

Obituaries.

STEVES.—Fred S. Steves of Pleasant Vale, Albert Co., passed triumphantly to the glorious home beyond the dark river, on Feb. 7th last. The disease that carried him off was cancer of the stomach. He professed faith in Christ when a young man, and was baptized by the late Ezekiel Hopper. Our brother was 51 years of age at the time of his departure. In the first part of his sickness he lamented very much that he had not lived nearer, and done more for his Saviour. But he found Jesus a forgiving Saviour and was made happy in his love during the days of his severe suffering, and he plead with his associates and friends to give themselves up to Jesus and his service while they had health and opportunity. He has left a wife, five sons and three daughters in sorrow, but they sorrow not without hope; they are comforted with the prospect of meeting him in realms of immortality and blessedness.

Then let the hope of joys to come
Dispel our cares, and chase our fears;
If God be ours, we're traveling home,
Though passing through a vale of tears.

The manager of this paper was very much disappointed with the notice of W. A. West's death which appeared in the last issue. It was not the article he prepared for insertion, but was copied by the printer from some other paper, because he had lost the one that was written for the HOME MISSION JOURNAL. We feel that it is no more than due that the notice we prepared should yet be given. Brother West was a special friend, and we wish to say a few words about him:

William A. West was born in Harvey, Albert county, May 18th 1842, and was 63 years of age at the time of his death. He experienced the saving grace of God when 21 years old, and was baptized by Rev. J. H. Hughes in the winter of 1863, and united with the church in Harvey. He was married to Miss Mary E. Reid, second daughter of W. J. Reid, Esq., collector of customs in 1867. In 1890 he moved to Hopewell Hill having bought a large farm there. His death was the result of a fall from a building on which he was working in June, the 7th, 1901. He was a patient sufferer from that time until April 5th, 1902, when his dear Lord called him home to the house from which there will be no falling. His funeral service was held in the Baptist church, which was crowded to the doors. Services were conducted by Pastor Davidson, Rev. M. E. Fletcher and Rev. J. K. King, Methodist. Brother West was a man of sterling integrity, of high moral principles, and religious convictions; and although he devoted much time and attention to public and secular matters, he was ever an active worker in the temperance cause, in the Sunday school and the church, and the missionary enterprise. He was liberal according to his means, kind-hearted and obliging, a good neighbour and a useful citizen, and his removal will be felt and regretted throughout the country. In politics he was a strong liberal, but in this matter he respected the honest convictions of others who differed from him. In our Baptist policy, he was a friend to the N. B. Baptist Convention; but being of a peaceful turn of mind he raised no contention in his church about it. The Baptist church in Hopewell will feel his loss to them more than any outside his family. He was their efficient clerk, and the superintendent of their Sunday school. He leaves in mourning a wife, three sons and four daughters, besides a large number of relatives and friends. His remains were interred in Bay View cemetery. There were many floral wreaths presented by the lodge of Good Templars of which he was a member, and by the Sunday school and other friends. His departure was like one settling into a peaceful slumber.

Who would not wish to die like those
Whom God's own spirit deigns to bless;
To sink into that soft repose,
Then wake to perfect happiness.

We are sorely pained to hear of the sad affliction that has come to brother Townsend on his arrival in this province, in the death by diphtheria of his eldest daughter. On their arrival

at St. John, brother Townsend went to St. Martins in response to a call from the church there; and the family went up to the Narrows to spend a few days with friends there before moving to St. Martins, and on their reaching the home of Mr. Fowler it was discovered that the eldest daughter had diphtheria of a most malignant type. She died the next day, and had to be buried at once. It was a sore ordeal for Mrs. Townsend to have to lay her out alone, and have her buried without her husband being present. May the dear Lord sustain them in this dark hour. They have our heartfelt sympathy.

Religious News.

DOAKTOWN.

The good work still continues here and at Ludlow. Baptized two happy souls at Ludlow Sunday morning, May 18. Expect to baptize a number at Doaktown, Lord's Day, June 1st. To God be all the praise.

M. P. KING.

The work in this field is moving along about as usual. **FIRST HARVEY, A. CO.** We just send a few lines to say that on Sunday, May 18, we baptized three rejoicing converts into the Lord Jesus. This makes eighteen baptisms since we came on this field. There are others to follow soon.

