

Echoes From North Sydney.

BY D. G. MACDONALD. We are not without an encouragement in our work here. Bro. H. A. McLean spent six weeks with us. The most of the time—except the Sabbaths—was spent at the out-stations. Several were hopefully converted to Christ and many received impressions that will never leave them. Last Lord's day eight happy converts received the hand of fellowship. Four of them are young men and three are bright and promising boys in their teens; the eighth was a young woman. Our own dear boy—in his fifteenth year—was also [to have been] baptised but was not able to be present on that occasion.

A good work is in progress in our Sunday school, from which we hope to see large results. We would fain have kept Bro. McLean with us longer to use his wonderful talent of gospel singing, but a loud call from Gordon took him to St. John. We have added three excellent brethren to the staff of our deacons, and on Lord's day, were publicly and scripturally set apart to their important office. We have also put in a new and most convenient baptistry, which adds to the impression always made on thoughtful minds by this most impressive ordinance. While some among us are being translated by grace from the world to the church, others, in God's providence, are being translated from the church militant to the church triumphant.

On Jan. 7th, our brother, Mr. Robert McLean, a true husband, a devoted father and a consistent Christian, passed away. He was a telegraph operator, and though for months very feeble he kept at his battery from day to day till within less than 30 minutes before his departure. Like a Christian hero he died at his post. He leaves a widow and four children to mourn their loss. Since that date, Mr. Albert Ball, who for years has been suffering from asthma, was found dead in his chair in the early morning. He leaves no widow and but one son—a young man in his own family to mourn his departure. And yesterday morning, as the sun was rising, the ransomed, regenerated spirit of our Sister Moore—the beloved wife of Deacon Alex. Moore—took its flight to the land where there is no need of "sun to rise to dissipate the gloom of night." Sister Moore came to visit her daughter, the wife of Peter Jackson, Esq., a little more than three months ago. A few days after her arrival she took ill and never sufficiently recovered to enable her to return. Her sufferings were great but great comfort was experienced. Her's was a most triumphant ending to a consecrated Christian life of very many years.

Thank God for "the glorious gospel." Oh for grace to be enabled to lead multitudes into the enjoyment of its blessed hope!

North Sydney, Feb. 5.

St. Peter's Reserve.

It was Pastor Prince's purpose to make a trip northward early in January, in order to visit the brethren at Fairbairn and other points on the Reserve. His plans, however, have been broken up by what has taken place at St. Peter's, and the proposed trip is postponed for the present.

At the close of the year the Holy Spirit began to work among the people, and many of them became deeply anxious about their souls. Meetings were crowded and enquirers visited Bro. Prince at all hours of the day and night. Houses were thrown open for meetings, and many who had strongly opposed the work found their way to them, and souls were saved.

On Wednesday evening, January 15th, there was a crowded meeting in the Baptist Chapel, at the close of which eight believers, four men and four women, were baptised. Several others were to have been, but were unavoidably detained at home. Quite a number have applied for baptism, and some will be baptised in the near future. Others are studying and shortening the subject.

Bro. Prince is very careful about receiving applicants and requires each one to give satisfactory evidence that he has indeed been "born again," before asking the church to pass upon them. All doubtful cases are kept back for a time.

The story of the conversion of some of those baptised is most interesting. One old man, whose wife has been for some time a member of the St. Peter's Baptist Church, has shown the most bitter feelings towards the Baptists. Some nights since a meeting was held directly across the river from his house. When starting out his wife ventured to ask him to attend, but received a harsh and angry reply. So she went on alone. When about half way across the river she looked back and saw him following her on the ice. During the meeting he was an interested listener, and says now that the words that he heard were never heard before. He was saved that night. It was the anniversary of his confirmation, thirty years before. At the baptism, he and others, while standing in the water, testified of their faith in the Saviour in the most clear, earnest, and touching manner.

To many of the Indians "the old, old story" is a "new doctrine." They think that Bro. Prince has a Bible which differs from theirs, but when he is about to read and speak to them he exchanges Bibles with one of their number so that they may be assured that the books are the same. Some of them have accused him of telling me what to say when I preach, because we teach the same things.

These suspicious work for their good, however, causing them to study their Bibles anew. Thus many are convinced of the truth of what is being preached and taught, and the Holy Spirit blesses the Word to their salvation.

We believe that this is but the beginning of a large gathering of souls at St. Peter's, and we seek for the prayers of God's people for the work.

S. VAN TASSEL.

and broadening. The church at St. Peter's has now about 50 members and there are baptised believers for three organizations in the North, with an aggregate membership of nearly 100. This work cannot be carried on without money, and the Baptists of the Maritime Provinces should take a large part in it.

H. G. MILLER, Baptist Book Room, Toronto, Ontario.

Revivals in St. Stephen.

