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## Messenger and Visitor.

WEDNESDAY, FEB. 19th, 1896.

### MINISTERS FOR VACANT CHURCHES.

Of the twenty young men now in the  
Senior class at Rochester Theological  
Seminary, five are from these provinces.  
Their names are: William I. Archibald,  
Owen N. Chapman, A. J. Crockett,  
Charles B. Freeman and Avery A. Shaw.  
These men are all graduates of Acadia  
University and Mr. Archibald holds an  
M. A. degree from Chicago University.  
We understand that as students their  
records are much above the average.  
Some of them too have had considerable  
experience in pastoral work. We are  
informed that these young brethren who  
in the course of two or three months  
will be ready to enter upon their life's  
work would gladly accept calls to  
churches in these provinces. There are  
a number of pastorless churches here;  
will these churches avail themselves of  
the opportunity now afforded them to  
secure men who it may be confidently  
expected will prove to be able and ex-  
cellent pastors? Every little while some  
good brother rises up amongst us to say  
that the great want of the denomination  
in these provinces is a theological school  
or a department at Acadia to train our  
young men for the ministry, because if  
they go to the States to be educated,  
the attractions are so superior there  
that they will not return. We are quite  
persuaded that the superior attractions  
are largely imaginary. There are of  
course a few prominent places, with  
large salaries attached, to which men  
of exceptionally popular gifts are likely  
to be called. But such places and the men  
who fit them are limited in number.  
And it is not by any means certain that  
the man who is likely to be called to  
such a place would be the most valuable  
pastor for an ordinary church. We  
venture to say that the average New  
England Baptist church is no more at-  
tractive for our young men than is the  
average church in these provinces. It  
is, we believe, a mistake for our  
churches to conclude that the young  
men who have gone abroad for their the-  
ological training will not return unless  
the inducement of prominent places and  
large salaries are held out to them. Our  
marriage boys are patriotic, they prefer  
the institutions of this country and they  
would rather live under the flag of  
Britain than under the stars and stripes.  
They know our people, they are a part  
of them. The social and religious life,  
as well as the political life of this coun-  
try, is as a rule, more congenial to them  
than that which they find on the other  
side of the national boundary. We be-  
lieve our young men are willing to make  
what are generally regarded as sacrifices  
for the sake of coming back to us. We  
say to our churches who want pastors,  
try them and see. Do the best you can  
for them and see if they will not re-  
spond to your call.

—On Wednesday last in the Dominion  
House of Commons, Mr. Flint, member  
for Yarmouth, moved that, in the opin-  
ion of the House, the manufacture,  
importation, and sale of intoxicating  
liquor, except for medicinal, sacramental  
and mechanical purposes, should be  
prohibited by law. Mr. Flint last year  
presented the same or a similar motion  
and it was side-tracked by an amend-  
ment which declared that further con-  
sideration of the subject by Parliament  
should be postponed until the decision  
of the Judicial Committee of the Privy  
Council should be received on the ques-  
tion of Dominion and Provincial juris-  
diction in respect to prohibition. That  
decision has not yet been announced,  
and Mr. Flint argued that there should  
be no further delay on the part of the  
Dominion Parliament in dealing with  
the subject. Further debate on the sub-  
ject was postponed. If it comes up  
again the expedient by which it was  
shelved last year will probably be made  
to do duty again.

Officials of the State Department at  
Washington are much gratified over the  
reference in the Queen's speech to the  
Vancouver dispute, particularly over  
the consular officers that followed.

