

Rev. R. H. Thomas acknowledging receipt of one of our premium "Bibles" writes:—
"It is a fine, large-print edition and of rare value for the money. As a premium for Messengers and Visitors it is placed within the reach of many. I am hoping that this best of all offers yet made by our paper will result not only in an increased circulation of the paper, but also in supplying a large number with a desirable copy of a Bigger Bible."

A Suggestion.

I have no doubt that the Amnity Board are willing to introduce such changes in the management of their work as may be considered consistent with the popularity and solidarity of the of the association. This is shown by the circular which is now being distributed among our ministers. I have no doubt, however, that the matter will be discussed at Convention; but discussion is not so much needed as mature counsel and helpful suggestions. A half dozen practical hints or suggestions is, it seems to me, what is needed. My object in writing is to offer one such suggestion; for it might escape notice even in a prolonged discussion of the subject. I suggest that the elements of business and of charity be separated. That an attempt be made to ascertain how much the amnity should be entitled to receive in consideration of the annual ten dollars fee. If this were determined it could be put down as a guaranteed amount, and the amount to be expected from benevolence could be stated with less definiteness. The chief advantage to be derived from the separation of these elements would lie in the better accommodation of the institution to the case of those who are able to move outside the bounds of the convention. The only provision made for such at present is that they may receive one half the amount they have paid into the society. This may seem unfair to those who are required to benefit from connection with the institution, but the principle might be reversed in its application to others. If the amount due from the ten dollars annual fee could be determined it might be paid just as well when the amnity had labored outside the convention as when he had worked within its limits; and the amounts to be received from the benevolence of our people could be divided among those who on account of residence at home, would be entitled to it. I believe that the absence of some arrangement like this has contributed to the neglect of our young men in settling with the society so less than these special appeals for charity through the columns of the Messengers and Visitors. Any young man who is ordained over one of our churches cannot say whether his next pastorate will be in the Northwest Territory or in the State of Pennsylvania. D. B. McQuarrie.

Shelburne County Quarterly Meeting.

The annual gathering of this organization was held with the church at Jordan Falls, on the fourth and fifth of August. All Baptist churches in the county were represented by seven clergymen and an unusually full delegation of lay members. The most of our people in Shelburne county do not find it convenient to attend associations or conventions, but they can always get to the Quarterly meeting. Everyone comes who can, because we are absolutely sure to receive a special blessing. On this occasion the sermons and addresses appeared to touch high water mark, while the choral singing of Rev. C. I. McLean and missionary hymns in its character were fairly inspiring. The meetings began with a half hour business session, during which important matters were arranged, which is likely to result in more effective work on the part of our denomination in this county. Reports from the churches revealed a condition of healthy and pushing activity. Baptisms have occurred during the quarter at Lockport, Port Clyde, Cape Negro Island and Wood's Harbor. The labors of missionary Hardy have been especially owned of God and large results will soon be reported. The meeting closed with a genuine Quarterly meeting prayer service, conducted by Father Carpenter. The first hour of the afternoon was devoted to B. Y. P. U. interests. The very interesting session was led by Rev. Ernest Quirk, of Louisville, Kentucky. There were addresses by Rev. N. S. Dunn, Rev. C. I. McLean and Rev. A. F. Browne. The rest of the afternoon was devoted to an old fashioned conference meeting, directed by Rev. N. S. Dunn. Those who have attended all of these gatherings declare that the spirituality of this hour was fully equal to the very best in all the history of the Shelburne County Quarterly meeting. In the evening Rev. N. S. Dunn preached an excellent sermon from the words "Behold the man" and the day closed with an evangelistic service led by Pastor McLean. On Wednesday four meetings were not too many for the enthusiastic delegates. At 6.30 a. m. Deason Strong conducted a beautiful prayer meeting. At 10 a. m. temperance came on deck, with addresses by A. C. B. Pitt, Father Carpenter and Rev. A. F. Browne. These speeches were all well received. The address of Mr. Pitt proved especially attractive and logical. The next Sunday's lesson was well taught by Rev. N. S. Dunn, and brought out a great many valuable ideas. In the afternoon the Woman's Aid Societies had their hour, with President Williams in the chair. If any one wants to know the secret of Baptist success in Shelburne county they have only to attend one of these meetings. All but three of our thirteen churches have Aid Societies, and all are brim full of energetic spiritual activity. The missionary service was addressed by missionary Hardy, Rev. A. F. Browne and Rev. N. S. Dunn. In the evening Rev. C. I. McLean preached the Quarterly sermon, a very sympathetic and effective discourse. The farewell meeting was led by brother Hardy. Some eight or ten were converted. Pastor Babes will continue special services. Next meeting at Sable River. Collection for denominational work \$27.50. AMNITY SECRETARY.