Evangelist H. L. Gale, of Boston, whose work in Moncton and Truro during November and December was so highly honored of God, spent the first two weeks of the New Year in St. Stephen. The Methodist, Presbyterian and Baptist churches united with the Y. M. C. A. in keeping his services.

The results of the campaign exceeded our highest expectations, and we are deeply conscious that the Lord has done great things for us, whereof we are glad.

Never, perhaps, in the history of the town, has religion been so generally the subject of thought and conversation by all classes of people, as during the past month. Many of our leading business men have been impressed, as never before, with the importance of living the Christian life. During the union meetings a sweet spirit of harmony existed between the church and the church, and denominational distinctions were not obtruded. It seemed to emphasize the reality of evangelical religion, to see all, or nearly all, the evangelical forces of the community united in the one work of saving souls.

Mr. Gale is a leader of men. You feel at once that you are in the presence of a man who knows his business, even to the minutest detail. His very presence is a stimulus to the manly character of enlisting in the operation of the most timid Christian worker. He is a man of pleasing appearance, standing tall and straight, with a commanding but pleasant countenance. His voice is resonant, easily heard, never raising even when uttering the most awful truths. He does not seek for the mere temporary effects of emotion when the heart is unburdened. He appeals to the reason, and his diction is clear, terse, going straight to the heart of the matter. He brings no new message, but tells the gospel story in a simple, forcible manner. His very reserve and moderation of statement, contrasted with the urgency which evangelists mark the travelling evangelist, produce a potent effect.

His addresses for the first four or five days are to the professed followers of Christ, leading them step by step to a higher and truer conception of the meaning of the Christian profession. He believes that the message to the unconverted our have but little effect till Christians feel the importance of a life given up to God, and have had restored unto them the "joy of salvation."

In his appeals to the unconverted, Mr. Gale does not hesitate to say, that if men do not in this life receive Jesus Christ, they will be forever lost. He does not think a man can be a winner of souls who does not believe this. He emphasizes the power of prayer. Bro. Moody and Mills lay great stress on the power of sacred song. As to results, he ascribes all to the work of the Holy Spirit.

He is kindly thoughtful of the pastors. He does not set them aside and seek to minimize their work; but rather magnifies the pastoral office, and assures the people that he comes simply to assist in the reaping of fields already ripe for the harvest.

During the meetings in St. Stephen over four hundred adults and more than two hundred children signified their desire to become Christians, and among the number have been men prominent in business and professional circles. At least one hundred of the cards signed were by people from Calais, Me., Milltown, N. B., and the surrounding country.

The Baptist church has shared largely in the blessing. Meetings have been continued in our own vestry almost every evening since the close of the union services. Hardly a night passes without the sound of new voices expressing the desire to have Christ as a personal Saviour. Twenty-two men were received at our Conference on Friday last. On Sunday evening, twenty of the number followed the Lord in baptism, eight men and twelve women.

The first Sabbath of February, 1896, will long be remembered by the people of St. Stephen. It was a day of special privilege and peculiar blessing, and still there's more to follow.

W. C. GOUCHER.

St. Stephen, Feb. 5.

Minute Speeches.

(No. 1.)

How sweet to rest in God. The needle of the compass sea-saw vibrates, trembles—it never gets rid of its disquietude until it points toward the North Star. "One star alone of all the train" can give it rest.

You sit down beside your open blazing fire. Without, the falling snow and the wintry winds are madly contending. How you enjoy the shelter, the warmth, and the peaceful quiet of your home and fireside. There is shelter, and warmth, and enjoyment unpeakable in God. How sweet also for the Christian, tempest-tossed, to know that God is with his child in every part of the globe from centre to circumference—"A very present help," a "Strong Deliver."

"Let not your heart be troubled." Your health may be, your business and worldly prospects may be, but "let not your heart be troubled." The storms of this life may be threatening and enduring; but no earthly storm should be able to reach as far within the saved one as his heart. "Be careful for nothing; but in everything by prayer and supplication with thanksgiving let your requests be made known unto God." is the apostolic injunction. There may be, and there must be, an untroubled depth in every right-living, regenerate soul even as there is an untroubled depth in the stormiest ocean.

There is one point in yonder revolving fly-wheel which is always at rest. That point is its centre, its heart. The nearer you look toward that point the less the

motion and flurry, the greater the rest which you find. I look at the rim of my life, its whirling circumference. The whir and whirl make me dizzy and sick. But when I search I can find the undisturbed centre within. My heart is resting in God. The sinner, unregenerate, is not a fixed, revolving whirl. He is a rolling wheel having no part at rest. "There is no rest saith my God to the wicked."