## LET PEACE BE ESTABLISHED.

In the past few months, as every-  
one knows, events have occurred which  
have given a rude shock to the comfort-  
able belief which had been cherished by  
most of us that, at this stage of the  
world's progress, war between Great  
Britain and the United States had be-  
come a moral impossibility, and that any  
talk of hostile relations which might  
reach our ears could be nothing more  
serious or influential than the wild  
speech of American demagogues with  
political lies to fly. We need not here  
point out by what means that feeling of  
security came to give place to one of  
very grave anxiety as to the continuance  
of friendly relations, and to the percep-  
tion that, in the presence of existing  
conditions, the impossibility of war could  
not be affirmed. We do not here inquire  
where principally lies the blame for the  
existence of conditions which would  
seem to make war possible. It is cer-  
tain that Great Britain is wholly and  
most emphatically averse to war with  
the United States, and in the latter  
country, the hostile voices that of late  
have been so loudly raised against Eng-  
land do not represent the strongest and  
best elements of the nation. There is  
on both sides of the Atlantic a desire for  
the promotion of more assured condi-  
tions of peace and friendly relations.  
This appears in what is being under-  
taken towards the establishment of a  
treaty of arbitration in accordance with  
which difficult questions and disputes  
between the two countries might be  
peacefully settled. It is gratifying to  
find that an influential movement is  
being made in the United States with  
a view to promote such a means of settling  
international questions. A circular  
signed by a number of gentlemen of  
representative character has been issued  
from Chicago, calling upon the people in  
the cities and towns of the United States  
to express their opinion upon the mat-  
ter. We quote here as much of the  
circular as is necessary to explain its  
purpose:

"The suddenness with which the pos-  
sibility of hostilities broke upon the  
people of the United States and Great  
Britain, wholly unexpected, profoundly  
disturbing, fraught with peril to the en-  
lightened character of both nations, to  
civilization, prosperity, property, and  
human life, is sufficient reason why the  
people of both countries should employ  
their strength, not in preparations to  
destroy each other, but in assuring peace  
between the two nations upon eternal  
and immovable foundations.

"On the twenty-second of this Feb-  
ruary, the people of the United States  
will celebrate the birth of George  
Washington. Let the people make that  
day even more glorious by inaugurating  
a movement for cementing all the  
English-speaking people of the world in  
peace and fraternal unity.

"We therefore suggest and propose  
that the people of all cities and towns of  
the United States and Great Britain, by  
formal treaty, to establish arbitration as  
the method of settling all differences  
which may fall of settlement by diplo-  
macy, the two powers?

"2. What is our opinion of war as a  
mode of settling controversies between  
the United States and Great Britain?  
—Dr. William C. Gray, 69 Dearborn  
street, Chicago, and William E. Dodge,  
11 Cliff street, New York, will receive  
the proceedings, which should be sent  
in duplicate and arranged them for trans-  
mission to the President of the United  
States and the Queen of England.

"We request our newspapers, religious  
and secular, if this proposal shall appear  
to them to be good and wise, to give it  
their attention, and urge that people in all  
parts of the Union to concentrate their  
celebration of the birth of Washington  
on this cause, by taking appropriate  
action on that day, or upon convenient  
occasions clustering around it.

"It is suggested that in Canada also the  
churches and other societies should give  
expression to their sentiments in answer  
to the questions proposed in the circular.  
Any resolutions which the people of  
Canada may formulate on the subject,  
we are assured, will be gladly and grate-  
fully received by the Chicago com-  
mittee. Such resolutions may be for-  
warded to Dr. W. C. Gray, editor of the  
Interior, 65 Dearborn street, Chicago.  
It seems but fair to expect the people of  
Canada to respond heartily to this in-  
vitation. There is certainly no section  
of the British Empire whose people are  
more desirous of maintaining friendly  
relations with the United States than  
those of Canada, and there are none so  
directly and deeply interested in mak-  
ing the contingency of war between the  
two nations as remote as possible.

### MR. MOODY'S MOTHER.

A few weeks ago Mrs. Moody, mother  
of the eminent Evangelist passed away,  
having exceeded the age of four score  
years and ten. At the funeral Mr.  
Moody paid a tribute to his mother's  
memory in a short address which was  
repeated as follows:

"I know it is not customary for a son  
to speak at his mother's funeral. If it  
is possible for me to control my feelings,  
I want to pay her memory a merited  
tribute. It was a great honor for us to  
have such a mother. I can not praise  
her enough. She was a wise woman.

