

Fault-finder, go repent, and pray God to take the wrinkles out of your soul and off your brow; then will your tongue be kind, and you will deserve and receive the love which now you cannot have. Cease to be a thistle and become a man instead.

### Notices.

The New Brunswick Western Association will convene with the Lower Newcastle Baptist Church, Queens county, June 28th 2.30 p. m. All churches are urgently requested to be particular in filling out the statistical part of their letters.  
C. N. BARTON, Clerk.

This paper, "The Home Mission Journal," will be given to any one who subscribes for it at any time from now until the first of July next, to the close of this year for twenty-five cents, and the back numbers of it from the first of March last will be supplied to them also, and any one paying fifty cents will get it until July 1903, a year from next July with the back numbers from last March. This is a liberal offer; who will accept it? Let us see a goodly number at once.

### Quarterly Meetings.

The Albert county Quarterly Meeting will convene with the 3rd Coverdale church, June 4th, at 2.30 o'clock, Rev. C. W. Townsend to preach the Quarterly sermon at 7.30, Rev. F. N. Atkinson to speak on temperance and the Sec'y-Treas. on missions. There are matters of importance to come before us and we would like to have a full meeting.  
F. D. DAVIDSON, Sec'y -Treas.

The Albert county Sunday School Convention will meet with the 3rd Coverdale church on Wednesday, June 5th at 2 o'clock. Will all schools send in reports to the Sec'y before that date.  
S. C. SPENCER, Sec'y.-Treas.

The next session of the Queens county, N. S., Quarterly Meeting will be held with the Baptist church at Kempt, May 28th and 29th, 1901. Let every Baptist church in the county be well represented at this annual session that it may prove a grand success.  
S. H. FREEMAN, Secretary.

The quarterly gathering of Carleton, Victoria and Madawaska Baptist churches will be held with Andover Baptist church the 2nd Friday in June (14th). Rev. W. S. Martin will preach Friday evening, Rev. C. N. Barton, Saturday evening, and Rev. A. H. Hayward the quarterly sermon. Will the delegates please send in their names to the secretary?  
R. W. DEMMINGS, Sec'y.-Treas.

### From Fredericton.

#### PASTORS OF FREDERICTON CHURCH.

**T**HE two fourteens—In 1814 at the house of Jarvis King in the city of Fredericton, fourteen brethren met together; and, having had the advice of the Rev. James Manning, and the presence and assistance of the Rev. Elijah Estabrooks, they were organized into a Baptist church which continues until this day.

In their letter to the Association which met at Chester they said:

"The dissenters in this province are generally classed in two societies—the Methodists and Newlights. Not that we wish to speak reproachfully of either; but we know that the tenets and morals of many of the latter with whom we have always had the misfortune to be classed, are so far from corresponding with his unerring word, and so derogatory to the Saviour's name, that we feel it our duty, as we are commanded, to come out from among them, and touch not the unclean thing; and though we have endeavored to do so, and, as we trust, laboring in a good cause, yet we jointly crave your able association; and we can adopt the Macedonian cry, come over and help us. As the Baptist Associations heretofore held in this Province have been rather out of the

public view, we think it would be for the glory of God and for the advancement of his kingdom in the world to have the association for the next year appointed at Fredericton. . . . We think that if the next association were held here, that when the public come to see our Reverend and religious body together, to behold the order of God's house, to mark well her bulwarks, and duly consider her palaces, that they would own that God is with us of a truth, and fully agree that the highest had established her."

At this association the first collection was taken "for the poor heathen."

Eighty-seven years ago the Fredericton church was not prepared to annihilate associations. To them they were full of majesty and power. One session in the Forest City they thought would forever free the church from the reproach of Newlightism whose morals were frayed and smeared.

Dr. Smith, in his history of the Methodists, tells us that some of the Newlights on the St. John River went into religious exercises madly grotesque. Among their pranks they rode on each other's backs; and as one of them said after being delivered from the delusion, "We rode each other and the devil rode us all."

The same gale of fanaticism swept over some parts of Cornwallis and Yarmouth. If when Harris Harding was preaching, some visionary sister in the church decided that he was not sufficiently in the spirit of the work, she would glide up into the pulpit and slip him on the back and cry out, "Where have you been gleaming today?" This was of course an allegorical form of speech, a sober common at that day. As late as 1815 the sober Thomas Handy Chapman in a sermon at Nictaux, to which Charles Tupper listened, said that the parting of the hoof of the clean animal signified the parting of the old and the new natures in the Christian. This seemed to the young disciple—Tupper—a little far fetched.

Not the next year, but not long after this the Association met at Fredericton and the city saw it. We assume the result fulfilled the hopes of of the church expressed in their letter.

Elijah Estabrooks was their first pastor. Thirteen years and a half before the organization of the Fredericton church, Joseph Crandall had immersed this Elijah and the greater part of his church. This took place at Waterbury, or Waterborough. About 1821 T. S. Harding of Wolfville preached for the one year. Help in the pulpit after this was received from Elder David James, Elder D. Dunbar, Elder E. Scott and Elder D. Earris. Then followed the pastorate of the noted Robert Davis about whom Father Manning prayed. He got his dismission from the church with difficulty. Richard McLearn did good service as a supply after Davis left.