When I hear our pastor talking of "the soul's unrest," I know all about it. I lived many years a sinner without a Saviour. Thanks be unto God, I also know what it is to have the soul at rest in God. Come to Christ thy rest. O sinner, far better to be revolved as a wheel set in its place by the hand of God, than to be rolled as a play-wheel, by Satan, down to swift destruction. There is rest for all in Christ. Will you not seek it sinner? And thou O wandering soul, in the hour of temptation, do thou rest? "Thy rest." Will thou not arise and take possession of thine own? "Arise, he calleth thee." T. S. S.

Sheburne County Quarterly Meeting.

The regular session of this organization was held with the church at Osborne, Jan. 28 and 29. The five pastors were in attendance and there were delegates from seven churches. The number of visitors was very large for this season of the year. On Tuesday afternoon, Jan. 28th, the meetings opened with the transaction of certain important matters of business, which was followed by a social meeting with Deacon Herbert Dolan as the leader. During this season the true quarterly meeting spirit came to the front, and a great many earnest testimonies were given. In the evening Rev. C. L. McLane, preached a sermon on the "The Holy Spirit," which was very timely and rather startling ideas were advanced. But as the young brother fortified every utterance with abundant scripture evidence, it is rather hard to pass adverse criticism. A prayer meeting concluded the day's work. This was led by Bro. S. P. Ringer, of Natick, Mass. The thoughts of the sermon were carried on, and every one seemed to long for a closer walk with God, and the position of the Holy Spirit, a power which will ensure success in our labor for the Master's precious cause. By hard crowding every one managed to find a place in the sanctuary. The collection for the convention fund, amounted to six dollars and thirteen cents. Wednesday morning was devoted to a study of Bible sanctification and consecration, opened by Rev. A. F. Browne. These are subjects of special importance and every one of the large congregation felt the need of the Holy Spirit. The thought appeared to be that when the sanctifying Spirit has separated us from worldliness, He will inspire us to an honest consecration of our abilities to the work of the Lord. In the afternoon the singing was filled with a congregation that came to hear Father Carpenter conduct the Bible lesson for Feb. 2nd, and to take part in the experience meeting. Many valuable thoughts were brought out in the lesson study, and the experience meeting led by Deacon J. G. Locke, the testimonies were very touching and so numerous, that it appeared very few were present who were not Christians. In the evening Rev. C. W. Stebbins preached the quarterly sermon, his theme being the Inspiration of the Scriptures—which was handled in a most convincing manner, and to the last word held the undivided attention of an audience that occupied every inch of available space in the hall. It was a farwell service, conducted by Rev. C. L. McLane. About 150 gave sentence testimonies, and everyone appeared to join in the singing. These were great meetings for the glory of Jesus and the best education of His followers. Collection for county work \$6.25. The May meetings will be held at East Pubnico. ANDREW F. BROWNE, Sec.

Denominational News.

Churches and individuals contributing to the work of the denomination should send their contributions to the care of the denominational fund. Rev. A. Osborne, Welling, N. B. is treasurer of Maritime Convention. Bro. J. B. Brant, of St. John, N. B. is treasurer of Maritime Convention. Bro. J. B. Brant, of St. John, N. B. is treasurer of the funds of the N. B. Convention.

GRISON, N. B.—On Sunday, Feb. 2nd, Thomas Myles was baptised, and in the evening the band of fellowship was extended to the brethren baptised and his wife, who comes to us by letter. The day was stormy but our congregations were good. F. D. DAVIDSON.

MOORE, MAN.—We have entered upon the fourth week of special services in our little church at Calais, Grand, Lehigh and Litch have each in turn lent valuable assistance. The life of the church has been greatly quickened; wanderers have returned and about twenty-five have professed faith in Christ. We expect baptism immediately. W.

NICTAUX.—The Lord is blessing us at Nictaux. We have been holding special meetings since the week of prayer, and the church is being revived; wanderers are returning and a deep interest is manifest in all. Last Sunday we visited the "Jordan" of this church—a place held sacred by the memories of the past—and baptised three young men: Charles Rogers, Leander Spinnay and Harding Coleman. The work still continues. J. W. BROWN.

HAKESPORT.—In the last two months twenty-six have been added to the church, eleven by baptism, one restored and the remainder by letter. Several have signified their intention of coming forward for baptism next Lord's day, of which we will write later. Our church seems to be in good working order and the cause is much revived. On account of my studies, I find it impossible to do justice to the baptism, yet I find the people sympathetic and exceedingly helpful. Thank God for His mercies to us. F. B. S. D. E. HART.