## Our Annuity Association.

I note the call of Bro. Saunders in last  
week's issue, also editorial utterances in  
re our Annuity Association. The editor-  
ial speaks of the "failure of so many to  
respond to the strong and frequent ap-  
peals made to" our Baptist Israel. Per-  
sonally I am intensely interested in that  
call pertaining to making provision for  
the wants of disabled ministers, widows  
and children. As a young man I may  
be permitted to state what in my judg-  
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brethren failing to take hold of the  
scheme. It is in the conditions named  
in the terms of membership. To say  
that a brother must pay \$10 for every  
year that has elapsed between the time  
of ordination and the date of application  
for admittance to the association is sim-  
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in the way to membership. In my own  
case I would be obliged to pay \$60 be-  
fore I would be received. It may be ar-  
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the finances of the association, who have  
been members for ten years, deserve  
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a charge after a membership of one year.  
We admit this. But it would be far  
more business-like to regulate the  
amount of help given by length of  
membership. By the payment in my  
own case of less than one-eighth  
the entrance cost to the annuity associa-  
tion I have been admitted to one of the  
best insurance and benefit associations  
on the continent. We are still hoping  
for a readjustment in all that pertains  
to the entrance regulations of the Annuity  
Association.

B. H. THOMAS.

### WELCOME BACK.

The hearty welcome back which the  
Moncton church and congregation have  
given to the Rev. W. B. Hinson evi-  
dences the love and esteem in which he  
is held by the people to whom twelve  
years previous to his removal to Mon-  
cton, he had ministered with so much  
ability and success. Replying to the  
cordial address of welcome presented at  
the recent reception services, Mr. Hinson  
is reported as saying:

"He knew why he was here. He was  
here because the God who governed the  
stars in their course and guided men,  
had condescended to govern him. The  
way by which the Master had led him  
here was strange. If it had not been  
asked him twelve months ago, or even  
eleven months ago, to return he would  
have said no, and the answer would  
have demanded no thoughtfulness at  
all. He was glad to be with them. He  
was here because God had bidden him  
come. He had more of the feeling of being  
at home than he had known for a long  
time."

THE MESSENGER AND VISITOR desires  
to extend to Pastor Hinson a hand of  
hearty welcome and to wish him and  
the church to which he ministers the  
largest measure of blessing in their work.  
He has come to a church which by its  
size and its various interests must tax  
a strong man's resources to the utmost.  
But Pastor Hinson does not enter upon  
his work as a stranger. He knows his  
people and knows their needs. His  
ministry of the past in Moncton was  
largely fruitful in good, and we trust  
that the years to come may witness even  
a greater measure of prosperity in which  
pastor and people shall rejoice together.

### Question.

Should members of a Baptist church  
whose parents are prominent members  
attend balls and take part in the dan-  
cing. If admissible would it not be well  
to add a clause to the work called Faith  
and Practice, which is often read from  
the pulpit for our guide and instruction.

### REQUIRE.

Probably our correspondent does not  
mean to imply that, if the parents are  
not prominent, it is excusable for young  
people who are members of a church to  
attend balls, etc. We can only say that  
we do not think that any member of a  
Baptist church, young or old, prominent  
or otherwise, should engage in such  
amusements. It can hardly fail to re-  
sult in some harm to the religious  
character of those who do so, and be-  
sides the consideration of influence upon  
others should forbid it. As to the wis-  
dom of putting into the church covenant  
pledges against this or that particular  
vice or folly, we are not at all certain.  
At all events we do not think a church  
should seek its members to make specific  
promises of this kind, and in practice  
it does not require them to keep.

### Dominion Dairy School at Sussex.

The Agricultural and Dairy Commis-  
sioner, Prof. J. W. Robertson, has ar-  
ranged for the opening of a dairy school  
for the Maritime Provinces at Sussex on  
the 31st of March next.

