

## Halifax Letter.

At the time of the Convention, committees were appointed by the College Board to push forward unfinished business. One committee was directed to select a site or sites for the new seminary, and obtain a rough estimate of the dimensions and cost of the buildings required. Another was ordered to secure in a constitutional way a nominee for the chair of Physics, and another for the chair of English Literature; and still another was instructed to devise a scheme for raising the money to build the seminary. All these committees have been working vigorously, and the public will hear from them so soon as they make their reports to the governors of the College. Wolfville has a large number of fine localities for the new seminary, and the best one will be selected.

According to arrangement, a large congregation assembled in the First church at Halifax, to bid farewell to the Rev. Mark Bailey Shaw and wife, and also to Abdul Aziz, the converted Mohammedan, on the eve of their departure for the Telugu mission field. The Rev. J. W. Manning occupied the chair. The Rev. W. J. Stewart, the representative of the Foreign Mission Board, was first introduced and gave an appropriate address on Christian fidelity, as taught in the parable of the pounds. Mr. Shaw was the next to speak. He reviewed the leadings of God's good providence by which he had been led to believe that it was his duty to devote his life to mission work among the Telugus. Mrs. J. C. Archibald followed with a brief but earnest address, in which she forewarned Mr. Shaw of difficulties and discouragements which awaited him. She also held up the rewards, sure to come, in view of which the trials could be easily endured. The Rev. C. W. Williams, in a pleasing style, addressed Mr. Shaw on behalf of the pastors and churches.

Regrets were expressed that Abdul was absent because of missing the train at St. John, and Mrs. Shaw was kept home by her little children. The writer gave the hand of fellowship to Mr. Shaw. Appropriate music was rendered by the organist and choir. The last piece, "God be with you till we meet," was especially impressive. The services were intensely interesting. The ship in which the missionaries will cross the Atlantic is expected to leave on Saturday, the 13th.

The Presbyterian Women's Mission Societies of the Maritime Provinces are now in session in Halifax. Mrs. Manning and Mrs. J. C. Archibald addressed the Convention as delegates from the Baptists. The churches will be pleased to know that they were so well represented in the Convention of Presbyterian ladies.

Last evening, the 11th, the city of Halifax honored her worthy son, Lieut. Stairs, Stanley's right hand man, in his late expedition to rescue Emin Pasha.

## Manitoba Correspondence.

I drove out yesterday to see J. W. Sanderson's farm, that everybody around here is talking about. I was very sorry for the trip. He has 2,300 acres under crop—420 acres oats, the balance wheat. Of this immense crop 1,900 acres lie in one block. I opened my eyes very wide when I saw seven binders, drawn each by three horses, following one another around a small piece (1) which one of the men told me they would be able to finish in about two days. Five other binders were at work on another field. The yield it is estimated will be on an average between 40 and 45 bushels per acre. As I drove along over the prairie, which in this region is gently undulating, and looked out upon a sea of shocks stretching away on all sides to the horizon, I wished my farther friends from the sea were here to wonder and to admire. The harvest is great through the country generally.

"But the laborers are few." Our great need just now is a large reinforcement of pastors. Unless nine new men are secured at once, important interests will suffer. The Baptists here are enterprising and liberal; and what is to men with the true ring of Christ's spirit of greatest moment, opportunities for usefulness are an hundred fold greater than in the average Maritime Baptist churches. If any brethren are heaven directed hitherwards, write to Elder A. Grant, the pastor in Winnipeg and editor of the *North-west Baptist*, the paper which gives all information concerning our denominational work in this great country. (Forward at subscription, fifty cents.) If now secured for Christ, these fertile provinces will in a few years furnish the money and the men to evangelize nations.

If any of my old acquaintances feel like taking a church in this great westland, I hope they will remember that with all pleasure I shall give them what information they wish. This is the best time of the year to come. Come! Come! Come!

W. H. JENKINS.

Brandon, Manitoba, Sept. 2.

## Religious Intelligence.

## NEWS FROM THE CHURCHES.

GUTHRIE, N. S.—Baptized three candidates last Lord's day.

Sept. 12. WILLIAM P. ANDERSON.

LEWISTOWN, N. S.—The congregation of Leinster St. church met in a social gathering in the vestry of the church on Tuesday evening of last week. Social intercourse, interspersed with readings, recitations, music and addresses, was the order of the evening. The evening was very pleasantly filled up. Young and old were there and all had a good time.

CHIPMAN, QUEENS CO.—For the last eleven weeks I have been labouring on the Chipman field, Queens Co. There are three regular preaching stations on the field. The Lord has many faithful laborers at Chipman; there are those who are willing to work for the Master. During the summer, the Lord has blessed His own people, and others have been brought to Him. Seventeen were baptized and united with the churches; four at Gaspeaux and thirteen at Salmon Creek. As I have returned to the seminary, these churches are now without a pastor. May the Lord send some faithful servant.

