

and felt more and more the value and preciousness of preaching. After service, speaking of my contemplated return and work in New York, he said, "Go, and the Lord go with you and bless you even more abundantly in the future than in the past."

We shall plan to give some notes occasionally through the *Messenger* and *Visitor* respecting the new sphere and undertaking to which we are committed in the Lord's name; for alone, who could dare or undertake?

The work and position in New York are not of our own seeking. Although from what we now know of its demands and opportunities, great as are the responsibilities, and difficult as will be the attainment of success, nevertheless we can and do rejoice for the future, even whilst the present prospect and pain of parting from our much loved home work and its numerous clings is felt most keenly; because it has ever been our boast, ambition and delight to prophesy, on the thick boughs, as Mr. Huntington expresses it, to preach and labor among the working classes, and to have a centre around which a far-reaching influence could be wielded.

Sometimes, since the call has come, fears have arisen, can you hope to arrest the attention, attract and hold men in such a busy, pushing throng, where the whirl and eddy make it hard to arrest, gather and hold men? We can only say, by the grace of God we will try, and in the future still do the best we can. It seems strange, yet, after all, rather pleasing to go from the Tabernacle to the pastorate of the Temple church, and it shall be our best endeavor to make it an attractive point for the rallying of old friends and new.

It is pleasing to know that in our New York pastorate at the First Baptist Mariners' Temple, corner of Henry and Oliver streets, just off Chatham Square, the position is such that we shall have ample scope and opportunity to reach those who are constantly rooted in the cradle of the deep, and shall endeavor to help and cheer to holy endeavor and usefulness of life, not only the wandering boys, but the daughters we may find in that great city. We earnestly ask the prayers of all who love our Lord Jesus that special grace and wisdom may be granted for the work, to use at all its privileges and to meet its difficulties.

We plan to continue the publication of *Buds and Blossoms*, and to use it in the future as in the past as a missionary agency. We plan to take the *Portia* for New York on the 27th of this month. Payments can be sent for a short time yet to Miss Phoebe until matters are definitely settled. Meantime we thank all who have in times past cheered and aided, and ask for a continuance of their loving ministry in the faith for Christ's sake.

J. F. AVERY.

## Missionary Correspondence.

BIMPATAM, INDIA,  
July 20, 1887.

The Lord has wrought a great deliverance for us this day! We have seen it; and our hearts rejoice in his name. Let those who pray for the success of our work among the Telugus, rejoice with us. A soul has been rescued from the snare of the devil. He trusted in Jesus, confessed Him, was baptized, and was not left to be dragged back into the utterly destructive vortex of Brahminism, caste and idolatry. Satan and his troops worked hard. They used every available means; but at last were obliged to retire defeated.

We seem to have lived several days during the last twelve hours. It is no light matter to withstand such furious assaults of the enemy. But the fight is over for this day, and the victory ours. Bless the Lord!

Now you are ready for the story. A young man, a Brahmin, nearly twenty years of age, has been coming to the mission compound during the past year. The last six months he has been engaged as teacher in the mission school. His people have been watching him very closely lest he should become a Christian. He himself, however, was not ready to follow Christ until a fortnight since, in our Wednesday evening prayer meeting, when he felt that the Lord spoke to him, and his heart was changed. He made it known that evening after meeting. In the course of a few days he informed us, secretly, of his desire to be baptized, and be united with the Christians. Here is his letter.

Most Honored Sir,

As I have been hearing the gospel for a long time, I have now come to the state of being a Christian; and so I most humbly beg that you may kindly take me into the church of Christ with due baptism and its functions, on the evening of the 19th of July. I also beg to state that you will be kind enough to me to defend me from all the difficulties which may accrue to me from heathens, and allow me to remain in the mission compound as long as I wish to be there.

I beg to remain, &amp;c.

Here was the application by letter, in addition to his verbal testimony and request. We did not doubt that he had become a disciple. How to accomplish the matter of receiving him into the church and administering the ordinance of baptism without having him dragged away by a heathen mob, was the next thing to be considered. The servants and work-people about us were likely to spread the word in the town at once, if any indication was made that he was going to become a Christian. Twenty miles could suffice

to bring an excited crowd of Brahmins, followed by a multitude of men, women and children of other castes, all interested in hindering any one of their number from becoming a Christian.