Two courses of instruction in cheese-  
making and milk-testing will be given.  
The first one will open on Tuesday, 31st  
March, and will close on Friday, 10th April.  
The second course begins on the 14th  
April and closes on the 24th. Students  
may take either or both terms if there is  
room for all during the second term.  
There will be evening lectures and at  
least four public meetings at which lead-  
ing dairymen from abroad will deliver  
addresses. In addition to these courses  
Superintendent Hopkins will spend the  
first week in May at the Wolfville, N. B.,  
creamery to give instructions in cheese-  
making, and after the 19th May he will  
superintend butter-making at the Nappan  
Dairy Station.

Applications for admission to the  
course at Sussex, and all enquiries,  
should be addressed to the secretary of  
the school.

W. W. HUBBARD,  
Sussex, N. B.

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### Home Missions.

#### BOARD MEETING.

The regular meeting at the close of  
Second Quarter was held on the 10th inst.

#### REPORTS.

Were received from two general mis-  
sionaries and 14 mission pastors.

#### GRANTS.

1. To the Margary and Mabow  
churches, \$100 for one year. Geo.  
E. Everett, Missionary.
2. To Greenville, Wentworth and  
Westchester churches, \$125 for one year.  
Rev. F. N. Atkinson, pastor.
3. To Little Glace Bay church, \$100  
for one year from Jan. 1st, 1896. Rev.  
F. Battle, pastor.
4. To the Gabarus, Fouchard and  
Grand Mire churches, \$170 for one year  
from Nov. Rev. M. A. Seelling, pastor.
5. To the St. John's church, \$100  
for one year. Rev. W. H. Robinson,  
pastor.
6. To the Alberton and Springfield  
churches, P. E. I., \$125 for one year.  
Rev. H. Carter, pastor.

The Board now assisting about 30  
mission fields and others are asking as-  
sistance. It seems too bad to have any  
of these weak churches without regular  
pastoral care, especially when the men  
are so hard to supply them, if only we  
had the means to support them. What-  
ever other cause we aid, let us see to it  
that the weak churches are not left un-  
cared for. This first denominational  
work has a first claim upon our churches.

Wolville, N. S., Feb. 14.

### The Prohibition Convention.

The indications are that the Prohibition  
Convention to be held in Frederic-  
ton this week, (19th and 20th) will be  
attended by a large number represent-  
ing every section of the province.  
The Convention will be held in the  
Theatre Royal, on York street. The  
Hall will be open at 10 a. m. Wednes-  
day; and all members who are in the city  
in the morning are requested to meet at  
the Hall for an informal conference.

The first regular meeting will open at  
8 p. m. Wednesday, which time the  
Convention will be duly organized by  
the election of officers, the appointment  
of committees, etc. Wednesday evening  
there will be a welcome meeting which  
addressed by several speakers.

On Thursday there will be three meet-  
ings, the closing meeting of the Conven-  
tion being held Thursday evening. Mr.  
F. B. Spence, of Toronto, will be present  
throughout the Convention.

All phases of the political ques-  
tion are likely to receive consideration  
in the Convention, every meeting will be  
of interest and importance; and it is  
hoped that every one who intends to be  
present will be there from the opening  
to the closing meeting of the Conven-  
tion.

[We regret that the information given  
above did not reach this office in time  
for last week's issue.—Ed.]

### Acadia Volunteer Band.

Our Band consists of four members.  
Two or three others may join us before  
long. We meet weekly, and follow the  
course of study which all the Volunteer  
Bands in America are following. This  
year we study India, and supplement  
our book-work by all the information we  
can gather from every source. We had  
Mr. Sanford with us at one of our meet-  
ings just before he left for India, and ques-  
tioned him pretty lively on every part of  
the work. We are looking forward to  
the arrival of Mr. Higgins for a good deal  
of help and news from the field. While  
we are studying about India we recog-  
nize that "the field is the world," but we  
feel too, that we are in a manner, here  
by direct descent to the North Toluca  
pass.