Sept. 12. MILTON ANDERSON, LEO. BAWWICK.—The Berwick Baptist church building is nearing completion. Arrangements are being made for opening service. Two young sisters have been received into membership by baptism, and three heads of families by letter, during the past few months. The Sunday-school, prayer meetings, and other services of the church are well attended, and a good degree of interest maintained. Mr. E. E. Daly's labors are appreciated. An invitation has been given him to continue his services with the church during his school year as much as he can, without interfering with his studies, and when he has completed his course of study at Acadia to become the pastor of the church.

TRYON, P. E. I.—Yesterday was a happy day with us here. A large congregation of people assembled on the banks of our Jordan, to witness the baptism of three believers, a young brother and his two sisters. After preaching to a large congregation, and giving the hand of welcome to the new members, a large number sat down to the Lord's Supper. In the evening, Bro. Waugh, of Summerside, preached very acceptably for us at Albany. This young brother leaves this week to continue his studies at St. Martins. We expect to baptize again next Sabbath. We hope that a time of inheriting to the Lord's fold is at hand. Brethren, pray for us.

Sept. 8. E. A. ALLARD. EUCUM SECUM.—Bro. C. T. Haley, licentiate of Acadia College, has been laboring during his vacation at Moser's River, Harrihan Cove, Eucum Secum and Liscomb Mills. Bro. Haley is a hard working young man, and is considered to be an able preacher. He has visited, read, and prayed, in almost every house in this large field successfully, and the great secret of his success seems to lie in his humility. We regret very much that Bro. Haley cannot stay longer, but he expects to return to school at the opening of the term. We shall be glad to have Bro. Haley back next summer, if not, I may say that the church that has our brother's services will not be disappointed, but will find him a good, mild, earnest young man.

SACKVILLE, N. S.—By the solicitation of my dear Bro. Taylor, I went for three days to assist him in special services at Mill Cove, St. Margaret's Bay. I found the Lord's blessing resting on his earnest and self-denying labors. Large and solemn congregations greeted us, and the Word seemed to be in the power of the Spirit. Quite a number have risen for prayers, and a number of new voices are testifying to Jesus' love. Baptism is expected on Sabbath. The harvest is great. Let us pray that the effectual door opened there for our work may be widely improved for the building up of God's spiritual temple. How great is the need of the divine awakening on all the shores of that beautiful bay. Aye, and among all our scattered churches so long drooping for lack of the rain from the Lord.

PARADISE.—This field is enjoying the earnest and faithful labors of Bro. McLatchey. In the Clarence section the presence of the Master has been especially manifested in the conversion of sinners and reviving the hearts of His people. On Sunday, the 7th inst., I had the pleasure of assisting the bro. in his good work. After the morning service at the church we went down to the Paradise brook, where, in the presence of a large assembly of people, eight believers followed their Saviour in baptism. The scene was solemn, and we trust that a lasting impression for good was made on many hearts. But the joy of the church at receiving new converts was mingled with grief for the death of a beloved sister, Florence Chesley, who, after four days' illness of hemorrhage of the lungs, calmly fell asleep in Jesus. The funeral took place at three o'clock. The grief-stricken family have the sympathy of the whole community.

SECOND HILLSBORO, ALBERT CO., N. B.—About three months has passed since I first came to this field. On my arrival here, I found the Redeemer's cause very low, especially in Fourth Hillsboro and Caledonia, the other sections of this field, but found a people ready to listen to the gospel with marked attention, and to give their sympathy and hearty co-operation in the work. God has blessed our labors among this people. The Fourth Hillsboro church has been wonderfully quickened by the divine Spirit, and sixteen promising young men and women have been added to its ranks by baptism. We have been holding special services with the Second Hillsboro church for one week. Yesterday was a day of special interest. Two believers were baptized by Christ in baptism, Bro. J. E. Fillmore being the officiating minister. After two preaching services, morning and afternoon, we held a social meeting in the evening, which was one long to be remembered by all who were present. The power of the Holy Spirit was poured out upon us. Backsliders and sinners cried for mercy. Two gave evidence that they had found peace by believing, both heads of families; one the mother of a large family, was a Catholic until a few days ago, when the Holy Spirit began to strive with her, showing her her error

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and leading her into the light and liberty of God's true children. They were both received for baptism and church membership. I expect to leave this field tomorrow for St. Martins Seminary, and I pray that one of God's servants may be directed to assist this church in carrying forward this great work. Any worthy man coming to this field will find here a sympathizing, whole-hearted people. May the Lord reward them for their encouragement and kindness to me.

