

From the Churches.

Dalhart, N. S.—One was received by baptism on Sunday, September 26.
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FIRST CHURCH, HALIFAX.—On Sunday evening, September 26, the pastor baptized a young man and young woman. The work of the autumn and winter opens encouragingly. Those who know of persons coming from Baptist families to reside for a time in Halifax would do a good thing in informing one of the Baptist pastors of the fact. This is especially desirable in the cases of young people who come to the city for study or to enter into business life. A letter from a pastor or friend calling attention to a stranger often results in great good. The pastor of the First Church of Halifax, Rev. A. C. Chute, would be very glad to receive communications of this kind with much greater frequency.

ANDOVER, VICTORIA, Co.—A word from this field, we are struggling along in the good old way. The Lord is with us, our Sabbath services are very good, prayer-meetings are poorly attended, but very good. At Forest Glen the Sabbath services are good, prayer meetings are poor. We want in our churches more consecration of heart and sacrifice of time and self denial. Opposite Forest Glen, we held some meetings and the Lord saved souls to His praise and two different Sabbaths we had Baptism, Sabbath 19th baptized eleven, Sabbath 26th we baptized two, others are coming, would have baptized others but they were away, so we expect the work to advance. We baptized seven out of a family, Mr. and Mrs. James and six children and two others are coming too.
H. D. WARDEN.

ST. MARY'S, KENT CO., N. B.—Rev. R. M. Bynon who laboured with us for two years, but is now labouring elsewhere, paid us a visit on Sunday, Sept. 26, which was very highly appreciated. Not by this church only, but a large part of the Buctouche church came up, to have their hungry souls spiritually fed, as they firmly asserted they were starving for the Gospel. We are and have been for some time without a pastor. Our prayer is that God will direct an energetic man to this field. We are trying in our weak way to keep up the interest. Our Superintendent of the Sunday School is only with us part of the time, as as half of this time is occupied on the Victoria Road. Bro. Normandy is doing a good work there. He organized a Sunday School there last spring of which he is the Superintendent also as well as their pastor. We miss him very much when he is absent from our school. But He that sticketh closer than a brother is with us always.
A MEMBER.

SUMMERBIDE, P. E. I.—The pastor of the Summerbide church, P. E. I., spent his vacation in Nova Scotia, principally in Antigonish and Hantsport. On the return of himself and family a warm welcome awaited them. A number of the members of the church and congregation, in the way of a surprise, had peaceably taken possession of their home, and the table was found loaded with estates of diverse kinds. No time was thus lost in setting up house-keeping. During the absence of the pastor the pulpit was supplied on two Sabbath evenings by the Rev. W. H. Warren, of Bedeque. His sermons were much appreciated. The church at Belmont, Lot 16, where Evangelist Baker's labors were so largely blessed last winter, and which now is grouped with Summerbide, is giving much reason for encouragement and thankfulness. Most of all the forty new members are giving good evidence of spiritual life and growth. Many of the young men are active workers and show a deep interest in the welfare of the church. On Tuesday and Sabbath evenings a prayer and testimony meeting is held and large numbers attend. The other evening some thirty-four witnessed for Christ by prayer and testimony. To God be the praise.
W. H. ROBINSON.

HEBRON, N. S.—It is now some time since any news from this church has appeared in your columns. Our pastor is very modest, especially in regard to publishing anything about himself or his work; therefore I will write a few lines. One has joined our ranks since our last communication. Our congregations on Sundays, are good, and our weekly prayer meetings are fairly well attended, and quite an interest is manifested. But our special cause for encouragement is in our financial

condition. When our pastor took charge of this church two years and three months ago, he found it \$200 in debt, and also needing repairs on the vestry to the amount of \$200, making a total of \$400 necessary to be raised outside of the current expenses, and money for benevolent purposes. He at once addressed himself to the arduous task of raising this extra \$400, and we are thankful to be able to say he has succeeded in collecting it all with quite a respectable surplus; so our church is now entirely free of debt, with both the church edifice and the parsonage well insured, and we are happy to say further, that during this financial strain our church considerably increased its contributions to denominational purposes. This last year we raised \$401 for the convention fund, thus making an average of \$1.80 per resident member. We are fortunate in having with us this summer, Miss Jennie Hitchens, who, during her vacation took charge of our choir and in this connection rendered excellent service. Miss Hitchens is highly trained, a sweet singer, and a born leader. Before leaving for Blue Mountains, Mississippi, where she has accepted the position of vocal teacher in an educational institution, a reception was held in the church, and she was presented with a purse of money in appreciation of her work here. We voted our pastor a month's vacation, and made it an annual occurrence so long as his pastorate lasts. He will spend his vacation in New England.
W. R. DORV.

Receipts for Denominational Work, N. B. and P. E. I. from August 1 to October 1.