We have delightful meetings and per-  
haps enjoy the circle of prayer more than  
the regular study. We have asked our  
loving Father to show us how we can  
best serve Him in everything we do; and  
when we kneel and make in turn leads in  
prayer, all are of one accord, and so, you  
know, each one receives a blessing.  
I write because when I read Mr. Man-  
ning's statement in a late MESSENGER  
to Yarmouth, I thought you would all  
like to know what the prospects are for  
meeting the call for more workers.

FRANK OF THE BARD.

## District Meeting.

Following out the notice, delegates  
from the various Baptist churches of  
Quebec Co. N. S., met at their quarterly  
meeting in the Liverpool church. For  
were at the forenoon session, but those  
who did attend received a blessing. The  
meeting was of a devotional character,  
led by a welcome visitor, Rev. G. C.  
Burgess.

At the next session, preparatory for  
work, time was given for prayer, that we  
be guided. Then were heard the re-  
ports from several churches, compris-  
ing Liverpool, Milton, Grand St. Paul,  
Medbury, churches in North Queens,  
Brooklyn District. There were, with-  
out representatives, Kempt, Middle-  
field, and Mills Village. Two baptisms  
were reported in New Elia, in Lan-  
burg Co., with more to follow. Although  
the churches in Quebec have had no  
additions they are far from being dis-  
courage, for determination with God's  
help is theirs. The promises of better  
times are always sure, as in former  
years. In some of the meetings the in-  
terest is increasing while in others the  
Baptist schools and B. Y. P. U. are the  
most cheering. Humility will ever  
bring strength, and those who are ever  
import to the work. Our experience  
can serve for each other's good.  
There are four ministers in this district,  
with the probability of another's settle-  
ment over the Port Medbury, Mills Vi-  
lage, and Grandfield churches. Rev.  
G. C. Baker, has the largest field of  
work, covering much credit for his  
efforts in these parts. A question raised  
a discussion on the "Constitution" and  
old practices are questioned, may it be  
for good. An exchange of letters can  
be made, and of the blessed knowledge  
opinions become a fund for future use.  
The time in the evening was occupied  
in singing, addresses, and a paper. The  
first subject assigned was "Grand Ligon  
Mission," which Rev. G. C. Baker spoke  
on for our good. He also added a few  
words on the Northwest work. The  
next was a paper on the "Coming of  
the Lord," prepared and read by Mrs.  
H. S. Baker, which was listened to with  
interest. The last speaker, Rev. G. C.  
Burgess, spoke on "Foreign Missions,"  
in a general way, his connection, saying  
that the growth should be all around,  
that all good objects should have sup-  
port. He also said the work was a unit,  
all-round, and that the work of the  
pastor was as broad as the ages, deep as  
the world's needs. The President then made  
some closing remarks relative to future  
meetings of this kind, that they ever  
keep increasing in interest. The doc-  
trine was sung and we went out  
several ways.

LUIGIS D. DEXTER.

Secretary pro tem.

Liverpool, Feb. 4, '96.

### Life and Times of the Hon. Joseph Howe.

One of the most interesting books ever  
published in Canada, bearing the above  
title, will appear early in March. It will  
make between three and four hundred  
pages and will be illustrated by num-  
erous engravings of scenes and persons  
distinguished men and scenes. The  
author is Mr. G. E. Fenety, whose in-  
timate acquaintance with Mr. Howe began  
about five years ago, and before Mr. Howe  
became a poor man in his native land  
and throughout Canada, and the author  
has followed his career, step by step, until  
the day of Mr. Howe's death as Lieu-  
tenant Governor of Nova Scotia. The book  
will be for sale at the book stores.  
Now that the creation of a monument is  
contemplated to this truly great man,  
the present generation, (to say nothing  
of Mr. Howe's old surviving friends) will  
be enabled through this work, the better  
to form an opinion of the merits as well  
as history of this political benefactor.  
The price will be made as low as  
the expenses of publication will per-  
mit. Should there be a surplus it shall  
be handed over to the Monument Com-  
mission.