Fortunately, our new baptistry on the compound was ready for use. Its construction, after our first painful experience in baptizing a Brahmin, was due to the gift of Miss Gray, our sister missionary. It was a wise provision. Hitherto we had always gone down through the town to the sea. None of the heathen about us knew it was a baptistry; but thought it a reservoir for holding water for gardening purposes. We began to fill the baptistry, adding a little daily for four days. On the last day, yesterday, 19th, at 6 p. m., the work people, some fifty in number, who are working on the mission chapel, were dismissed as usual and went to their homes. As soon as they had gone, according to notice given quietly during the day, the church members assembled to hear the young man's testimony. He told what Jesus had done for him; formally renounced caste; gave up the sacred thread; and willingly submitted to the removal of the jutta or sacred tuft of hair worn at the back of the head by men of caste. He then signed the following paper before witnesses, and delivered it to us. He was received by the unanimous voice of the church for baptism and membership. It was then seven o'clock.

"Be it known to all men that I, M. K. son of — dwelling in this town, and being no longer a minor, but over nineteen years of age, as shown by my horoscope, and according to the laws of this land, free to act for myself in matters of religion, do hereby declare and confess myself to be a follower of the Lord Jesus Christ. Having believed in Him as my Saviour from sin, and having found peace through His forgiveness, I now desire to obey His command by being baptized into the name of the Father, the Son, and the Holy Spirit. For this reason I have, of my own free will, made application to Rev. R. Sanford, the missionary, and to the church here to be received as one of their number. I seek their protection and help. Let no man trouble me. The Lord has called me into His kingdom and service. I must obey. Witness my hand,

(Signed),  
Bimpatam, July 19, '87.

Witnesses,

We went out to the baptistry, and there after a brief prayer he was baptized with Christ, as the Scriptures require. After the baptism we all gathered in the mission house for prayer. We felt that a decisive struggle was at hand. None but God could give us the victory. We unitedly sought His help.

R. SANFORD.

## Home Missions.

The first regular meeting of the Home Mission Board for the new year was held on Monday, the 12th inst.

## OFFICERS

were elected as follows: A. C. Robbins, Esq., chairman; Rev. J. B. Woodland, Vice-chairman; Rev. A. Coburn, Cor. Secy; Rev. J. A. Ford, Rec. Secy; W. R. Doty, Esq., Treas.; and T. B. Crosby and C. S. P. Robbins, Auditors.

## REPORTS

were received from general missionaries Wallace and McGregor, Rev. E. T. Miller, Quinpool Road, and from student missionaries, Thos. Stackhouse, Whitelyville and Little South West; J. W. McGregor, Tuck, and W. V. Higgins, Oak Bay.

## GRANTS

1. To Scots Bay and other stations in Kings Co., N. S., \$100 for one year. Rev. D. Freeman, missionary.

2. To Summerdale church, P. E. I., \$150 for one year to assist them in securing the services of Rev. Jos. Cahill as pastor.

## APPOINTMENTS

Rev. P. S. McGregor was appointed a general missionary for one year from Sept. 1, '87. Rev. Dr. Saunders was requested to visit Scum Secum and Moser River for a few weeks, to assist student missionary McQuarrie.

## REMARKS

Thanks to the hearty response to the appeals of last year, the Board commences work this year with a debt of only \$438.32, instead of nearly \$3000 as last year. But even this debt is embarrassing as new bills for student labor are now becoming due. It is hoped that the stream of contributions of last year, which has already begun this year, will continue.

The Convention has instructed us to pay to the Dominion Bond \$1000 for work in the North-west, and to set apart such an amount as it may deem expedient for the supplementary fund. To do these things and to press forward the regular work as its importance demands, will require an expenditure of not less than \$12,000. The total income of the year just past was about \$9000, or nearly \$3800 more than the income of the preceding year. Now let us go on to bring up the income of this year to \$3000 above that of last.

A. COBURN,  
H. Brown, N. S., Sept. 17. Cor. Secy.

## The Baptist Mission Field, St. John.

Perhaps a few lines in connection with this work would be of interest to our Baptist brethren.