DORCHESTER.—We have been holding a few special meetings here during the last two weeks. Two have been restored to baptism, and three others have expressed their desire for salvation and will, no doubt, find what they are seeking for and follow the Lord's command. My services will close with the church the 31st of May. I would be glad to correspond with any church that is

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without a pastor, and would be glad to visit any such church before that time. I hope to leave the Dorchester church in a position to be able at once to call some one of God's faithful servants to minister to them in holy things. Pray for us that the work of God may go on, and that souls may be converted in this place. S. W. KIRSTEAD, Feb. 4.

CANTERBURY, YORK CO.—Last July we came to this field, and found the cause low indeed; we have toiled on, and trust we have made some progress, although we do not have much to report. But still I think I can see more interest taken by the people. We have had a few special meetings, and some few came out in the meetings, but to my mind getting people into the church is not everything. Our churches here have many members, but don't know the A. B. C. of Christian life. They have been gathered in and then left to themselves, and many are only stumbling blocks. What we are trying to do is to get repentance and faith, in work and holiness, and when that is impressed on the minds of the people, God's cause must prosper. In closing I wish to thank the people of Eel River for a donation of \$17. Also to thank the people of Eel River and Lower Canterbury, in presenting me with a fine (conor) fur coat. May God bless the donors. JAN. 27. C. J. STEVENS, Past.

SPAINFIELD.—On Sunday, 2nd inst., 13 more willing converts obeyed the command and followed their Lord in the ordinance of baptism, making in all since the good work began. Five others have been added by letter and on experience; total additions, 86. Others are coming. Of this number quite a few old people and heads of families are included, which added greatly to not only the spiritual but financial strength of the churches. Since coming here, Jan. 4th, we have met nothing but kindness from the people. They have proved themselves to rank among the most hospitable we have ever met with. Financially they have relieved the H. M. Board of an expense of missionary salaries while at work with them. In addition to this they gave a present of \$25 to each of us, for which kindness we tender our heartiest thanks. J. W. S. YOUNG, S. D. ERVINE.

P. S.—Having accepted the call to the pastorate of the Springfield churches my address will hereafter be Hatfield's Pt. Kings Co., N. B. S. D. ERVINE.

CANTERBURY.—After a pastorate of four years and nine months at Springfield we left for Clementaville, carrying with us precious memories of many kind friends. This was seen in the large gathering at the Springfield parsonage giving evidence of their esteem and regard for us. In Christ by the many prayers and large donation they made us as we left them. On coming to Clementaville we at once found ourselves among kind friends who made us feel at home by the manifested interest in helping us, for "without money and without price" they went to work fixing their beautiful parsonage and putting furniture in the midst of hard work. Notwithstanding the dilapidated condition of the field it was evident God was about to bless this part of His vineyard. We have been constantly at work, averaging more than one meeting for every day since coming, with results as follows—71 have been added to the church, 64 by baptism and 7 by letter. All parts of the field have enjoyed the blessing. Our churches have come in for a share, Annapolis and Bear River each baptising two converted sinners. Still the work goes on. We now have prayer meetings on every part of the field, fairly well sustained. We are trying to keep up the Sunday school this winter, and benevolent funds are doing better and salary matters well attended to. The Missionary Aid Society is in the future. Pray for us dear brethren that God may still bless our labors among this kind people. S. LANGILLE.

COLDSTREAM, CARLETON CO.—I wish to report the state and standing of our churches in this field at this close of my first year with the Hardland and Rockland churches, also Windsor and Main Street. Spiritually they all stand better every way than when I came here. The Lord has blessed all our churches more or less. Three of our churches have grown larger by additions, and Hardland church organized since I came, is prospering spiritually now. Hardland church is now being helped by the indwelling presence of Jesus, who is His life. We expect and fully believe that the Lord is going to do wonders for us here. A building is being talked of here for the Baptists; the ground is secured and we expect to start to build soon. Brethren, send us financial aid to carry on our work; send all the things you can and we can make use of all. The Hardland Baptists have been very kind, indeed, to me. They presented me with a very fine sleigh robe, a comforter to a minister on cold stormy days. I appreciate their kindness—they are doing well. In my prayer meetings signs of a coming revival can be seen. Praise God for His power to save. Some are moving towards the Kingdom of God. Rockland is to the front too, in doing something for their pastor. They presented me with a fine suit of clothes, value \$27, and other presents, and pound parties, that left a minister's home better off, after they went away. A good, kind, generous people have I found here. Windsor and Main Street churches are poor; have done a little, as much as they could. We want the Home Mission Board to help us here. Two hundred dollars are needed on these two churches. They certainly need financial help. H. D. WOODS, Jan. 30.

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Rev. J. Williams, of Gasperaux, N. S., writes us that he has knowledge of Bro. O. W. White, concerning whom a correspondent made enquiries a few weeks ago and that he believes him to be worthy of confidence. For denominational receipts, notices, personals, etc., see 8th page. Minard's Liniment Cures Dandruff.