They say Sir Edward Clarke's retainer on receiving the Jameson brief was 500 guineas, while every day he had a retainer of 100 guineas.

Queens County District Meeting.

On Tuesday, Aug. 4th, the Queens County District Meeting convened with the Rev. Medway church, Mr. N. Herman pastor. The church was tastefully decorated with flowers and potted plants, which added to the brightness of the beautiful little church. The morning session opened with devotional service, led by Bro. Newcombe, pastor of the church at Kempt, which lasted for one hour, in which the presence of the Holy Spirit was graciously manifested. After a few remarks from the president the meeting adjourned to meet at 2 p. m. The afternoon session opened with a short devotional service, led by C. I. Forbes, Lic. Then were heard the reports from the different churches and societies. The reports were interesting and showed that good work in many lines of service is being done by the Lord's people in this county. Bro. Newcombe spoke of the assistance rendered him by Bro. Marple. A large number have been converted and added to the church. Bro. Newcombe recommended him to any field needing special assistance. Rev. Z. L. Fash spoke of the help received from Bro. Marple. He had been lifted up and will go on. Rev. C. H. Day spoke of the great need of a settled pastor for the Milton church. Bro. Creed then made a few remarks which were very interesting to all present. A short discussion followed in regard to union schools, in which several engaged. An exchange of ideas on benevolence, and of the higher knowledge opinion becomes a fund for future use. The evening session opened with singing by the choir. After the minutes were read Bro. Newcombe gave an address on "Missions." We trust that the address was the means of inspiring missionary zeal in all present. Then Rev. Mr. Sidwell spoke of the address on "Authority." The last speaker, Rev. C. H. Day, spoke on "Catholicism in Quebec," which was listened to with rapid attention. An after meeting was held in which many took part. The service was one of power. We then bid farewell to the friends who had so kindly entertained us at their homes, and went our several ways. C. I. Forbes, Lic., Port Medway, Aug. 4. Sec. pro. tem.

Digby County Quarterly Meeting.

The Digby County Quarterly meeting met at Little River, July 22nd, according to appointment. There were only three pastors and but few delegates present. The conference meeting occupied all the forenoon and was much enjoyed by all. The afternoon session opened with social service, after which business was taken up. In absence of president, Pastor Allaby was chosen chairman, G. C. Crabbe, secretary. Reports were heard from about half the churches in the county. The report from the French Mission was of an encouraging nature. It was decided to hold next meeting at Roseway; papers on Home Missions to be read by Pastors Dykes and Crabbe. The following resolution, moved by Dr. Morse, was unanimously passed: In view of the resignation of Pastor Allaby, of Freeport, for the purpose of engaging in pastoral work, the meeting, on motion of Dr. Morse, adopted a resolution expressing its confidence in, and high appreciation of, the brother as a gentleman and a christian and recommending him to the sympathy and fellowship of the denomination. He may be called to labor as an earnest and consecrated servant of Jesus Christ. Neither of the papers on Foreign Missions were presented, thus much was taken from the interest of this session. We met again in the evening when the secretary, who had been appointed in the absence of Pastor Nobles, to preach, spoke on "Our obligation in the light of the Great Commission." Pastors Morse and Allaby followed with helpful remarks along some lines after which we proceeded to set apart to the office of deacons, by the laying on of hands, three brethren whom the church had previously chosen for these positions. The Scriptures, bearing on the deacon and his office, were read by Pastor Allaby and appropriate remarks made; ordaining prayer, by Pastor Crabbe; charge to the church, by Pastor Morse. This ended a pleasant and profitable session of fellowship with the brethren. The beautiful village where Baptists are "monarchs of all they survey." G. C. CRABBE, Sec'y pro tem.

An Acceptable Gift.

A member of the Little Mira Bay church handed us one of the dollars the other day to be equally divided between the Grande Ligne Mission and the great work that our brethren are doing in Manitoba and the Northwest. Are there not others amongst us who could give to some department of the great mission we have on hand without depriving themselves or those dependent upon them of one of the necessities of life? Brethren this is a time of need for all our missions. Let it be a time of liberality. G. C. CRABBE, Sec'y pro tem.

Delegates to the Convention at Berwick, going via St. John and Digby and taking the "Bluenose" at Digby, will be landed by that train at their destinations.

There is reason to believe that Great Britain and Russia have arrived at an understanding to save the Armenians and Cretans from further outrages by Turkey. France, it is said, concurs in the arrangements, which provides probably that a British fleet shall protect Crete, and Russia shall send military residents to the principal towns of Armenia, keeping an army within their call.

DENOMINATIONAL NEWS.

HILLABILL, HAMMOND, N. B.—Sunday, Aug. 9th, a good day. Mr. and Mrs. David Fowler were baptized and united with us. More will follow. R. M. BYRON.

