

diseases elephantiasis. But Job was not left in his misery. When he had contradicted the evil slander, that he was serving God for gain, and had satisfied himself as to the disinterestedness of his piety, the Lord turned his captivity, and gave him prosperity double to what he had previously enjoyed.

This patriarchal hero has been immortalized by some unknown author. Who he was is a mystery, but of his gifts there can be no doubts.

He was a dramatist of a high order of ability, for he seems to have taken the probably scant traditions of the patriarch of Uz, which had been handed down through successive generations, and wove them into a dramatic poem of surpassing beauty and strength. The author was evidently a Jew, hence the incorporation of his book into the canon of the Jewish Scriptures. The author would seem to have lived in the later days of the Jewish monarchy. The advanced doctrine of the Book, its literary style, and the high ideal of character it portrays, all seem to indicate that the Book was written in an age of such culture and refinement as the century preceding the captivity is known to have been.

The author was careless of immortality for himself, except the immortality of influence, for he committed his poem to the world without a name. But not so did he feel with reference to the patriarch himself. Such loyalty to God, such fidelity to conviction, such patience in suffering, as he manifested, the author deemed worthy of immortalization, so he set them forth in a deathless drama, and bequeathed the production to the world.

(To be continued.)

## Religious News.

### BAILLIE

We have not had many members in this field, but the congregations are good. At present at Moore's Mills there are only three Baptists. I have only taken that in during the winter, but do not yet know whether I can in summer or not. We have not had any baptisms, but some have professed conversion and expect to be baptized in the spring. We have a great many poor people here. I found some of the buildings in debt and since my coming we have raised over \$200 for that purpose. Most of the Sunday schools are kept open during the winter.

C. J. STEEVES.

### GERMANTOWN.

There are nineteen families favoring our views on this field. The work has been materially interfered with by the repairs going on. The old ceiling has been removed and covered with matched stuff and painted. Unavoidable delays were occasioned for a time through want of material and also want of workmen. These difficulties have at last been overcome and we are now in good order again.

T. BISHOP.

### MUSQUASH.

With this report closes my first year work on this field. At the annual business meeting recently held the church requested that I remain another year and I have decided to continue. In the special meetings held owing to extreme changes in the weather we were much hindered, yet our outlook is hopeful. There are two Sabbath schools in the field.

W. M. FIELD.

### JEMSEG.

Rev. J. Bennett Anderson has been here several weeks and still continues special meetings. Services have also been held in Wickham, Macdonald Corner, Lower Cambridge and Mill Cove. Over eighty have been baptized on profession of faith in Christ. Large audiences attend at every service and a deeper interest has been manifested than for some time hitherto. The Queens County Quarterly meeting meets at Jemseg on the 10th inst.

An extensive revival is reported as in progress at Freeport, Digby Co., N. S. Many are professing conversion.

Rev. E. H. Howe is pastor of the Freeport Church. He is a native of Hammond Vale, Kings Co., N. B. We congratulate him on his success in the ministry of the word, in the sister province.

Rev. York A. King formerly Providence, R. I. well known in New Brunswick is enjoying good success in his work as pastor of the Roger Williams Church, Providence. Several have professed conversion, and there has come a spirit of co-operation between church and pastor which will undoubtedly produce excellent results. Sixteen candidates were baptized on February 3th, making a total of twenty-two recently added to the church.

We insert the following from the *Boston Watchman*:

Rev. W. G. Corey of the North Springfield, Vermont, church, has labored here more than half a year, and sees signs of promise. The church has been weakened financially by removals but still meets its obligations promptly, and makes great exertions to keep up its benevolence. The Sunday-school averages eighty to ninety. The meeting-house is attractive. The ladies have recently put a fine new range in the parsonage.

### MINNESOTA, MANITOBA.

In a recent note, Rev. F. W. Patterson, our former General Missionary in this province, thus writes his impression: concerning the work in the prairie province:

"I arrived four weeks ago, and I think I can safely say I have learned more of the difficulties here than I could have done in a much larger time from reports alone. One has only to see the fields to be convinced that genuine Christians are scarce.

Here in Minnesoda we have about 1,200 people of whom fully one half seldom go to church. If all the church buildings were full not over one half of the people could be accommodated. There are at present five ministers resident in the town.

In company with a visiting brother I went in to one of the services here. The talk was along secular lines, and even when some of us who were present tried to get the leader on the track of the pure gospel he soon found his way off again, and got into a slough of gush of nonsense. Sloughs are very numerous here. They are deep holes in the prairies filled with dead water. The term is pronounced slews here.

The members of this sister body, usually considered evangelical in the east, often forsake the meetings of their church for the curling rink, which is after all not much to be wondered at, seeing he who should be their leader, works himself on the same principle.

