

## Ontario Letter.

January has dealt kindly with us. We have had an unusually mild season. Our first sleighing has just appeared, and everybody who can find a pair of runners or something to draw them is taking advantage of the opportunity.

The farmers whose grain has been lying in the barn and whose wood has been lying in the lane, waiting a chance to move, are redeeming the time and forming proceeds into cash.

The principal items of interest this month are annual church meetings and resignations. Five of our strongest pastorates are falling vacant, and several smaller ones are following in their wake. This means that some unsteady pastors will begin to vacillate, some settled pastors will be unsettled and some further vacancies will occur.

## A LIVELY TRIP

did this writer take recently from Port Hope to Port Colborne. A start was made on Thursday, Jan. 23rd, and at noon of that day I sat in the great St. James Cathedral in Toronto and listened to a noble discourse on "Life worth living," by Rev. W. H. Aitken, of England. The 500 men who left their business places for a half-hour got a goodly sight, worth thinking about. At 2.30 p. m. the same day, the Foreign Mission Board met at the Rooms and considered various matters. Letters were read from the newly arrived missionaries, and the programme for the May Convention was partially arranged. St. Catherine's was reached at 7.30, and there I found 160 of the flower of Ontario and Quebec gathered in convention under the auspices of the Y. M. C. A. It was a goodly sight, those bright young men, giving their energy and their talent to God's service. Friday afternoon found us on the way to Port Colborne, the scene of my first pastorate. That night I stood before one of the noblest audiences on earth, and talked to the people who by their kindness made the first years of my ministry blessed. On Sunday, Jan. 26th, it was my good fortune to preach the anniversary sermon to overflowing congregations. It was a season of such fellowship as only the Lord's people can enjoy. It is nine years since I left Port Colborne and this was my eighth return visit.

## WOODSTOCK COLLEGE

is having one of the best terms in its history. There are 116 students enrolled, 93 of whom are foreigners. In age, 2 are thirteen; 7 are fourteen; 37 are fifteen and twenty; 50 are twenty and over; the average age is 19. This school has an honorable history, and is still making history. It is gratifying to see that our Baptist people are thinking of the school. There is not a boy's academy in the province with a better attendance or doing better work.

## FOUNDER'S DAY

was observed at McMaster University, Toronto, on Friday evening, Dec. 20, in honor of the late Senator McMaster, who built McMaster Hall, and endowed the College. The building is always beautiful, but on this evening it was gorgeous; the students having filled every square yard with bunting and banners. A banquet was served at one o'clock, and the students and guests feasted until three o'clock. The toast list was then begun and as there were twenty-five speakers representing all sorts of institutions, it was after six o'clock when the speaking ended.

The dining hall was then closed and at eight o'clock the public were admitted. The first part of the programme consisted of devotions by Rev. Chas. Eaton, of Bloor St., an address by Chancellor Wallace on the object and purpose of the day, and an address by the writer, who spoke on the true Ideal of Education. The remainder of the evening was given to vocal and orchestral music, stereoscopic views, and a humorous programme rendered by the students. Chancellor Wallace is laying hold vigorously and the impulse of his presence is felt in every department.

## OBTAIN

Rev. R. G. Boville has resigned at Hamilton, after a pastorate of over six years.

Rev. Geo. Anderson died recently in Hamilton, aged 74. He was born in Scotland, but lived some time in Providence, R. I. Later he was appointed a gardener at the White House, Washington, D. C. He came to Canada thirty years ago and lived near in Hamilton. He was at one time assistant pastor with Rev. D. Stewart in the James St. church, Hamilton. He leaves a widow, three sons and three daughters.

Rev. B. Davis has resigned at Sparrow.

Rev. R. W. Kelley goes to Hillsburgh.

Rev. C. H. Emerson leaves Onondaga for Wentworth St., Hamilton.

Rev. T. A. P. Frost has accepted a call to Calgary in the Northwest Territory.

Rev. J. H. Sowby resigns at Chatham, Port Hope, Jan. 29. P. K. D.