SALT SPRINGS, N. B.—Aug. 9, it was our happy privilege to baptize and welcome into the church here Mrs. Charles Allaby and Miss McKenney. More will follow. R. M. BYRON.

ST. MARGARET'S BAY.—It was our happy privilege to receive seven into the fellowship of the 1st St. Margaret's Bay church by baptism on Sunday, Aug. 2, and on Sunday, July 12, one was received into the 2nd St. Margaret's Bay church. We feel to thank God and take courage. MATTHEW W. BROWN.

PENNYFIELD, N. B.—Rev. T. M. Munro recently visited this field on invitation, and as a result of the visit he has been given a call to settle with the Penfield and Beaver Harbor churches. Bro. Munro has the best wishes of the whole community, and it is hoped that his labors here will prove a mutual blessing. A. C. POOL, Church Clerk.

Aug. 12. JAMESON, QUEENS CO.—Since our pastor, the Rev. W. W. Townsend, has been with us, quite a missionary spirit has been manifested. On the 2nd day of July a Mission Band of fourteen members was organized with the following officers: Mrs. C. D. Dykeman, President; Hattie Spring, Vice President; Jessie E. McDonald, Treasurer; Doris L. Dykeman, Secretary. This band has begun actual work. D. L. D. Sec.

Aug. 9. POINT DE BUTE.—Aug. 2 was a day of gladness to the brethren and sisters of Point de Bute church, when in the presence of a large assembly Mr. Nathan Miner, and his son Lloyd, Mrs. Sydney Chapell and her daughter, Mrs. Moore, were baptized into Jesus Christ. Sister Chapell is seventy-three, yet was able to firmly obey her Lord. Through the faithfulness of a few brethren and sisters in this place, a prayer meeting and Sunday school are sustained. We pray that the Lord may abundantly reward them. C. F. WILSON.

SPRINGFIELD, P. E. I.—Last Sabbath we met at Lot 7, shore, "because there was much water there" to baptize on good evidences of their faith in Christ. Mrs. Edward Day, Maggie Day, Maggie White, Minnie Woodside, Ernest Carey. We hope to see others following their Master in obedience to His command. "If ye love me, keep my commandments." "Ye are my friends if ye do whatever I command you." Bro. Blackie, brethren, on this western part of the island. PASTOR.

Aug. 7. SAINT MARTIN'S, N. B.—At the regular prayer-meeting held in the vestry of the Baptist church, a letter was read from Rev. W. J. Thompson, pastor, tendering his resignation to this church to take effect on the first Sunday in September, which was accepted. For some time past Mr. Thompson has had this matter under consideration. During his pastorate here he has suffered considerable trouble from throat trouble which he attributes to the strong sea air and fog, prevalent on the shores of the Bay of Fundy. We wish the reverend gentleman and Mrs. Thompson every success in their new field of labor. W. H. MORAN.

HANTON, N. S.—As news from the churches is always interesting I will send a few lines from this place. I have resigned my charge of this field after five years of pleasant labor. As I survey the field at the present time it seems to me to present a splendid opportunity for work. Since coming here I have been permitted to see the membership of the church about doubled, and the debt on the parsonage nearly wiped out. The debt at the present time is a few dollars in the hall, and after refreshments had been passed around, Bro. Pickels read a very kind and tender address, at the same time presenting to me, on behalf of the church, with a well filled purse. Mrs. H. Jones with me in expressing our gratitude for the valuable presents we have received from friends in the village just on the eve of our departure. May God bless them one and all. GEO. HOWARD.

HANTON, N. S.—We can report all departments of church work in a healthy condition. Although our numbers are taking place we seem to be retaining much of the revival spirit in our meetings and expect to see good results when we shall again make special effort. The church is united and working in harmony. At a recent business meeting a unanimous vote was passed asking me to remain another year as pastor of the church in connection with studies at Acadia in the Senior year. This will mean much hard work, but I hope with occasional assistance to be able to pull through. We hope to dedicate our new meeting-house at Mt. Denison, next month. When completed it will be a credit upon the faithful few there who so courageously began under the leadership of Pastor McGregor, and have as persistently continued until they shall soon dedicate free of debt. D. E. HATT.