### PERSONAL.

Rev. C. E. Pines, who has accepted  
a call to the Westport church, is among  
a good people and we hope he may enjoy  
not only health, but much prosperity in  
his work.

Rev. D. H. MacQuarrie has removed to  
Port Medbury, Yarmouth county. We  
presume, though he has not so inform  
us, that Bro. MacQuarrie has taken pas-  
toral charge of the church at that place.

Rev. W. B. Wallace, son of Rev. Isaiah  
Wallace has resigned his charge as pas-  
tor of the Baptist church at Oswego, N. Y.,  
to accept a call to the Tabernacle  
Baptist church in Utica, N. Y. The lat-  
ter, we learn, is a large and prosperous  
church. The Oswego Palladium ex-  
presses regret at the prospective de-  
parture of Mr. Wallace and says that he  
is regarded as one of the most scholarly  
and brilliant preachers in Oswego.

In our obituary column this week is  
recorded the death of Miss Steele, eldest  
daughter of Rev. Dr. Steele of Amherst.  
It will be remembered that a few years  
ago Mr. and Mrs. Steele were very sorely  
bereaved in the death of their eldest son.  
This is another heavy blow. Many read-  
ers of this paper will desire to unite with  
us in extending to these and to other  
friends in their affliction such comfort  
as human sympathy can give, and in the  
prayer that divine grace may prove suf-  
ficient for time of need.

### Editor Messenger and Visitor.

DEAR SIR.—Permit me to announce  
through your column that as the Farm-  
ers' and Dairyman's Association of New  
Brunswick will not have their proceed-  
ings printed in blue book form this year,  
but will utilize the columns of their  
official organ, The Co-operative Farmer,  
published at Sussex, and have ordered  
6000 extra copies for distribution. It  
would be well for farmers whose names  
are not enrolled as members of agricul-  
tural societies to apply to the paper at  
Sussex for copies containing the report  
of the recent annual meeting. It is pro-  
posed as far as possible to send the  
papers to members of agricultural socie-  
ties and local dairymen's associations,  
but in cases a name has been omitted  
they should apply as above stated.

H. WILSON.

Rev. Secty. F. D. A. M.

At his residence in Harland, on the  
morning of Wednesday, the 5th inst.,  
Rev. Benjamin Jewett passed away from  
earth in the eightieth year of his age.  
Bro. Jewett was born at Macquaque, in  
the year 1816. His people were con-  
nected with the Congregational church  
at the above place. He was married in  
1842 to Miss Grace Brown. In 1844, in  
a most glorious revival of religion which  
was then in progress in Fredericton and  
adjacent, under the labors of the Rev.  
Dr. I. E. Bill, of most gracious memory,  
he was converted of sin by the Holy  
spirit and led to see himself a lost  
sinner. After deep contrition and  
salvation and much prayer he was brought  
into the light and liberty of the Gospel  
and became very happy. He felt  
that it was his duty to become a member  
of a Christian church. The question  
before him was, "Which church?" and  
properly two—Whom shall I make my  
church home? Human counsel at this  
important point was not deemed to  
afford as relief, as he was in a  
corner and he said, "I will trust in  
the Lord. He will direct me." And so  
according to his conscientious convictions  
he asked for baptism in the New Testa-  
ment or primitive way; therefore he  
was baptized in the baptism by  
the late Rev. T. W. Steele, a devoted  
servant of God. Accordingly he felt it  
to be his duty to join the Baptist  
church at Amherst, and by attending  
was publicly set apart to the work of  
the ministry. He was very earnest in  
his presentation of the precious  
Gospel, and in his exhortations of what he  
believed the Bible teaches, doctrinally  
and practically. It was very much  
blessed in a revival at "Grand Ligon,"  
near the Bay, Quebec, and he was a  
very active and successful worker in  
his field. By persevering and econ-  
omical habits he gained a moderate  
competence of this world's goods. In  
his home no person could be hap-  
pily and generously. His last sickness  
was not protracted, but by times he en-  
dured excruciating pain, which was  
with calm resignation to the divine will.  
Everything was done for him which  
kindness and medical skill could ac-  
complish. Divine wisdom had fixed  
the bounds of human life and he could not  
pass. A short period before death he  
had a delightful experience of accept-  
ance with God through the precious  
blood of Christ. His soul for a season  
was in wonderful spiritual ecstasy. He  
had a sweet foretaste of the joy of the  
inheritance of the saints in light. By  
the request of the deceased the writer  
preached his funeral sermon to a very  
large and attentive audience. The  
ministers in attendance and who took  
part in the service were: Revs. Blakely,  
Phillips, Cahill, Warden, Corey and  
Smith. Brother Jewett kindly re-  
sponded to the prayer of the Lord,  
blessed the cause of missions, the New-  
west, Grand Ligon, and Home Missions  
in N. B., by bequeathing \$500 to each  
to be paid by his executors at the death  
of his widow.