## Manitoba and Northwest Missions.

## PROGRESS, PROSPECTS, PRESENT NEEDS.

In 1873 our pioneer missionary settled in Winnipeg, then a town of 600 inhabitants. He found one Baptist near the town, and two others sixty miles away. Winnipeg has now nearly 35,000 inhabitants, and four Baptist churches, and several missions, and a large number of Baptist churches in the country, with a total membership of 3,000. There are probably 500 others, whose membership is yet in churches in other parts. Over 500 were added to our churches last year, and we are hopeful of 1,000 being added this year.

We have twenty-eight settled missionaries, and about a dozen students ready for fields in the spring. The work began amongst English-speaking people. Now, besides working amongst various classes of English-speaking people, we reach out to Germans, Russians, Danes, Swedes, Norwegians, and Indians, and have converts from amongst the Indian leaders and priests. In 1874 the first meeting-house was built. In the last four years we have expended nearly \$90,000 in building and buying meeting-houses, and this does not include the value of the lots on which they are built. We have now thirty-seven, and

several in course of erection. So much for the progress, most of which has been made in the last ten years, and the momentum is increasing in proportion to the enlargement of the body.

## THE PROSPECT.

If the present needs are met the outlook is inspiring. If we gain the situation now the day is won.

Look out on those broad, fertile fields. See the double tide of immigration rolling in by the cradles and the cars. See the noisy houses dotting the plains, and the big families sweeping the districts around the homesteads. See the great colonies of Germans and Scandinavians, like swarms of bees, and the Stundists and Russians and others who were driven to our country by persecution in their native land. See them singing, "From every mountain side let freedom ring."

See our towns and cities rising. Hear the constant sound of the workmen's hammers repairing homes for the surging throngs. But in the present, we see it now. From this standpoint look out into the future and tell us what you see. A mighty nation. Remember we are shaping the destiny of this nation now.

From what we have already gained as a denomination in the country our prospects are bright with promise and the Baptists of Canada will regret it some day if they let their present opportunity slip away.

## PRESENT NEEDS.

\$2,000 to pay our debt, and this is needed at once, as our missionaries are unpaid to that amount. Are there not some wealthy friends who can send me \$100 or even less, each, to wipe this debt out and give us a chance to advance. Unless relief comes soon much of what we have gained will be lost. And after all our sacrifice and toil, must we stand by and see it go and hear the echo of our cry for help return to ourselves, \$2,000 in debt. It is said the times are hard, and this cry has gone round until multitudes of professed Christians feel that they need not give for times are hard and it should not be expected of them. I see about the same amount as usual spent for social gatherings, parties, useless toys, tobacco, etc. There is money, and it is God's money, and if it were consecrated to His service, none of the Boards would be a facing debt that threatens the work of the Lord with irreparable loss.

We receive from all sources for our general work about \$9,000 per year, and the Ladies' Society receives about \$2,500 per year. A total of \$11,500. What is that for such a work?

## WE NEED MISSIONARIES.

But how can we ask other missionaries to come to us when we owe those we have \$3,000? Who will answer this? We have several important fields pastored, and they remain so unless we get money to pay our debt. Here are some of the vacant fields: Edmonton, a town of over 1,500 people, with a great country field in connection with it. This district has a large percentage of Baptist people. The climate is mild the year round. This great centre has been a hotbed for nearly a year. Rapid City, a town of 600 people. This church has been vacant over a year. They could be self-supporting in less than two years more, with a missionary. Manitou and Kaledia, a promising field with the prospect of self-support in the near future. Melita, where the outlook is good for a strong cause. Westbourne, Medicine Hat and a number of other places, all hopeful fields. There are several German fields pastored, and new openings on every hand. From the progress we have made and the possibilities within reach of us what is our duty in the circumstances? I mean individually.

