

at the window, touching the bowed head as with caressing fingers. The door from the hall opened. It was Mary Martin, the housekeeper. She was in a tremor because of oversleeping, but stopped on the threshold.

"Mercy sakes!" she exclaimed, under her breath. "Be the world comin' to an end?"

The next morning a softer light came into her honest blue eyes, and she closed the door carefully and made her way around the outside of the house to the kitchen.

"There ain't nothin' but the Lord can change him," she thought, as she hurriedly filled the shining copper teakettle. From the heart of the faithful woman went up a petition that the God she worshipped would reveal himself to Amos Shedd.

A little later the old man rose to his feet. Tears stood in his eyes, but the unrest of the last few days was gone. He had unhesitatingly put his faith in God. Nay, more, He had cried out for pardon and help, and had not cried in vain.

"O, God, I thank thee," were the words that fell from his lips. "Take me and use me in these last few remaining days. All I have and am shall be dedicated to thy service."

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Religious News.

OAK BAY, CHARLOTTE CO. We baptized two happy young men in the likeness of their Lord's death on Sabbath, April 7th. We expect to baptize seven more this Sabbath, April 21st, if nothing prevents and God wills, and expect others still to come that are thinking about coming. **H. D. WORDEN.** April 15th.

GIBSON AND MARYSVILLE. Interest in work increasing. The early morning prayer meetings are largely attended. Spiritual life deepening. On Sabbath, April 7th, two candidates received baptism and six the right hand of fellowship. The past week two have united by letter and on experience, all with the Gibson church. Two have united by letter with the Marysville church and on Sabbath eleven received the right hand of fellowship. During the past ten weeks over seventy have been added to the churches. We are praying for others. **W. R. ROBINSON.**

ANDOVER, N. B. Since coming to this field, which is a little more than a year ago, I have had many reasons to praise God. We believe that progress has been made both materially and spiritually. The Individual Communion Service has been adopted by Andover Baptist church. Baptist hymnals have been placed in four congregations in the field, and choir funds extinguished which we pray will never burn again. Evangelist Marple has been with us for some time, and we thank God for such a man. As an outcome of special work 16 have united with Andover church. Forest Glen church has been revived. Some that have lived on the outer circle for years have got where God can use them. This church received to by baptism and we look for others to decide for Christ. Rev. S. D. Ervine, whose health is improving, was a great help in the meetings. Rev. A. H. Hayward was also with us for a few days and did us much good. **R. W. DEMMINGS.**

On April 1st Rev. J. A. Florenceville, Marple, Evangelist, came down from Andover and Forest Glen where he had been assisting Pastor Demmings in special work on his field. The first ten days the weather and roads were very much against our work but for the last 10 days there has been a great change for the better in both. On Sunday, 14th inst, it was our privilege to baptize 8 candidates in the St. John River and as in Enon near to Salem there was much water there. The names of those baptized are as follows: Frank Tompkins, James Bell, Willard Hunter, Henry Bell, Bertton pell, Mrs. James Banks, Minna Bell and Lizzie

Hartley. The right hand of fellowship was given in the evening and four more candidates were received for the ordinance. Since that time four more have offered themselves for that sacred ordinance and will D. V. go forward 21st inst. Bro. Marple is very much in earnest in his work and very much appreciated on this field. Next week we begin at Florenceville 23rd inst. to continue over Sabbath.

A. H. HAYWARD.

GERMAIN STREET, ST. JOHN. Since the first of the year we have been without a Pastor, but our pulpit has been supplied each Sunday by some of the best preachers in the Maritime Province. About the 1st March we extended a call to the Rev. J. D. Freeman of Fredericton to become our Pastor, and after earnest prayer, and careful consideration, Brother Freeman decided to accept the call, and we believe that his coming to us is the guidance of the Holy Spirit, and his steps to St. John have been directed of God. On Thursday evening the 18th inst. a service of recognition for Bro. Freeman was held in the Church, at which addresses of welcome were given by a number of the City Pastors. Rev. J. A. Gordon of Montreal was present and spoke a few words. The address of welcome on behalf of the Church was given by Deacon T. S. Simms. The service was a very enjoyable one. On Sunday the 21st inst. Bro. Freeman commenced his pastoral work, and in the morning preached from Col. 1, 28, 29. He said in opening up a new chapter in his life's work, which commenced that day, he desired to ever make the theme of his ministry "Christ"; "The method of his ministry, to give admonition and instruction"; and the aim of his ministry, every man might be perfect in Jesus Christ," and "that lastly that his Ministry may be with power. In the evening he preached from Rom. 12, 1, 2 his topic being "The Christian's Goal," which was to be reached through the will of God." At the close of the morning service a brother and sister were baptized,—son and daughter of our Deacon J. H. Wasson,—and we trust that these are but the drops of the more plentiful shower. On Tuesday evening, the 23rd inst., there is to be a social gathering in the vestry of the church to enable the members of the church and congregation to become acquainted with Brother Freeman and wife. We are glad that we have been so fortunate in getting such an earnest Christian man as undershepherd so soon, and believe that as pastor and people, praying for each other, and united in the Master's work, God will abundantly bless us, and our church will continue to flourish in the future as in the past. **DONALDSON HUNT, Church Clerk.**