T. W. TOOS.

Woodstock, Feb. 13, '96.

### Another Genuine Surprise.

Since called to the pastorate of the  
Lower Aylesford Baptist church I have  
been the happy recipient of repeated  
surprises from the kind people whom  
I serve. But on the evening of January  
23rd occurred the most surprising sur-  
prise of all. Business having called me  
away from home that day I was detained  
till the middle of the evening. When,  
at length I returned, it was to find the  
parsonage in full possession of certain  
ones, who at that time had assumed an  
air of proprietorship that made it ap-  
pear as if the church had been sold. This  
surprise was not only a surprise, but an  
unassuming as possible. Making my  
way through the unnumbered teams,  
and people surrounding the parsonage,  
I ventured to enter. Five large rooms  
were literally filled. What spaces were  
not occupied by men, women and chil-  
dren, was not less acceptably taken up  
with the burdens they had borne thither.  
At first the pastor felt somewhat ill at  
ease, but the happy faces, and the  
sincere satisfaction at upon their  
countenances soon dispelled all fear, and  
assured him that he was in the hands of  
such as proposed dealing mercifully with  
him. A dozen cheerful voices triumph-  
antly greeted him with the words:  
"We've got ahead of the pastor with all  
this time." And the pastor could only  
answer, "sure enough." We were then  
informed that the gathering signified a  
house-warming. When, however, the  
company had dispersed, and we having  
made an observation, found ourselves  
encompassed with the very best of the  
land, by bushels and hundred-weights,  
and even cart loads; and then remem-  
bered that only a few weeks previously  
this same people had furnished the pa-  
sonage with beautiful stores, and a good  
supply of this which goes with them  
to make the house warm. We much  
preferred to call the surprise, a genuine  
heart-warming, for such it truly proved to  
be. But the good things did not all come  
that evening, for scarcely a day had  
passed since, that we have not been  
greatly surprised by some thoughtful  
ones who could not join the party. Mr.  
Gullison unites with me to express  
heart-rending thanks for those with all  
their tokens of kindness and sympathy  
which have been bestowed upon us by  
this appreciative people with whom we  
are privileged to be co-workers; and we  
earnestly pray that the Giver of every  
good and perfect gift may richly reward  
all who have thus united to make our  
home comfortable, our storehouse full,  
and our hearts happy.

G. C. B.

### GOLDEN WEDDING.

On Jan. 20th, Mr.  
and Mrs. S. MacPherson, celebrated their  
golden wedding at the residence of Mrs.  
C. N. S. A large number of friends  
came in and spent the evening with this  
young old couple, and showed their  
esteem for brother and sister MacPherson  
by leaving with them their best  
wishes and many valuable presents.  
Many happy returns of the day.

G. C. B.

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### CHARLOTTE TOWNSHIP.

Two sisters have been  
John Mills and Mrs. J.

### ST. MARTIN, N. B.

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### HANTSPORT, N. B.