NEW BRUNSWICK.
Sussex, D. W., \$9.76, H. and F. M., \$7.25—\$17.01; St. John and Kings County quarterly meeting, F. M., \$1.63; St. Stephen-B. Y. P. U., H. and F. M., \$10; St. Martins, First church, F. M., \$9.55; S. B., F. M., \$3.52—\$13.07; Elgin, 3rd church, F. M., \$7; Leinster St. Mission Band, F. M., \$6; Hopewell church, F. M., \$1; Upper Gagetown, D. W., \$1.50; collection at convention per treasurer, D. W., \$41.57; Mrs. R. T. Gross, F. M., \$5, H. M., \$1, M. R. and A., \$1, N. W. M., \$2, Grande Ligne \$1—\$10; Penfield church S. S., H. M., \$5; Moncton, and church, F. M., \$11; Kars church, F. M., \$3.46; Evansdale section, F. M., \$50; Brussels St. church, H. M., \$5.70, F. M., \$11.50—\$17.22; York and Sunbury quarterly meeting collection, \$2, F. M., \$9.15; Bristol church, F. M., \$1.09; Rev. H. D. Worden, N. W. M., \$1; Gertie Tompkins, N. W. M., \$1; Blanch Estey, N. W. M., \$1; Rev. A. H. Hayward, N. W. M., \$1; Mrs. John Harold, N. W. M., \$50; East Florenceville, F. M., \$20; West Florenceville, D. W., \$5, F. M., \$1.40—\$6.40; Rockland church, F. M., \$1; Hartland church, F. M., \$1.77; Sackville B. Y. P. U., F. M., \$15, church, D. W., \$5—\$20; Alma church, Grande Ligne, \$2; Jacksonton, S. S. Primary class, F. M., \$20; 1st Springfield church, F. M., \$2. Total, \$189.84.

PRINCE EDWARD ISLAND.
Jean C. McNeill, F. M., \$1; Ruby Darach, F. M., \$50; North River church, D. W., \$12; P. E. I. conference at Belfast church, D. W., \$6.80; Alexandra church, F. M., \$3; Uxbridge church, F. M., \$3; Belfast church, F. M., \$4.88; Murray River church, D. W., \$4. Total, \$35.18.
Total N. B. and P. E. I. to October 1, \$225.02.
J. W. MANNING.
Treas. Con. N. B. and P. E. I.
St. John, October 1.

Ordinations.

Pursuant to an invitation from the Homeville, Mira and Port Morien churches, an ecclesiastical council convened with the Homeville church, September 23, to consider the advisability of ordaining Bro. Simeon Spidle, B. A., to the work of the gospel ministry. The council was organized in the choice of Bro. J. Y. Ross, Moderator, and Bro. N. H. Richardson, Clerk. The following churches were represented: Homeville—Arnold Homes, Robert Homes and John Homes; Mira—Deacon John Nichol and A. J. Spencer; Port Morien—Deacon Samuel Peters, David Spencer and L. G. Spencer; Glace Bay—Rev. F. Beattie and J. Y. Ross; Sydney—Rev. H. B. Smith, Chesley Richardson and N. H. Richardson; North Sydney—Rev. D. G. McDonald and Edward Leslie. Deacon Bagnell, of Gabarus, was invited to a seat in the council. The

clerk of the Homeville church read the minutes of the business meeting which was held for the purpose of calling the council. Provision had also been made for Bro. Spidle's support. Bro. Spidle was called upon and related in a very satisfactory way his conversion, Christian experience, call to the ministry and views of Christian doctrine. Rev. F. Beattie moved the following resolution:

Whereas, We have listened with satisfaction to the conversion, experience, call to the ministry and views of Christian doctrine by Bro. Spidle; therefore

Resolved, That the council recommend the church to proceed with the ordination.

Arrangements were made for the evening meeting and were carried out as follows: Sermon by Rev. H. B. Smith; ordaining prayer, Rev. F. Beattie; right hand of fellowship and charge to the candidate, Rev. F. Beattie; charge to the church, Rev. D. G. McDonald; benediction, Bro. Simeon Spidle. The services throughout were most impressive and interesting. Bro. Spidle has won a large place in the hearts of the people. We heard nothing but good wishes on every side. He is doing a noble work, and through God's blessing we expect to hear of both pastor and church prospering.

J. Y. ROSS, N. H. RICHARDSON,
Moderator. Clerk.

A council met with the Bridgewater Baptist church, Sept. 28, to consider the advisability of ordaining to the gospel ministry their new pastor, Bro. E. P. Churchill. Delegates were present from Bridgewater, Mahone Bay, Chester, Lunenburg, New Germany, New Canada, Pleasantville, Brookfield, Kempt, Milton, Liverpool and Wolfville. Dr. T. A. Higgins of Wolfville was elected president of the council and Rev. H. S. Shaw, Clerk. After a very satisfactory examination of the candidates, the council advised the church to proceed with the ordination of Brother Churchill. Rev. W. H. Jenkins of Chester, preached the sermon, from the text, "And the Spirit of God came mightily upon Saul," 1 Sam. 10:10. Pastors Crandall and Reads, Messrs. Archibald, March, Bishop, Pash, Baker, Shaw, and Rev. Mr. Simpson, Presbyterian of Bridgewater, also participated in the evening exercises. The meeting closed with the benediction by Rev. E. P. Churchill. Bridgewater seems again to have been very happy in the choice of a pastor and we prophesy only good of the future.
HARRY S. SHAW, Clerk.

Notices.

The San Co. District meeting will meet at Chelsea Oct. 10th. Will all the churches kindly send delegates including the pastor to attend this meeting. As it is the first meeting of the year, it is important that a large number should be present to plan our district work for the present year.
H. S. SHAW.
Mahone Bay, Sept. 22nd.

Just as we are going to press, a note reaches us from Digby, stating that, on account of the illness of Pastor Thomas, the Digby County Quarterly Meeting will not be held as advertised last week. Bro. Thomas, we regret to learn, is down with typhoid fever.
EDITOR MESSENGER AND VISITOR.

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There will be (n. v.) a meeting of the Board of Governors of Acadia University in the library of the College on Thursday, the 14th inst., at 11 a. m. The installation of Rev. Dr. Trotter as President of the University will take place on the evening of the same day at 8 o'clock. The service will be held in College Hall.
S. B. KRUMPTON, Sec'y. of Board.
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