In 1834 the Rev. Frederick William Miles became pastor. T. S. Harding was present at his recognition services and preached the sermon. In 1842 this good man passed away in the 37th year of his age. He was converted while studying at King's College, Windsor, united with the Baptist church in St. John, got a license to preach from that church, took his theological course at Newton, Mass., became pastor at St. John; and subsequently at Fredericton. He led in founding Fredericton Academy, and was its principal as long as his health permitted him to work. Richard S. Burpee was licensed to preach by this church. Charles Tupper, like Mr. Miles, acted for about three years, as pastor of the church and principal of the Seminary. He subsequently declined an invitation to the pastorate. Mr. Moody, from England, in 1839, acted as pastor for six months. In 1840, I. E. Bill became pastor and was very popular. The salary paid by the church bounded from \$400 to \$900.

In 1841 a meeting house 70 feet by 41 was finished. July 1841, William Hall and a Mr. Sandford were ordained in the church as evangelists. The former acted as pastor at Fredericton for some months after Mr. Bill returned to Nictaux. Mr. Bill was urged to return; but declined. Then Mr. Hall accepted a call to the pastorate. In 1845 Samuel Elder accepted a call to the pastoral office. In 1851 he declined a call to the Germain street church, St. John. Rev. J. D. Casewell followed Elder, who like Mr. Miles, was taken away to his eternal rest in early manhood. T. H. Monroe got a license from this church to preach. The pulpit was supplied by John Francis for a time, after Mr. Casewell resigned. George Secley and H. P. Guilford fol-

lowed each other in the pastorate. After this a Mr. Dewhurst and David McKeen were invited to take the pastorate, but both seemed to have declined.

For some years J. C. Hurd was the shepherd of the flock. He resigned in 1864. Then followed the joint pastorate of Dr. Spurden and Dr. J. E. Hopper. After this came T. H. Porter and S. J. Stevens. Miles, Elder, Porter and Stevens, four young men of remarkable worth, were cut down in their youth. Their names are fragrant. Only yesterday I took the Bible in a lowly family to read for prayers. In that Bible I saw a circular distributed at the time of the death of A. J. Stevens. I quote from this circular—"His first sermon to the church was from the text—I count all things but loss, etc." His last sermon—text—"to die is gain."

"Faithful in visiting his people, not willingly neglecting any; but sure to go where his kind offices were most needed. Hence the poor, the sick and the troubled were ever the objects of his solicitude."

Then came F. D. Crawley and Mr. Freeman, both loved and remembered. Now the church is praying in public and in private for the pastor who has gone to Germain street, and the one who is coming to Fredericton on the first of July. Mr. MacDonald can rest in the assurance that he is coming to a united people, hearty in calling him, and who will be hearty in co-operating with him. Mr. Crawley and Mr. Freeman live here in the hearts of the people; but there is abundance of room for Mr. MacDonald and his family. The field is large and inviting. There is much to be done; but active co-operation is the normal state of the church; and no pastor is expected to work alone. Among those who are locking with pleasure for the Rev. J. H. McDonald is Mr. Randolph, whose health seems quite as good as it was last July. He can sit on his veranda on fine days; and expects soon to drive out in his carriage. His interest in the church is just as full and sweet as ever. Other invalids, among whom are the widow of Deacon David Estabrooks and the wife of Deacon Clark, will be glad to make the acquaintance of the new pastor who will cheer them with their visits.—M. & V.

### Quarterly Meeting.

The Westmorland Quarterly meeting convened with the Fort Elgin Baptist church, Rev. R. Barry Smith being the pastor on the 14th inst., pursuant to notice. Delegates were present from the Salisbury, Havelock, Dorchester, Sackville, Cookville and Port Elgin churches. The officers were elected as follows:—President, Rev. J. W. Brown; Vice-president, Deacon Charles A. Read; Sec'y.-Treasurer, F. W. Emmerson. The subject of procuring supply occasionally for the pastorless and weak churches within the confines of this Quarterly Meeting was discussed and a committee composed of Rev. E. B. McLatchy, Rev. J. W. Brown and F. W. Emmerson was appointed to look after the same.

At the Tuesday evening session the President, Rev. J. W. Brown, preached a most excellent sermon from the text Isaiah 59:1, at the close of which a short evangelist service was held, led by Brother Frank O. Erb, (Lic).

On Wednesday morning a devotional meeting of half an hour, led by Bro. Charles E. Knapp was held.

The Sec'y. Treas. was directed to forward all funds of the Quarterly Meeting on hand at the close of these sessions to the Treasurer of the Denominational Funds in N. B., to be divided equally between Home and Foreign Missions and to specify in his report to said Treasurer the several amounts paid at each of the Quarterly Meetings—less the respective expenses thereof.

Rev. J. E. Tiner and our officers were appointed an executive committee to secure a place of meeting for our next sessions and to prepare a program therefor. The following motion was unanimously passed, viz:

"That an executive committee be appointed from the Quarterly Meeting, whose power as far as this Quarterly Meeting is concerned shall be to give all information desired as to destitute fields within their borders—amount of financial assistance really needed to support preaching among them—and to investigate as far as they are able, the character of men who may be desir-