H. G. McLEOD, Baptist Book Room, Toronto, Ont.

## Help for Our Disabled Ministers, Widows and Children of Ministers.

By acknowledging this week it will be seen that so far \$308.11 have been contributed to those whose claims upon the churches and the benevolent generally, are in no way secured to any other claim. Ministers, aged and infirm, widows completing their journey alone with hearts worn by bereavement and unhealed; children committed to mothers by dying husbands, and none of them constituted to open their mouths in public to tell their wants and their sore trials, have been in enforced silence, to the churches for which the departed sacrificed their lives, and for which the aged have spent their strength and given their years of joyful, but arduous services—all these look to the churches for just the necessities of life—they ask for no luxuries, such as thousands of church members indulge in.

Who would dare to rise up and say that those aged men of God, these widows, these little ones, have not a claim on the benevolence of the denomination? Ministers whose salaries are not paid, can remonstrate and make appeals for themselves. But the aged and the sick must be silent, although they may need food and apparel to make them comfortable, and food to nourish them. Widows may suffer but their cries are unheard. When I see so much made of some claims, and so little made of these, sometimes I can speak but my speech is rash. There are churches whose pastors are well paid, who live in luxury, and who, notwithstanding the many appeals for this object, have never taken a collection, even for it. This is a shame? Is it not cruel? Then in the ministry, do you know that some of your brethren are suffering for what you could induce your churches to give them? Did you know the bitter tears that were shed last July, when I had freed down the wrinkled faces of veterans in the gospel ministry, because of the disappointment that went like lightning into their souls, because the Board could give them only one-third of their salaries? Think of this brethren in the ministry, our churches which have not as yet given a cent to this object. Will you let this continue? Well, if you do, there are those who cannot hold their peace about it. They must speak.

Last year only 40 of 40 churches took collections, and grinding poverty came upon the weak, depending and helpless, because of it. There are churches into which the men for whom we plead have put the vital forces of their lives, which

have not given even a small collection. Brethren in the ministry, and out of the ministry, think of these things. Pray about them. Pray for those aged ones, widows and children of the departed, and then you will take collections, then you will give.

A thousand thanks to the 40 or more churches which have given this year. We have received \$23,76 more than we received last year. We want enough to make this \$1,000. That is a moderate sum. The Board has just sent to the annuitants their full amount; but they had to overdraw the treasury to do it. What thanks, what joy, have come back in the acknowledgments of these sums! The annuitants must have their full amounts, small enough, when the next appropriation is made. I think brother Haverstock got his large annual, \$19.24, from his charge by giving young people the work and pleasure of collecting it. Will these young disciples accept the thanks of those for whom they worked for this? Give us the remaining \$700, and aged men will feel young again, widows hearts will sing for joy.

E. M. SAUNDERS, Sec. Treas.

## DENOMINATIONAL NEWS.

Churches and individuals contributing to the work of the denomination should send their contributions to the treasurers of denominational funds: Rev. A. Colborne, Woodville, N. S., is treasurer of Maritime Convention funds for Nova Scotia; Rev. W. Macpherson, St. John, N. B., is treasurer of Maritime Convention funds for New Brunswick and Prince Edward Island; J. S. Titus, St. Martins, is treasurer of the funds of the N. B. Convention.

PEQUAM, N. S.—The Lord is working by His Spirit in Pequam, especially among the young people in connection with the Sunday school. Several have professed conversion and will in the near future be baptized. I baptized Mrs. F. M. Clay on the 19th inst. Our congregations are good and the church working in harmony. C. H. H.

SPRINGFIELD, KINGS CO., N. B.—The good work is still prospering here. On Sunday, 22nd, more happy young disciples followed their Lord to the ordinance of baptism, and a large number of others are on the way. The work is deepening and widening. Brethren pray that many more may be led to the great Saviour. S. D. BURNES.

LESTER ST.—The year '95, with us has been one of prosperity. The pastor has finished his first year of pastoral labor. Complete harmony prevails within our borders. During the year the Lord has been present with us in saving power. God has added 14 to our numbers 25 by baptism, eight by letter. Of this number 25 have come from our Sabbath school. The hand of death has dealt lightly with us, but some have fallen asleep. At our annual business meeting the reports revealed that the year had been financially a success. Heavy unexpected expenses in the way of repairs have occurred, but the year closed with them met. We desire gratefully to recognize the goodness of God. We are beginning to feel the burden for souls. Some are seeking Christ. We are trusting that '95 is but a stepping stone to higher things.

