

Our College.

Acadia College was never more thoroughly alive than she is now. In spite of—quite possibly because of—constant vigorous criticism, her efficiency is steadily increasing, and there seems good prospect that in a few years she will be easily first, as she is now the peer, of the best colleges of maritime Canada.

There are many signs of her prosperity and growth. Demands, unreasonable or otherwise, of students and alumni for better teachers, greater loyalty and love for the college in each class that is graduated, and the general anxiety that Acadia may continue to be better than to greatly need the bill-of-fare style of advertising, are clear evidence that she will not be allowed to settle into ruts or fall asleep.

Acadia's library endowment is shamefully small; but the college which has the largest library in Nova Scotia has ceased to buy new books, and is dependent for additions on the gifts of a well-known publishing house. Our library, literally and figuratively much "in pulvere," is far from such parasitic life as that. The annual income is wisely applied, and the liberal number of reviews and other periodicals subscribed for are the best British and American publications. Here is a splendid chance for some one to help this department to become what it ought to be. The museum and library should be housed in a fire-proof building, since there is little satisfaction in giving to what may be so easily destroyed by fire as our library in its present quarters.

Mr. Haley, who will take charge of the department of Physics next year, is a real teacher. This is worth making a note of, for students know that not every one who has studied much can make his thought clear to a class. The careful preparation which Mr. Haley has made for his work in Edinburgh and Germany guarantee his success at Acadia.

ACADIAN.

Young People at Bridgetown.

It is time that our Baptist young people were deciding who shall represent their various societies at Bridgetown.

Each young people's society, and each church that has no young people's society, is invited to send one delegate to a meeting that will be held in Bridgetown, Friday evening, August 19th, for the purpose of considering the organization of a Maritime Baptist Young People's Union. These delegates must be also eligible to appointment as delegates to the Convention proper, or the W. B. M. U. The proper course will thus be for each young people's society to appoint its delegate as soon as possible, and forthwith request the church or Aid Society to make the same person one of its delegates, thus securing the sending of the name of the young people's delegate by either the church or Aid Society, and relieving the entertaining committee at Bridgetown of any additional burden.

Arrangements for the following meetings are in progress. A complete programme will be published soon: Friday evening, Aug. 19, 7.30—Meeting to consider organization. Saturday, 9 to 10 a. m.—Workers' conference. Sunday, 6.30 a. m.—Early prayer meeting. Monday, 9 to 10 a. m.—Workers' conference.

C. W. WILLIAMS,
Chairman Advisory Committee.

Ministers' Institute.

An earnest effort has been made to secure an excellent bill of fare for the approaching meeting of our Ministers' Institute at Bridgetown. It is hoped that all our brethren in the ministry will avail themselves of the privilege of sharing in the advantages of this society.

It has been arranged to give up Friday evening to the Baptist Young People's Union, and to hold the first session of the institute on Thursday evening, August 18. As the delegates who plan to attend the meetings of the institute on Friday must go to Bridgetown by Thursday's train, the present arrangement is a most convenient one.

The following programme, subject to necessary changes, has been made out for the occasion:

THURSDAY EVENING.

Commencing at 7.30, local. After preliminary business, papers will be read on the following subjects, with short intervals for discussion:

1. "C. H. Spurgeon—The Secret of his Success," Rev. T. E. Bill.
2. "Studies in the Acts," Rev. S. B. Kempton.
3. Paper by Rev. D. H. Simpson.

FRIDAY MORNING.

Commencing at 10 o'clock (local).

1. "Alien Baptisms," by Rev. R. H. Bishop.
2. "Prayer in connection with the Pastor's Work," by Rev. W. H. Robinson.
3. Paper by Prof. E. M. Keirstead.

FRIDAY AFTERNOON.

Commencing at 1.30 (local).

1. "Young People's Societies," by Rev. J. A. Gordon.
2. "The British Empire in Prophecy," by Rev. F. H. Fosbury.

The brethren named above are requested to be prepared to present their papers in the order here indicated.

W. H. WARREN, Chairman Ex. Com.

Sackville, July 21.

Ordination.