M. E. FLETCHER.

I wish to express my sincere gratitude to the people of Penobscotia for a generous donation given me on the 20th inst. The donation party met at the handsome new residence of Mr. Marshall Stewart. The evening was spent in singing and social conversation. After a bountiful tea provided by the ladies, Deacon Joseph Moore on behalf of the friends present and others who had sent their gifts, presented the pastor with the sum of \$32. This and other tokens of kindness received from this people tend to strengthen the ties of friendship between the congregation and pastor. May God greatly bless these friends who so nobly gave expression of their appreciation and friendship to their pastor.

W. CAMP.

The Lord's work on this field is improving all the time, our congregations are larger this the beginning of the fourth year of my pastorate than they were the first years of my labor. They listen well and the interest is growing deeper all the time. Last night in our regular prayer meeting two souls came out as volunteers for Jesus. Two others came out a few weeks before this and God is saving precious souls here through the preaching of his own pure word. Our prayer meetings are excellent, our people are anxious, and the willingness to assist is appreciated by the pastor. Sabbath School is growing larger and more interesting than ever. I have gotten nine maps on the Tabernacle, which I intend to use after vacation in a regular line of sermons to increase the power and love of the church for the Lord Jesus, using the maps or pictures of the different aspects of the Tabernacle to illustrate the gospel which was thus foreshadowed. I am sure the Lord is with us in this and much good is coming out of this sure. Congregations at Rolling Dam are very large, house packed on fine Sundays, come from eight to 12 miles. Souls are being saved there.

H. D. WORDEN.

It might be appropriate to furnish your readers with a few lines concerning the work of the Lord in this part of his vineyard. During a year or more, previous to our coming, the church had been working under serious disadvantages. The fire in the main auditorium, which compelled us to worship in the town hall, and the many months without a pastor, tended somewhat to scatter and weaken the religious interest. The church, however, has been extensively repaired, a new vestry built adjoining the church, which has given us one of the most commodious and beautiful houses of worship in the provinces. With this improved equipment there has come a perceptible quickening of interest in all the work of the church. Since coming here early in February the people have shown a most cordial and helpful spirit and have done much to make us feel at home and we trust also will cause us to be a means of great blessing to the church and community. The interest is growing in spiritual life and power and quite a number have professed faith in Christ. The congregations are large, the prayer meetings increasing in attendance and interest, while on Friday evenings we have a Bible study under the auspices of the young people, which is perhaps one of the largest of its kind in the provinces. There is an encouraging outlook all along the line and hope we may have the prayers of the readers of these lines, that we may have a general spiritual awakening.

PASTOR.

A recognition service was held in the Leinster Street Church, St. John, on Tuesday evening of last week for the Rev. Christopher Burnett, late of New York city, who has recently assumed pastoral oversight of the church. The chair was occupied by Rev. Dr. Manning. After the reading of the Scriptures by Rev. R. R. Morson and prayer by Rev. H. H. Roach, A. A. Wilson, Esq., clerk of the church, made a brief statement as to the beginning and progress of the church's acquaintanceship with Mr. Burnett, which had led up to the call extended to him and the present relations between them. Rev. H. F. Waring, of the Brussels St. church, as the senior Baptist pastor of St. John, extended a hearty welcome to Mr. Burnett on behalf of the Baptists of the city and offered the church some excellent advice. Rev. C. T. Phillips of the Waterloo St. F. B. church, Rev. G. M. Campbell of the Centenary Methodist church, Rev. Dr. Fotheringham of the St. John's Presbyterian church, and Rev. R. R. Morson of the Congregational church, offered their congratulations in graceful speeches and welcomed the new pastor on behalf of their denominations. Mr. Burnett replied in suitable terms to the addresses of welcome which had been tendered him and indicated his desire and purpose to serve the best interests of the church of which he had become pastor and to proclaim the gospel of the Cross of Christ. Mr. Burnett is quite a young man, an Englishman by birth and education. He is prepossessing in appearance, an easy, graceful and effective speaker and evidently a man of a good deal of force of character. He will have, we are sure, a very cordial welcome from his brother ministers and the Baptists of St. John generally, and we trust that his ministry here may be a very happy and fruitful one.

The people of the community are anticipating the gathering of God's people at the Association. Will the delegates from the different churches please for-