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**ARBOUS CREEK, VIRGINIA**—Some of the old friends in the Provinces may be glad to have a word from us. A year ago we were compelled to leave Clarksville on account of malaria. Mrs. Lewis seemed to be more susceptible than I. This church had half of my time then. It decided to buy a house for us and raise the salary a hundred dollars in hope that another church or churches would take the other half of my time. As yet that hope has not been realized, but our people have been exceedingly kind. Most of them are comparatively poor, and the illiteracy can hardly be comprehended by those who have as good schools as you have. Still the South is making great progress and is destined to make greater. We have been well during the year and the Master has continued to bless our efforts. Thirty have been added, twenty by baptism, making more than a hundred during three years. We have read about your severe winter. Ours was severe for the South. We live eight miles from Virginia on a rural free delivery route. The route is about twenty-five miles long but the mail carrier did not fail to make it one day during the whole winter, and he always used a top buggy with one horse. We had snow—several inches of it—but the mercury did not reach zero. Ten degrees above was the lowest here. If our summers are somewhat hotter than yours our winters are more pleasant. There were only two Sundays when we failed to have services. The peach and plum trees are now in bloom. Even the oaks and hickory are showing signs of life. The flowers are in their glory, the gardens are being planted and the farmers are busy seeding and preparing the soil for later crops.

JOHN LEWIS.

**EAST JEFFERS, N. S.**—As the result of our labor of love for the Lord's cause in this place. During the year three have been received for membership of the church one good brother restored and twelve received for baptism. We have a Ladies' Sewing circle of about 30 members, the Pastors wife President. A concert social and sale was held on March 15th, by the circle, which resulted in fifty dollars clear of all expenses, which was added to our building fund. The work of building a new house of worship (which is very much needed) is now into the hands of the contractor who is under obligation to have it completed in twelve months from date April 3rd, 1905, the cost not less than \$1,500.00. There is something over \$600.00 to start with at hand. The design of the building is 30 by 40 ft., tower 9 ft. square set on the corner of the North Side Spire 30 ft. from base, pulpit on the South Side, a recessed back of pulpit for a choir, floor inclined, circled seats, interior finished with metal ceiling and the building to be heated by a furnace. The good people of this place are not behind our average churches in their thoughtfulness of the needs of their pastor and family. About the middle of January we had a wood party which put in nineteen loads of good hard wood. Last week one afternoon thirteen of the young men and boys surprised us by coming into our yard with their axes and saws and played the mischief with our wood pile. The church has given me a rail to remain with them another year. I have consented to do so just as long as the work of the Lord prospers through my labors and the relations between pastor and people continue satisfactory. We pray that harmony and prosperity may prevail. Yours in the Lord.

JAS. A. PORTER.

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### BIRTHS.

**WHITMAN**—At little River, Digby Co., April 13th, to Rev. M. B. and Mrs. Whitman, a daughter.

### MARRIAGES.

**CROUSE-WENZEL**—At Bridgewater, N. S., April 8th, by Rev. Chas. E. Freeman, Henry Allen Crouse and Bell Letitia Wenzel, both of Branch La Have, Lunenburg Co., N. S.

**Levy-Hart**—At the Baptist parsonage New Ross, N. S., March 30th, by Rev. A. Whitman, William Levy of New Ross, to Jenny Blanch Hart, of Beach Hill, N. S.

**HUGHES BARTON**—At the residence of the brides parents, April 11th by Rev. Henry A. Brown, D. Milton Hughes, of Johnston, N. B., and Bessie B. Barton of Cumberland Bay, N. B.

### DEATHS.

**WRIGHT**—At Elgin, A. Co., Mar 25th, Edwin Floyd, infant son of Edwin and Della Wright. "Safe in the arms of Jesus."

**GOULD**—On March 30th, at the home of Mr. Jos. McKinnon, Milton, Queens County, N. S., after a brief illness, Percy Gould, aged 24 yrs.

**DE MILL**—At Joshua, A. Co., Apr 1st, Eva Winnifred, aged 1 year and 8 months, daughter of Brother and Sister W. M. De-Mill. "Of such is the kingdom of heaven."

**GAVIN**—At Argyle, Yarmouth Co., N. S., March 24th, 1905, Ethel M. Gavin, aged 20 years. Her trust was in Christ. She was a member of the Argyle Baptist church.

