the dogma of works, yet I could not name half a dozen men in the whole community whom I would call regenerate, while drinking and swearing is prevalent on the part of most. You may be sure the Word of God is little used on the part of many. The summer is the best time to labor amongst the people as the men are then at home. In the winter they are lumbering in the woods, and to reach them one must journey from camp to camp which would undoubtedly result in much blessing. Both in settlement and in camp work might be done through a distribution of Bibles and religious literature. Gladly would we welcome such on the part of any kind friend. We are in especial need of French Catholic Bibles, already I have distributed many tracts and some Bibles in my calls on both nationalities. Their confidence and love must first be evoked, these results will come though slowly. By means of preaching and visiting something has been accomplished. At my first entirely French service held in St. Francis some ten Catholics were present. In another letter I will enlarge on our methods of work, yet I may say amongst the majority of French people I find ready admittance to their homes, of course not to outrage their religious beliefs but as a friend and minister who may even read, pray and sing with them. The priest quite recently called on all the Protestant families in the neighborhood, as he said to get acquainted with them, and I will at least for once imitate him. They will enjoy the joke and see besides no harm in my desire to become better friends. Then I am not a Suisse, a converted Roman Catholic, or even a Frenchman, only an English Protestant and Christian who doesn't know any better and who does right in believing as he has been brought up. Pray for us. CHAS. H. SCHUTT.

EDMUNDSTON.—On my arrival here, asking a prominent merchant to direct me to a Baptist family, he said "they are a scarce article in this place." When I looked into the matter, I was agreeably surprised to find representatives from no less than five families members of Baptist churches, while others were favorable towards us. So there is a possibility that with God's help some of the "scarce articles" may yet be manufactured." We hold Sunday services once a month in the Union Church and alternately with the Presbyterian minister we hold weekly union prayer-meetings. I say Union church, though it is decided to the Presbyterians. Here, as in St. Francis our work of late has been neglected, while others have been alive to the opportunity. Had our missionary agents or board representatives been

through here to co-operate with the Baptist families who were then more numerous in these places than now, and who very largely contributed to these churches, they would have been decided to us. As it is our Presbyterian brethren have the churches, while doctrinally speaking the majority of attendants lean our way. Spiritually speaking Edmundston is very cold. "No one is known to have been converted here for years" said one to me the other day. The French are more bigoted here than at St. Francis. Work of late years has been performed amongst them by a Presbyterian minister, Rev. Mr. Lods, and just last year some eighteen families quarreled with their priest, back from here on the main side of the river. They sent for a Protestant minister who could address them in French and he went out to visit them, he reports the work as encouraging. Yet in this town by the number of Protestant women or girls who are being influenced towards the Roman Catholic church by marriage or otherwise, they appear to be doing as much missionary work as ourselves with some degree of success. Remember this work before God. C. H. SCHUTT.

Denominational Fund, N. S., from July 3rd to July 10th.

"A friend," Sable River, \$5; Upper Stewiacke church special, \$15.80; do. \$2; Hantsport church, \$25.70; do., S. S., \$10; do., B. Y. P. U., \$10; Mt. Denson, S. S., \$2; De Bert church, \$13; Mrs. W. H. Sibley, Wittenberg, \$1; William Lent, Epsom, New Hampshire, \$5; Temple church, Yarmouth, \$16.65; do., S. S., \$27.36; Miss Ida Parker, Berwick, \$5; Kentville church, \$9.14; Pugwash, \$6.24; Bridgewater church, \$2.25; Malbone and North West church, \$14; Rawdon church, \$11.22; do., special, \$1; Mrs. Jacob Wyman, Port Gilbert, \$5; Mrs. J. C. Weymouth, \$20; Tabernacle, S. S., \$10; Port Williams Society, Christian Endeavor, \$10; Wolfville church, \$35.56; do., special, \$3; Mrs. A. Bancroft, Somerville, Hants, \$2; Seal Harbor, \$6; North Sydney church, \$55.62; do., special, \$9; Little Glace Bay church, \$3.21; Capt. McLeod, Little Glace Bay, \$2; Manchester church, \$8.80; West Onslow church, \$13.75; R. A. Christie and family, and Mrs. C. Read, special, River Hebert, \$10—\$376.30. Before reported \$7,568.82. Total \$7,945.12. Remember that the books close July 31st. All money to go to the credit of churches this year should be in my hand by that date. A. COHOON, Treas., D. F., N. S. Wolfville, N. S., July 14th.

In the House of Commons Friday Mr. Balfour said the government did not intend to institute any prosecutions as a result of the report of the select South Africa committee. Speaker Gully ruled that as the committee had not reported the contumacy of B. F. Hawksley, the attorney of Cecil Rhodes, for refusing to produce certain telegrams at the time the offence was committed, the question of summoning him to the bar of the House need not now be raised. A curious scene took place in the House later. Mr. Blackwood, a money lender who had refused to answer certain questions put to him by a committee of parliament now investigating the methods of British money lenders, was summoned for contumacy to the bar of the House. After considerable hesitation he promised to answer the inquiries of the committee. John Dillon vehemently denounced the government and contrasted what he called its persecution of a humble and unfortunate money lender with the course that had been pursued in the cases of Rhodes and Hawksley. He began to discuss the report of the South Africa committee, when he was called sharply to order by Speaker Gully and sat down amid the cheers of the Irish members.

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MAR IHALLETT-HAWK B., on July 14, by Ford S. Hallett, to of Centreville. PARKER-GILPAT N. B., July 6, by Charles F. Parker, both of Weston, A. WRIGHT-BROWN, Co., N. B., July 14, Rev. H. D. Word, Arthurette, to Aland thurette, Victoria Co. DELONG-FANCY, the bride's father, M ant River, Lunenburg, Rev. E. C. Baker, S. Albany New, Queens of Pleasant River. TRAVIAS-LOCKHA age, Gibson, N. B., J Davidson, Thomas Tr Lockhart, both of Ma ZINK-AWALT.—At N. S., on 15th inst, by Benjamin Zink, to West Dover.

DEAT POTTER.—At Union 24th, Sister Elizabeth Sieter Potter was one bers, and her testimon the church will be mu WALLACE.—At her h Queens Co., Mrs. W paralysis, after two we 5, aged 73 years. A m Jerusalem Baptist ch husband, aged 81 year daughters to follow her MACKLIN.—Mrs. Ro at Gibson, June 26, after sickness, which she b resignation. Heart dis of death. A good man her heart to the Saviour and became a member church. She leaves a hu ters and two sons to m age was 62 years. Th were conducted by Rev assisted by Revs. Joseph Wilson. McDONALD.—Murdo meningitis, June 27, at Nashwaak, N. B. Last a profession in meetings, h lic., and was baptized by idson. His end was pea father's right hand and h fort and joy. 18 years o mature and manly for h be greatly missed. His l largely attended. A serm in the Methodist church Davidson. May the God comfort his servants in th tion. LANGILLE.—At Riv Lois A., wife of Ephraim I years. Our sister formerl for, whither her remains