PORT ELGIN, N. B.—The meetings of the association were a blessing to the church and community. If every session of the association generally convened would leave as good an impression upon the locality as did this one the communities would be loaded with invitations. It is not such a burden as some of the churches imagine that it is to entertain; and the blessings which will result from the gathering of the representatives of the various churches will repay a thousand fold. The Lord was in all. The Lord's servants were and said the right thing and left us higher in the estimation of the public. In the report of the association mention is made of the dedication of a new church at Bayville. It should be Upper Cape. Mr. Harvey Allen, the generous benefactor of the community and denomination, is not yet a member, but his wife is a worthy member of the church. She was for years the only one who held to Baptist principles against strong invitation to unite with others. There is now quite an interest in the place. The lesson is let others do likewise. "Buy the truth and sell it not." The meeting

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house at Bayville has received three coats of paint and presents a neat appearance inside and out. The church has now a prayer meeting and Sunday school. C. F. WILSON.

COCKVILLE, WESTMORELAND CO.—Last spring in our regular preaching services five professed faith in Christ. Two young men and three women; two of whom had been Methodists for years. On March 1st these five were baptized in baptism by Rev. C. F. Wilson. We held some special services at that time, in which some few of God's lambs that had strayed away on the barren mountains, returned to the green pastures, and since that time have been going in and out among us, and now are among our most earnest workers. A little later two young women found the Saviour precious and although greatly opposed and persecuted, yet they set their faces like a flint, determined to follow their Saviour. These were baptized by Rev. W. C. Vincent. Last Lord's day, sister Annie Hargraves followed her Saviour in baptism. She is the first one I have been permitted to baptize, and it has brought much joy to my heart. I am so glad that I am now permitted to obey the full command in the great commission, Matt. 28:18-20. Since March 1st eight have been added to our church by baptism, two by experience and three by letters. Our Sunday school, which was organized the first Sunday in May, is well attended. God has honored us in coming out from the Methodist Sunday school, and we determine to hold up to the young the plain truths for which Baptists are despised. Brethren pray for us that the good work of leading souls into the true light may continue. W. A. A.

JACKSONVILLE AND JACKSONTOWN.—As we have not asked much of the Messengers and Visitors' space for the past year, perhaps a few words respecting our work on this field may be of interest to its many readers. Since our last report we have been pursuing our work quietly and with at least some evidences of Divine favor. The members of the church of the pastor for nearly three months last winter, on account of ill health, was a serious break in the continuity of our efforts, from which we have scarcely yet recovered. Although there have been no unusual changes in the condition of the Jacksonville and Jacksonton churches, the outlook is not altogether lacking in encouragement. On July 19th Bro. Frank Miles was baptized and received along with his wife into membership with the Jacksonville church. During the year our people have sustained their reputation for the thoughtfulness of their pastor's welfare, in the regular donations and many acts of kindness which cannot easily be numbered or estimated in dollars and cents. A little over a year ago Avondale was, by invitation of the church there, included as a regular preaching station of this field. From the first the prospect has been an encouraging one to the pastor, and as early as last fall, through a little special effort, a movement was inaugurated looking toward the erection of a church edifice. Subscriptions amounting to \$400 in cash and \$100 in kind, in labor and material, have been secured. Since then the lumber gotten out. It is proposed to have the house completed early next summer. Feeling that the work is ripe for some special effort at Avondale, a series of meetings were begun about the latter part of June with the efficient assistance of Bro. A. F. Baker. The work was the Lord's was early shown by the faithful preaching of "Christ crucified." Isaac A. Harlor is "beautiful for situation." Sixty years ago Simon Giffin moved to this place, and soon after established a prayer meeting and Sunday school, both of which have flourished ever since. John McMillan was the first white man born here. The two names, Giffin and McMillan, stand prominent as pillars of the Baptist church at Isaac's Harbor. The spirituality of the people has been attested by Bro. H. H. Hargraves, Rev. A. J. Vincent, is manifestly a power as a preacher of the Gospel and a leader of the people. Baptists follow every monthly conference. Country Harbor, St. Mary's and Graham are interested in Bro. F. Bishop, B. A. Lic., as their pastor, for the summer at least. He is a good preacher and has at his back a good number of excellent christian men and women. At Country Harbor they labor under the disadvantage of not having a place of worship of their own. The Presbyterians and Methodists have kindly given them the use of theirs for the present. At Port Hildred it was not any privilege to meet Bro. Field, Lic., who has been supplying the pulpit of late; but he goes to pursue his studies and they will soon be without a pastor. They are a fine church and ought not to be long without some one to lead it. Bro. The Baptist interest is strong throughout the county, and we may well hope to feel the force of their spirituality and benevolence in all our denominational work. They also appreciate our Baptist Book Room and are always ready to aid it by their patronage and their contributions.

Aug. 10. JOHN CHAMBERLAIN, FUNERAL DIRECTOR AND EMBALMER, 164 MILL ST., ST. JOHN, N. B.

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Early Wednesday morning the Seneca portion of the Seneca, Aris, was attacked by sixty Yagui Indians, religious fanatics. A little followed, lasting four hours. Several Indians were killed and one wounded. Four Mexicans were also killed.

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