An ecclesiastical council, called by the New Glasgow Baptist church, convened at that place July 15th, at 2.30 p. m. Organized by choosing Rev. T. A. Blackadar moderator, and Rev. T. B. Layton clerk. The records of the church, relating to the call of this council, were read, stating the object to be considering the propriety of setting apart Bro. W. T. Stackhouse to the work of the gospel ministry.

The following churches were represented: Amherst—Rev. D. A. Steele, Dea. George Christie; Springhill—Rev. H. B. Smith; Great Village—Rev. T. A. Blackadar, Rev. T. B. Layton; De Bert—Rev. T. A. Blackadar, Rev. W. W. Brown; Flushing—Onslow—Rev. W. F. Parker, Deas. J. J. Wallace and Ross Cummings; Antigonish—Bro. F. M. Shaw, (lic.); River John—Bro. Asa A. Sillars and Bro. Harry H. Sillars; New Glasgow—Rev. H. N. Parry, Deas. R. C. Olding and J. F. Morrow, Breth. D. M. Rice and L. Greenough.

Bro. Stackhouse related his Christian experience, call to the ministry and views of doctrine. This, with his answers to questions from several members of the council, were deemed highly satisfactory.

A resolution was then unanimously passed recommending his ordination, which took place in the evening in the following order: Sermon by Rev. D. A. Steele; prayer, Rev. T. A. Blackadar; right hand of fellowship, Rev. H. F. Perry; charge to candidate, Rev. M. W. Brown; charge to church, Rev. W. F. Parker. Brethren Layton, Smith and Shaw took part in the opening exercises. Benediction by Rev. W. T. Stackhouse.

(The council requested Rev. D. A. Steele to allow his sermon to be published in the MESSENGER AND VISITOR.)

T. A. BLACKADAR,
Moderator.T. B. LAYTON,
Clerk.

Licentiate.

Will the clerks of the churches, or others interested, please send me the names of licentiate in their membership? Last year there was no list published in the Convention minutes. It is important that a perfect list should be published in the next Year Book. I shall be glad to learn in any way. Will the licentiate themselves please report?

E. M. SAUNDERS,
Chairman of Com. on the State of the Denomination.

RELIGIOUS INTELLIGENCE.

NEWS FROM THE CHURCHES.

COBURN, ONT.—Pastor Clark baptised again on the evening of the 10th inst. Family intolerance against immersion kept one young convert back. CARLETON, ST. JOHN.—The new minister is getting acquainted. Baptized two who were waiting. General interest is good. On the 17th baptized a young man and his wife at Chance Harbor, on the Musquash field, where Bro. E. G. Jenkins has been doing good evangelistic work for three months. Half a dozen have been baptized there and others are ready.

A. JUDSON KEMPTON.
SANDY COVE.—I know that you will be glad to hear that God is reviving His work in the First Baptist church on Digby Neck. Sixteen precious souls have yielded to the authority of Jesus Christ; seven of these were baptized on the 10th inst. and nine on the 16th inst. More are to be baptized next Lord's day. Between twenty and thirty asked for the prayers of the church in a meeting at Roseway night before last. Remember us at the throne of grace.

J. C. MORSE.

LITTLE GLACE BAY.—Last Sunday we visited the baptismal waters at Little Glace Bay and administered the sacred rite of baptism to a candidate who felt very happy in this act of obedience. She, with two others joining by letter, were received into the church in the evening. We have earnestly desired that the Lord would bless this church and congregation, and still hope and pray that the time is near when we shall witness a greater work of grace among this people.

WILLIAM WETMORE.

ADVOCATE HARBOR.—"Many" drums round us are falling, but for the showers we plead." It has been my privilege during the last two Sabbaths to bury five happy believers with their Lord in baptism, and receive them into the fellowship of the Advocate church. Others have evinced a desire to seek Christ. We are hoping and praying that many more will be brought to know the Saviour, whom to know is life eternal.

DEA. T. W. KEIRSTEAD, of Rothesay, was with us during some special services, and with his usual earnestness, in the homes of the people, as well as in the meetings, he pointed sinners to the Lamb of God who takes away the sins of the world.