**MULLEN-SABEAN**—At the home of the bride, on the 18th inst by Rev. J. T. Eaton, David Mullen to Sarah Ethel, daughter of Benjamin Sabean, Esq., of Mt. Barrons, Digby County, N. S.

**ROGERS**—At Argyle, Yarmouth Co., N. S., March 29th 1905, in the triumph of faith Mrs. Ellen Rogers, Sister Rogers was four score years of age and was a devoted follower of the Lord Jesus Christ.

**VAUGHAN**—At Brookline, Mass., April 13 of heart disease, Captain Benjamin Vaughan, aged 54 years, eldest son of Captain Silas and Elizabeth M. Vaughan, formerly of St. Martins, N. B. He leaves a widow and three children, two sons and a daughter.

**STONE-EATON**—At Somerville, Mass., April 12th, by Rev. A. A. Shaw, of Brookline, assisted by Rev. Charles A. Eaton, D. D., of Cleveland, Ohio, uncle of the bride, Annie Orlington Eaton and Daniel Clifford Stone, both of Somerville, Truro, Amherst, and Wolfville, papers please copy.

**HODGES**—At the home of her relatives in Bloomfield, Kings County, N. B., April 10th, 1905, Miss Annie Hodges in the 84th year of her age. Our sister, for many years, was a member of the Central Norton Baptist church, and maintained a godly profession to the end of her earthly life.

**MCPHEE**—At Salmon Creek, Queens Co., N. B., Diadama Ans, relict of the late Alex. McPhee, passed away April 4th, after much suffering. Sister McPhee professed religion many years since, uniting with what is now 2nd Chipman church. She was 76 years of age, and is survived by two sons and three daughters. She feared not the call but departed in the triumph of faith.

**SWALLOW**—At Head Margaret's Bay, Halifax Co., N. S., April 4, Hannah, relict of the late James Swallow, aged 70 years, leaving three sons, three daughters and many friends to mourn her departure. Our sister was a consistent member of the 2nd Margaret's Bay church and loved by all who knew her. The funeral sermon was preached to a large congregation by Rev. L. J. Tingley, her pastor.

**SPIDLE**—At Troy, N. Y., Jerome B. Spidle, aged 37, passed away after being operated on for appendicitis. His remains were brought to the home of his father Jacob Spidle, South Brookfield, Queens Co., N. S., where the funeral which was largely attended was conducted by the pastor. The sorrowing parents and family have the sympathy of the entire community and the consolation that he has gone to Christ which is far better.

**DOWNIE**—At East Margareville, Annapolis Co., N. S., Sarah A. Downie, aged 84 years, leaving two sons and a large circle of friends to mourn their loss. Sister D. experienced a hope in Christ many years ago, and was baptized by the Rev. J. B. Bill, of precious memory. She was an active church member till quite recently. Four years ago she fell and broke her hip and since then she suffered much pain, but bore it patiently. Her last days were full of longing to depart and be with Christ. Her funeral was

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quite largely attended. Her remains were interred in the cemetery in East Margareville.

**NEILY**—At Torbrook Mines, March 27th, Rev. Stanley, only son of Bro. Wm. C. F. Letitia Neily passed into rest aged 17 years, after suffering some weeks from tubercular meningitis. Our young Bro. was converted little more than a year ago and united with the Nictaux Baptist church. Stanley is missed in the home most keenly and also in the church as he was librarian in the Sunday school and an active member of the Industrial Guild. His early death has been of great sorrow to the family who have the heartfelt sympathy of the entire community. Laura, the eldest sister is teaching in Manitoba, and much sympathy is expressed for her in this trying bereavement. But the sweetest thought to parents, sisters and friends is that Stanley loved Jesus and that Jesus loved him.

**CROWDUS**—At North East Margaree, C. B., on the 3rd inst, in the 51st year of her age Mrs. Mary J. Crowdus, relict of the late J. C. Crowdus of Margaree Harbor. Our sister was born in Manchester, Guysboro Co., she was baptized by the late Rev. Wm. Rideout, in 1844, and came with her husband to reside at Margaree Harbor in 1852. Sister Crowdus lost her sight in 1902 and so the last three years of her life were spent in total darkness. She was kindly and tenderly cared for during her last years by her daughter (Mrs. Ephraim Burton). The funeral was very largely attended. The services were conducted by her pastor Rev. A. E. Ingram assisted by Rev. Mr. Wilson, (Congregationalist). The interment was in the Congregationalist burying ground by the side of the remains of her deceased husband.