3RD COVERDALE, ALBERT CO., N. B. God is blessing people here. The weather has been very unfavorable and roads disagreeable but a work is going on. Ten were baptized April 21st, as many more have taken a stand for Christ, 2 more have been received, many more have asked prayers, and a number of wanderers have returned to their Father's house to serve and praise him again and yet many are unmovd. We ask prayers of all for further blessing. **H. B.**

HOPEWELL, N. B. Since last reporting we have received nine by letter. Five at Albert and four at the Hill. Special services have been conducted ever since the first of the year and over thirty have professed to have found the Saviour. We are purchasing an individual Communion Set for Albert, and expect other sections of this church will follow. We are also planning to build a vestry at Albert and horse sheds at Lower Cape. The Cape extended their horse sheds last winter giving two more stalls. The offering every Communion Sunday for denominational work is working satisfactorily. The young people have been organized into a B. Y. P. U. at Lower Cape with twenty-three members. **P. D. DAVIDSON.**

SECOND SHEFFIELD, N. B. Pastor Brown reports an interesting condition of affairs on his field. He is meeting with encouragement in his work. A new member was lately received into the Second Sheffield church.

POINT DE BUTE. I was much cheered on driving up to the meeting house, Point de Bute, on Saturday, to see the roof being newly shingled, and to learn that the repairs contemplated inside were being provided for. We held a pleasant conference while the music of the tapping hammers mingled with that of our singing. God has a blessing for those who love his house. I felt a peculiar freedom in preaching on the Unbreakable Bond, Rom. 8:35, with a slight counter-current which all preachers understand. **D. A. S.**

3RD COVERDALE, ALBERT CO., N. B. God is still blessing the people in this place. The meetings were continued last week with increasing interest and definite results. Six more confessed Christ with the mouth for the first time. Wanderers are still returning, one testifying after a period of 20 years. Large audiences all day Sunday, 3 were baptized. Another brother is received who has rejected Christ for more than 40 years and will be baptized by a favorite minister. Others are anxious and ask the prayers of God's people. **HURST AND DEAMAN.**

Notice.

The New Brunswick Western Association will convene with the Lower Newcastle Baptist Church, Queens county, June 28th 4.30 p. m. All churches are urgently requested to be particular in filling out the statistical part of their letters. **C. N. BARTON, Clerk.**

Notice.

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.

Personals.

We regret to learn that our dear brother, Rev. G. W. Springer is very ill, and not expected to live many days. May the kind Father above comfort him with His presence and supporting grace.

We are pleased to learn that Rev. S. D. Ervine is steadily improving in health; and hopes to be able to resume work for the Master. We understand that several churches are contemplating having him come to their help in the pastorate. May the gracious Lord so restore him that he may be able to enter again upon his loved work.

Rev. A. J. Blakney has visited the churches of New Castle, Grand Lake; and they are taking action to have him settle with them. We hope Bro. B. will be able to do good work on this important field.

Rev. H. H. Saunders has been holding special service in the Forest Glen section of circuit of late with cheering results; eleven converts were baptized last Lord's day, and the good work is still moving on.

Rev. W. J. Stewart D. D., a former pastor of the Main street and Brussels street churches of this city, has been for more than four years pastor of the Baptist church in Canton, Illinois. Of late Bro. Stewart's health has not been good and he has in consequence resigned the pastorate. The church in accepting his resignation speaks in high terms of the work of the last four years, during which about 100 members have been added. They also refer to him as "a good preacher of the gospel, and excellent organizer in Christian work, whose fidelity to the Great Shepherd has been the governing principle throughout his ministry among us; one who has won the esteem and high regard of the citizens outside the church."