E. K. GANSON.

HEBROK.—Two were added Sunday, July 10, by baptism. Quite extensive repairs and improvements have been made on the inside of the church building and a bell weighing one thousand pounds has been swung. The building was formerly owned and controlled by new holders, some of whom were not members of the church, and the funds necessary for repairs were raised by taxing the pews. Last year, by almost unanimous consent of the pew owners, the church of incorporation was amended according to the following principles: (1) Voting power to be vested in the members of the church. (2) Voluntary offerings for raising money for repairs, etc. and (3) Free seats. The brethren, who consented to the change, deserve a great deal of credit for the sacrifice they have made, and we trust they will be more than repaid in seeing many others com-

ing in to share the blessings of God's house. Brethren of the churches, we need what you all need more than anything else, a powerful revival of religion. Let us pray for each other and labor together to this end.

F. H. LABR.

DOAKTOWN, N. B.—I wish to acknowledge through the MESSENGER AND VISITOR the kindness of the people of my charge, in making me a present of a cow, outside of my salary. May God bless the donors. We find the people throughout the field of labor very kind and hospitable. I have nothing special to report of my work at present. The interest in all our meetings is good, with good congregations. The outlook is pretty good for conversions. Brethren, pray for us.

JAMES A. PORTER.

CAVE FORMENTING.—At 3 p. m. last Lord's day (July 17) at Cadman's Corner we found the schoolhouse filled, besides a large number who could not get in. Leaving the room we went down toward the shore, where we held an open-air meeting. Bro. Stevens (lic.) gave us a practical talk from the words, "Seek ye first the kingdom of God," etc., which was appreciated by all who heard him. After the service we went still nearer the shore, where three more were baptized in obedience to the master's command. Miss Tingley of Bristol was one of the candidates. More to follow.

J. A. MARBLE.

ST. MARTIN'S.—Two were baptized here Sunday, July 10, and others will thus follow the Saviour soon. Bro. B. Waugh is with us again this summer, much to the gratification of those to whom he ministered last summer. Our Mite Society celebrated its first anniversary by a garden party at the pastor's home, on Tuesday evening, July 12. A large majority of the members of the society were present. The officers and collectors were the reception committee, and together with a special committee, who spared no pains in preparation, made the evening most enjoyable. The treasurer, Mrs. B. Waugh, read a report of the first year's work, which was most encouraging, showing \$175 raised toward the church debt.

C. W. W.

ANNAPOLIS COUNTY.—The conference of Baptists held on the 12th inst. in the historic town of Annapolis, was full of interest. The reports from the churches setting forth the missionary spirit, financial work and additions by baptism, were very encouraging. Unexpected pleasure was afforded by the presence of Rev. J. W. Manning. The memorial fund was his special point, and his plan district meetings. He was directed to Clementaville, Granville, and other points, in the interest of the cause. A number of the pastors were appointed to visit in the county and strengthen each other's hands in centennial work. The platform meeting of the evening was made bright and delightful by the excellent music of the choir; recitations by several young ladies, and the admirable missionary address delivered by Rev. J. W. Manning and the Rev. J. Burdett of the A. B. M. Union. The absence of several pastors was regretted, and special prayer offered for Revs. N. Vidito, W. C. Hildeott, A. Cogswell, and H. Achilles, residing in the county but not in active service.

J. T. EATON, Sec.
TABERNACLE, HALIFAX.—Kind friends are still remembering us in our work at "the Tabernacle." We are proving the old adage true—"A friend in need is the friend indeed." For our "strawberry festival" lovers of Zion at Berwick, Kingston, Melville Square, and Middleton kindly remembered us, and we return to each our hearty thanks. When they come to Halifax every donor will be gladly welcomed to the house in which they have so large a share. In fact we intend to make all strangers welcome, and so we plan to have free seats. Cash donations to the work since last acknowledgment are as follows: Previously acknowledged, \$287 46
North Bay, Berwick, 1 00
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Mark Curry, Esq., Windsor, 5 00
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Bessie Hume, Dartmouth, 1 00
Emma Hume, 1 00
Rev. J. T. Eaton, Lawrenceville, 2 00
Rev. W. S. Black, Fairville, 1 00
Mass., 1 00

Any sum, reader, however small, that you will send will be thankfully received and faithfully expended. Our social meetings are good, and God is giving us some souls. WM. E. HALL.