SPRINGFIELD, N. S.—In our church work we are gliding along as usual. No special services have been held this winter. All our meetings are quite interesting. We are expecting Messrs. Crossley and Hunter on the 9th of April to hold special services, and we are praying that God will wonderfully bless their labors here. As he has elsewhere. I have served this church six years as pastor, and the Union has been one of continued and uninterrupted harmony. During these years 23 have been added to the church, 26 by baptism, and 37 by letter. The young people have been deeply interested in the liquidation of the debt on the church. This has been reduced during the past year from \$500 to \$200. I have rendered my resignation to the church which will take effect not later than May 1st. I cannot but speak of this church except in the highest terms. As I have done my best, they have also done their best in holding up the hands of their pastor. They have many maintained our social services. Their kindness has been exemplified on many occasions, and I can truly say the lines are fallen unto me in a pleasant place. The harvest has not been abundant, but just sufficient to encourage us to labor for greater blessings. Eleven were added to the church by baptism, and some others by letter. The building of our new house of worship at Waterville has met a long felt need in this growing village. This work has made large demands on both the time and means of those personally interested, but I am pleased to report that we now have this beautiful church home free of debt. An account of the dedication meeting and description of the building, and its fitness for the worship of the soul in this section of the church, have been given by Bro. Cohoon, in your columns. I am gratified in being able further to say, that the members of the church and many others, co-operated so nobly with their contributions toward the erection and furnishing of this church building, at the right time and in a way that we might not feel the incumbrance of debt. It is further cheering to know, that while we have carried on this work to completion, the church contributed more to denominational work than in any previous year of its history. In December quite a large number of the church and congregation made us, at our home, their annual donation visit, and we truly feel grateful to all who so kindly contributed to our profit and happiness. The field of labor demands a greater amount of labor, but I love the work, and we are now holding some extra services, and are looking to the Lord of the harvest for richer blessings during the year.

E. O. READ.

ST. MARTINS, N. B.—The annual business meeting of the First St. Martin's Baptist church, was held in the vestry of the church on Wednesday evening the 15th inst. The reports from the different committees were very satisfactory, and encouraging. This year the pastor's salary has been paid promptly every quarter, and the debt on the church has been considerably reduced, so that the end of the year shows the total indebtedness of the church to be only about \$175. We feel greatly encouraged, and hope to report at the end of this year the church out of debt. The officers for the ensuing year were elected, and presided as follows: Pastor, Rev. W. J. Thompson, clerk, J. S. Titus; deacons, J. M. Bradshaw, Charles Carr, J. S. Titus, A. W. Fournes, J. P. Mosher, A. O. White; treas., David Vaughan; fin. sec., W. H. Moran; church editor, W. H. Moran; trustees, W. H. Moran, Wm. Smith, Wm. Vaughan, David Vaughan, Wm. White, J. P. Mosher, James McLung. The pastor is now enjoying a well earned vacation. We expect him to return from Boston in about two weeks to resume his work. W. H. MORAN, Church Editor.

LAURENCEVILLE, N. S.—Meetings were held at Ingilville for three weeks in December and January. Results visible. Believers revived and consecrated. Four disciples were baptized; ten others were added to the church. Labor was suspended on account of pastor being ill with an attack of rheumatism. The brethren there now have a warm horse stable for church goods. Expense \$60, borne by themselves. Williamston house of worship is now free of debt, \$75 having been recently raised for that purpose. Foreign Mission collection taken lately, \$27. Mission Band, under the leadership of Mr. King, rendered missionary concert lately and opened bazaar. Packed house. Success. Amounted to \$10. A party of young people, numbering 30, recently spent a profitable evening at the parsonage. Women's Missionary Aid society held its annual meeting at the parsonage. Tea was served and a very successful meeting closed with renewed consecration. One of our members, Miss Ida Newcomb, now studying at Chicago, will be ready for the Telugu field next autumn. God bless her and enable the sisters to send her forth. Miss Annie M. Schofield, another member and an estimable Christian, is taking a course at the Gordon Missionary School, Boston, to prepare herself for the work. We pray for her success.