Sept. 8. I. B. COLWELL. AMHERST SHORE.—In my communication of August 1, I referred to the encouraging outlook at Amherst Shore. Since then Bro. C. P. Willson, a student of Newton, under the appointment of H. M. Board, held special services, assisted by Bro. Staples, and as a result of their earnest and faithful ministry many have been brought to Christ. On Sabbath, Sept. 7, I joined Bro. W. in labor and baptized ten rejoicing believers. The meetings were so full of interest, and so many anxious seekers, we continued the services until late evening. At the sun's setting we met again at the baptismal waters and five more followed their Saviour in baptism. Seven of the fifteen are heads of families. Others have decided for Christ, and many are seeking the light. This whole shore is aroused on the subject of salvation. Bro. W. and I must leave to-day, he to his studies, I to my pastoral work at Oxford. Bro. Willson has proved himself a true and earnest minister of Christ, and leaves followed with the best wishes of all. I hope as faithful servant of God can soon be secured to gather this ripened harvest.

LOWER JENSEN.—On Sunday, Sept. 7th, the new Baptist meeting-house at Lower Jensen was opened for the worship of God. The day being fine, a large congregation assembled. Dr. Hopper, of the Union Baptist Seminary, was the preacher for the occasion. The other ministers present were Revs. C. Manaton (Methodist), G. W. Springer, M. P. King and A. B. Macdonald (the resident pastor). The service was inspiring. Dr. Hopper never preached better. At the close of his sermon, the doctor, in his own genial and persuasive manner, proposed to the congregation that they, then and there, raise the remaining debt of \$250, and dedicate it a free house. The response was hearty, willing, and prompt. In less than thirty minutes \$288 were raised; enough to fully pay for the building and its furnishing. And so, with devout thanksgiving to Almighty God, and with heartfelt gratitude to generous friends, the new building was dedicated. While the house of God was being finished, a credit to all concerned, it specially commends the skill and honesty of its builder, Jacob A. Macdonald, of Cambridge.

NEWCASTLE, QUEENS CO.—The congregation of the Baptist churches at Newcastle, Queens Co., will rejoice to learn that their pastor, the Rev. E. K. Ganong, has resigned his charge, having received and accepted a call to Advocate, N. S. Bro. Ganong has been laboring in this field for the past year, and eternity alone will reveal the blessing he has been to this place and country. Great numbers have been added to the strongholds of Satan, many backsliders have been reclaimed, and sinners aroused and led to fly for refuge to the Saviour. Our bro. believes that it is his solemn duty to help the members of his church to understand and to feel alike the world's need and the claim of Christ. Of late he has been away for a well-earned though short vacation, and on his return it was ventured to hope that he would still continue his services among us, but he thinks he cannot do so. In using him the people feel they lose a warm-hearted ambassador of God, a kind companion and a genial friend. Mr. and Mrs. G. will long be held in remembrance by this community, who now join together in helping the members of his church to understand and to feel alike the world's need and the claim of Christ. Of late he has been away for a well-earned though short vacation, and on his return it was ventured to hope that he would still continue his services among us, but he thinks he cannot do so. In using him the people feel they lose a warm-hearted ambassador of God, a kind companion and a genial friend. Mr. and Mrs. G. will long be held in remembrance by this community, who now join together in helping the members of his church to understand and to feel alike the world's need and the claim of Christ.

FIVE ISLANDS, N. S.—Last Sabbath I exchanged pulpits with Bro. Smallman, of Five Islands. In the morning, I baptized two, in the presence of a large number of people. The candidates were young, and the joy they were experiencing in their hearts manifested itself in their faces. I preached at Five Islands morning and evening, and at Lower Economy in the afternoon. Four years ago I spent three months with that church and people, and they, by their kindness and faithfulness, endeared themselves to me. It was a pleasure for me to meet them again, and the day was a day of soul-refreshing for all. Bro. Smallman has been laboring there for three months with great acceptance. He was the right man in the right place. He has proved himself to be a noble worker. The people are loud in his praise, and would like to get him back again next June. Bro. S. has worked up an interest. Others have risen for prayers; and if some one could work there for a few weeks longer, more would be added to the church. Bro. S. has gone to the Eastern Association, and after spending a few days home will return to his studies at Acadia. The church is praying that the Lord will send them the right man. Whoever goes will find an exceedingly kind people and lots of work to do.

Springfield, Sept. 10. H. B. SMITH.

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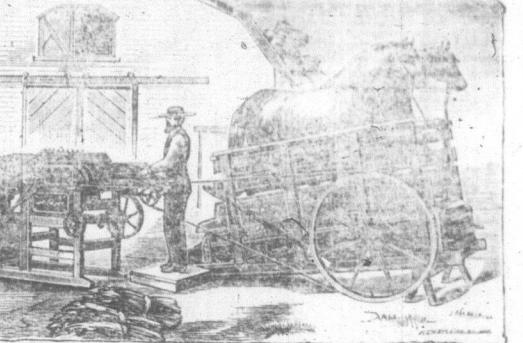
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