**MARTIN**—At Melvern Square, Annapolis County, N. S., April 2nd of consumption, Frank C. Martin, beloved son of James and Maria Martin age 24 years. Frank M. was a young man of splendid abilities. He was a good student, highly respected by his teacher and much esteemed by his classmates. He held a diploma from Bellville Business College, Ontario. Bookkeeper for a time, with T. P. Oakin, Middleton, while in Middleton made many friends. Although not a member of any church yet he had a very keen sense of what was right, and lived before the people of this community in a way as to win the respect of all. Appropriate services were conducted at the home. The choir rendered "My Father Knows," and "No dark Valley." A Quartet sang beautifully. All seemed deeply affected over the sudden removal of a noble young life.

**CARR**—This aged sister was born in England in the year 1818 and died at Alberton, P. E. I., on March 1st last, being in the eighty-eighth year of her age. She may be justly regarded as one of the pioneers, having come to this country with her parents while yet in early life. For a time her home was at Crapaud, P. E. I., but for many years she has lived at Alberton with her son. Her husband the late Edward Lewis predeceased her some

twenty years ago. Many years ago Mrs. Lewis was converted to God and united with the Baptist church, since which time she has been a faithful and consistent Christian. She was modest and retiring in disposition, a faithful friend and good neighbor. Of a family of six, three remain to mourn their loss, William of Sydney, O. B. George, with whom she made her home, and Mrs. Don't Grey, both of this place. Her end was peace, and her memory blessed. "So he gives his beloved sleep."

**VANDINE**—At North View, Victoria Co., on the morning of April 4th, Mrs. Sarah Vandine beloved wife of Samuel S. Vandine fell asleep in Jesus in the 70th year of her age. She was a daughter of the late John Hutchinson, of Wicklow, Car. Co., formerly of Hull, England. Our departed sister professed faith in Christ 36 years ago, and was baptized by the Rev. Samuel Burt and joined the Arthur's Baptist Church. Mrs. Vandine was a woman of rare character the world was better, because of her living in it, and in her death the cause of Christ has lost a generous friend. A few months ago, she had the joy of seeing two of her sons profess faith in Christ, and was buried with him by baptism over a month ago. She was stricken with hemorrhage of the brain, and for a time hopes were entertained of her recovery. But the disease took another turn, and she gradually grew worse. A few days before the end came, the writer called on her. She was very happy, she said miss eyes have seen the King in his beauty and I long to go to Him. She leaves besides a sorrowing husband, five daughters and three sons to mourn their great loss. Yet we believe her death all things well. She was buried at Three Brooks Cemetery.

### DENOMINATIONAL FUNDS, N. S.

RECEIPTS FROM MARCH 15 TO APRIL 10.

Temple Church, \$16 50; Nictaux church, \$7 60; Hants Co Conference at Windsor, \$3; 1st Halifax, \$55 29; Amherst church, \$138 70; 1st Yarmouth church, \$12 41; Aylesford section, \$60; Milton church, Yarmouth, \$20; Brazil Lake S. S., \$11; Annapolis church, per Quarterly Meeting, \$5; River Hebert church, \$10; Tabernacle church, R. \$52 23; Lewis Head, \$4; 2nd Sable River, \$3; Goshen, \$6; New Ross, \$5; Kentville, \$22 87; 2nd Digby Neck, \$10; Berwick, \$54 15; Bear River church and S. S., \$12 61; 1st Hammonds Plains church, \$4 80; Pugwash, \$10; Tanook, \$8; Lower Economy and Five Islands, \$14; Westport, \$9 05; Sydney Mines, \$3 50; Port Hillford, \$7 41; Cambridge B. Y. P. O., \$25 15; Indian Harbor church, \$4 50; PARSBORO, \$16 25; Jordan Falls, \$6 00; Bridgewater, \$40; Amherst, \$50; Springhill \$8 71; Canard (Gleadowing Fund), \$70; Lockhartville, \$6 50; Goldboro, \$18 25; \$81 52 before reported \$3009.07. Total \$3900 50.

A. COBURN, Acting Treasurer, Wolfville, N. S., April 10th, 1905.

William Perry, late teller of the Bank of Yarmouth, was arrested Wednesday, Mr. S. avert, coroner, laid the information.



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