LITTLE SOUTH WEST.—Here stands a new and neat little edifice. Aside from the mill, it is the largest building in the town, and the Baptist people come together for preaching service, prayer meeting and Sabbath school, each one every Sunday, in their own and only church. Recently an old time "tea meeting" was held without a concert within the walls. Judging from the abundance of good things prepared, the attentiveness of waiters, the better things that were said and sung, and that of all the friendly feeling and the absence of anything like rudeness, those who were there pronounce it the best of the kind ever held on the Miramichi. Of the \$30 realized, \$60 goes to pay balance in full of debt on the church organ. The result of it, I am told, is to fall into the hands of that other instrument who is now here by appointment and under direction of the H. M. Board.

F. N. ATKINSON.

P. S.—The sum of \$30 is being expended at North Bay on the new church fence and improvement of grounds. The three new voices still cheer us. These should follow their Saviour further. "See, here is the water," and plenty of it, but we lack the laying on of hands.

F. N. A.

CAPE BRETON.—The following is a brief report of the work done by Rev. Peter Rhynard while visiting in Cape Breton: Soon after my arrival I had the pleasure of assisting Rev. I. Wallace at Sydney and Southport. The meetings were signally blessed, about 35 being baptized. I preached 35 sermons and received \$44. The meetings at Margaree were also blessed, some thought more than any they had for twelve years. Quite a number were hopefully converted, but only four baptized. I preached 32 sermons and received \$48.40. At Mabou I preached seven sermons and received \$5.56. At Baddeck I preached four sermons; two hopefully converted. Received from the H. M. Board \$20.04. As I may never meet these friends again I wish to thank them for their kindness and co-operation, especially

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PETER RHYNARD.

PERSOANA.

Bro. Walter S. Black, who completed his course at Newton last spring, was recently ordained pastor of the church at Russell, Mass. We are glad to learn that he is enjoying much success in his work.

Rev. J. H. Hughes, well-known to our churches, acceptably supplied the Lowell church for some weeks previously to the coming of Bro. Kempton. Bro. H. is, we learn, now in Albert County engaged in ministerial work.

Bro. C. A. Eaton, who is pursuing a course of study at Newton Theological Seminary, is most favorably known to the readers of the MESSENGER AND VISITOR, is during his present vacation, acting pastor of the church at Natick, Mass.

We regret to learn that Bro. Champion, pastor of the church at Lowell, Economy, N. S., met with an accident by which one of his ankles was badly sprained, so that he was unable to fill his appointments on the 17th inst. We hope to hear that the injury is not very serious.

NOTICES.

The annual meeting of the stockholders of the Maritime Baptist Publishing Company will be held in the vestry of the Baptist church, Bridgetown, on Saturday, August 20, at 9 a. m.

By order,
G. O. GATES, Secy. of Directors.

The Directors of the above Company are requested to meet in the same place on Friday, August 19, at 4 p. m.

G. O. GATES.

To the churches composing the N. S. Eastern Baptist Association: Blank forms have been sent to the clerks of the several churches. Will pastors and clerks—please see Year Book page 132—have your short letter written and blanks all filled and forward to me by the 12th August? By so doing I can give necessary information to the committee on the state of our denomination who will report to the Convention. And prepare a digest to be read at the association to convene at Pugwash, September 9. We want to hear from all our churches before the association meets.

T. B. LAYTON, Secy.

Great Village, July 19.

The next session of the Digby Ministerial Conference will be held at Smith's Cove, commencing August 1, at 8 p. m. with a sermon by Rev. John Williams. Tuesday morning will be occupied with prayer and reports from the churches. In the afternoon there will be a discussion of some phases of Sunday-school work led by Rev. D. H. Simpson, and an exercise of July 21: 15—by Rev. A. T. Dykeman. In the evening Rev. A. T. Dykeman will speak upon the claims of the Telugu upon the Baptists of the Maritime Provinces, and Rev. D. H. Simpson on the mission work of the century, and Mrs. D. H. Simpson on woman's work in India. A collection will be taken for the Convention Fund.

W. H. RICHAN, Sec.

Delegates intending to be present at Convention, meeting at Bridgetown on 20th, will please forward their names to either of the undersigned not later than the 10th, stating whether they intend coming by train or private conveyance. As a number of delegates will necessarily be located out of town, we have made arrangements by which a limited number, who may prefer it, can be accommodated at hotels and private boarding houses at the rate of 75c. to \$1 per day. We will secure rooms for those who wish them.

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