SOUTHAMPTON, CUMBER CO., N. S.—We were greatly encouraged, as the old year was drawing to a close, by the coming of the Saviour and on the last Sunday of the year I baptized five in Westbrook as follows: Willie Pearson, David Lewis, Mrs. Minor Roscoe, Dillie Roscoe, Mary Quinn, who with Mr. Davidson were united with Westbrook church. In the afternoon of the same day O. B. Schurman and Mrs. Geo. Davidson united with the church at Southampton. With this ingathering we looked forward to the New Year with hopeful hearts and we are glad to say our expectations have been fully realized. The Lord has strengthened the weak points and in this the first month of '96, we feel strong to battle with the enemy. On Sunday the 12th inst., Bro. Fred Clay, of Pugwash, preached for us at Westbrook. Although it was his first sermon we all received help from the instruction given. After adjourning at Moody's Bible Institute, Chicago, he will enter evangelistic work, and we are assured that the Lord will use his wide experience and many talents for the advancement of His kingdom. Bro. Clay is a son of the late Dr. Dr. Clay, so well known to the old-timers, who, by the way, preached his first sermon on a stump in the Annapolis Valley. Thank God for fresh workers in the Master's field. The people of Port Greville and Diligent River are desirous of special meetings. We have said and pray that the winter passes the Lord may use us in this work which is much needed in these churches.

WARREN H. McLEOD.

CAMBRIDGE, N. S.—It is just and be fitting that we should make some record in our denominational paper, of the dealings of God with us as a church. The past year has been to a large extent, a season of toil and seed sowing. The harvest has not been abundant, but just sufficient to encourage us to labor for greater blessings. Eleven were added to the church by baptism, and some others by letter. The building of our new house of worship at Waterville has met a long felt need in this growing village. This work has made large demands on both the time and means of those personally interested, but I am pleased to report that we now have this beautiful church home free of debt. An account of the dedication meeting and description of the building, and its fitness for the worship of the soul in this section of the church, have been given by Bro. Cohoon, in your columns. I am gratified in being able further to say, that the members of the church and many others, co-operated so nobly with their contributions toward the erection and furnishing of this church building, at the right time and in a way that we might not feel the incumbrance of debt. It is further cheering to know, that while we have carried on this work to completion, the church contributed more to denominational work than in any previous year of its history. In December quite a large number of the church and congregation made us, at our home, their annual donation visit, and we truly feel grateful to all who so kindly contributed to our profit and happiness. The field of labor demands a greater amount of labor, but I love the work, and we are now holding some extra services, and are looking to the Lord of the harvest for richer blessings during the year.

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THE P. E. Island Baptist Association having requested its secretary to procure a complete set of its published minutes, any person having copies on hand are requested to forward them to the undersigned at Bay View post office.

ARTHUR SIMPSON, Sec'y.

A joint meeting of the S. S. Association and the Auxiliary Board of Hants Co., will be held at Hantsport, Tuesday evening, Wednesday, Feb. 25th and 26th. The session will open with a sermon Tuesday evening, 25th, by Rev. T. Trotter, Wolfville. Let all the churches and schools be represented.

D. E. HATT, Chair. Com. Arrang.

## THE ARM OF STRENGTH.

Conscious of right and of her strength, England fears not the threat of hostile powers. So a man in perfect health, sooms disease. So the man who has been restored to health and strength by Hawker's nerve and stomach tonic, is able to face his responsibilities and go about his work cheerfully and all undisturbed by haunting fears. Those not in health should turn to Hawker's tonic for relief. It is the great ally of the forces working for the restoration of healthful action in the human system. It will cure indigestion, dyspepsia, general debility, nervous prostration, the after effects of la grippe, or any trouble arising from an over-wrought or run-down system. It has no superior as a flesh and blood builder and brain invigorator. Has a direct effect on the stomach, and is sold by all druggists and dealers at 50c. per bottle or six bottles for \$2.50 and is manufactured only by the Hawker Medicine Co., Ltd., St. John, N. B.

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