There are numerous settlements around this place in which I am in hopes good can be done. I have already got on the trail of a number whose people were Baptists in the east. I thank God for the experience I had already gained in the work in New Brunswick.

There are, I believe, Baptists scattered all through these settlements if one could only find them. I am convinced that what is needed here is the pure gospel. Beautiful nothings don't go for anything in Christian work. The people won't listen to them, but it has been proved that they will come and hear the gospel of the grace of God.

Our people just here are for the most part spiritual minded. It is a delight to minister to them in the Divine life. We worship as yet in the town hall, but hope to have a church building in a few months. Our members give nobly. One of our deacons, whose wages are but \$45 a month, gives \$40 a year to the current expenses of the church. He also contributes liberally to mission work of the denomination, and has subscribed \$50 for the church building. He has besides a family to keep, and living here is expensive. I call this giving.

My health is better than it has been for some time. I think the air here will agree with me. Trusting that the work at home is abundantly prospering and that my brethren there are enjoying much blessing temporal and spiritual, I am cordially yours.

F. W. PATTERSON.

Rev. Marco Mezzuca, a priest of the Italian Catholic Church, has abandoned Romanist views and entered the Baptist ministry. A council was called at the Calvary Church, New Haven, Con-

necticut, last December and an ordination service was held in both English and Italian. Rev. T. A. T. Hanna was the moderator and Rev. E. C. Sage D. D. Clerk. Rev. P. DeCards of Stamford, Connecticut, also a converted Italian, addressed the Italians present at the council in their own language. There is also another Italian Baptist laborer in the same state.

We clip the following from a recent *Watchman*:

A call has reached Rev. I. W. Porter, at Valley Falls, from the church at Bar River, Annapolis County, Nova Scotia. This is a church of 500 members in a country town, and offers to Mr. Porter a large opportunity to serve the gospel. He accepts, and hands in his resignation here on Sunday, Feb. 25th, and will close his service at the end of March. He leaves the Valley Falls, Connecticut Church in a much better condition than when he came to it, and he will carry with him the appreciation of his brethren in the ministry as well.

Rev. A. B. Rudd, missionary of the American Baptist Home Mission Society in Ponce, Porto Rico, gives an interesting account of the first baptisms on his field. The eagerness of the people to hear the gospel is wonderful: "Our congregations have grown to considerable proportions. The rear end of my hall I had cut off for an office of study, where I might keep books and receive callers. Two weeks ago we held a series of meetings, during which I found it necessary to take down our divisions and throw the whole room into one service hall. I can now seat 180, but need more room. On November 5th I baptized eleven candidates, the first fruits of our labors in Ponce. Nov. 19th, I added seven more to the list of baptized, and to-night we hope to organize those eighteen into a church. More than 100 have asked for baptism, but I am afraid to go too fast. The first baptisms were witnessed by some 300 persons, who were eager to see how Christ was baptized."

## Home Mission Board.

The monthly session of the Board was held in Brussels Street Church on the 13th inst.

Reports were read from New Maryland and Carignan from First Johnston, Cole's Island, and Musquash, and communications were also read from Bros. Wright, Muuro, Webber, Parent, Gardner, and Young.

In answer to the communication from St. Andrews it was resolved that the Secretary write asking for further information before assistance should be given.

The churches of the Upper Queenbury group were also to be urged to keep together as before in order to support a pastor on the field.

The usual quarterly grants falling due for the month were ordered paid.

The matter of church incorporation having been brought up through reference to a proposed bill now before the legislature it was resolved that in all such cases the term "Baptist" should be regarded a sufficient designation, without further additions.

W. E. McIntyre, Secretary.

## Queens County Quarterly Meeting.

The regular session of this gathering was held with the Jemseg church, opening on the 9th inst. Ministers present were: A. B. Macdonald, G. W. Springer, J. Coombs and E. K. Ganong. On Saturday afternoon an interesting conference was held, in which a large number took part. The evening session was given to Home Mission, the speakers being Bros. J. D. Colwell, J. Coombs, G. W. Springer, C. W. Pierce and A. Perry of Havelock. The sermon on Sunday morning was preached by Elder A. B. Macdonald, and was rich in the grace and truth of the gospel.

At 3 p. m. the session was given to addresses on Sabbath Schools. Eros, Macdonald, Coombs, Ganong and Perry were the speakers.

On Sabbath evening the W. M. A. Societies of the County conducted a Foreign Missionary meeting. Mrs. C. W. Pierce, County Secretary, presided and also read an excellent paper. Reports were presented from various Aid Societies of the County, after which addresses on