The field includes Boxtwick's Hall, Portland, the Mission House at Marsh Bridge, and an outpost at Coldbrook.

The Sabbath school work being done is one of the most encouraging features. At Portland the school is superintended by J. J. Boxtwick, who thoroughly understands the work; the attendance averages about 90. The school at Marsh Bridge, superintended by Bro. Hill, is much smaller; the average attendance is about 40. Notwithstanding the disadvantage of laboring without books for the children, there is a good work being done.

Here is a chance for some large school, with a large library not all in use, to do some practical work. If there is any such, don't forget the Mission School, but send along your spare books and we will thankfully receive and make good use of them. The meetings throughout the past month have been largely attended, and characterized with God's presence, especially at the hall. One brother has recently been baptized into the fellowship of the Portland church, and eight others profess to be converted and give good evidence of the same, and will shortly unite with some Baptist church. God's spirit is still working among the people, and a large number have manifested a special interest about their salvation.

The open air meetings at the Bridge have been characterized by good order, and we have faith that the work done will be followed by good results, as they tend to draw the people to the mission house.

The general outlook for an ingathering all over the field among the lost and the careless is very hopeful. We are laboring and expecting. Brethren, pray for us.

J. H. KING.

## Religious Intelligence.

## NEWS FROM THE CHURCHES.

MAHON BAY.—A mission band was organized in connection with the church at Mahon Bay on July 14. This band is to be known as "Jewel Gatherers." This church is becoming more and more interested in the work of foreign missions, and we believe that the young especially should be trained to the work.

Sept. 12. M. R. GRUNDAL.  
RYER JOHN, N. B.—On Sabbath, Sept. 4th, the ordinance of baptism was administered at Ryer, in the presence of a large congregation, to two candidates. This is the first time believers' baptism was ever administered in this place. Ryer is a part of the New Annan field. In the evening of the same day three others were baptized at New Annan.

TRURO.—The pulpit of Rev. J. E. Goucher was occupied last Sunday morning by Rev. A. Coburn, and in the evening by Rev. Mr. Chase. The former dwelt on Nehemiah's determination to arise and build, and he clearly showed that the necessities laid upon the Baptists of these Maritime Provinces to emulate the noble example set by the willing workers of Israel's leaders. He demonstrated the fact that the generous support of our Educational Institutions was as much a Christian duty as direct H. & P. mission work; and the splendid opportunity offered, this jubilee year, to raise the contemplated \$50,000, and so build upon the Fathers' foundation and make this child of Providence a strong man armed. He also showed how the Lord had raised up certain men for special work, just at the right time. There was evidently a deep conviction on the minds of the large congregation that the speaker, himself, was one such special! All along the line of our march leading spirits loom up as beacon lights. I will not venture to refer further to this venture and excellent discourse; hoping that many other large congregations may be favored by a similar treat; if so we feel assured the Jubilee thankoffering will be secured speedily. It is not too much to say that our present Financial General Agent, Mr. Day, the founder of our Convention Scheme, was and is a special man for special places. Generally, people must die first before their real worth is appreciated, but in our opinion these post mortem findings would be more appropriate if tendered during the life of the actor. The united, long, strong, altogether, pull is just now needed to accomplish the grand project mapped out.

COUNTY HARBOR, GUYENBO.—I had the pleasure of baptizing two young men last Sabbath at County Harbor, an outstation of this church.

PORTLAND.—FOUR persons were received yesterday into the fellowship of this church, two by baptism and two by letter. St. John.—The Union Baptist Ministerial Conference met on Monday last. There was a good attendance. Bro. W. J. Stewart is to be president for the coming quarter, and Bro. Gordon secretary. Bro. Hartley reports one baptized since last meeting and several enquiring. Bro. King reported from the Portland Mission that about ten have professed conversion at Boxtwick's Hall, and the interest at Marsh Bridge and Coldbrook is encouraging; but more work must be done. There is need of more teachers for the S. school and books for the library. Bro. Gordon is encouraged at the growth of the congregation since the house has been opened, and has his much religious employment in assisting Bro. King in mission work. The church has adopted the plan of work recommended by the committee of the Convention, and he has high hopes of the result. Bro. Stewart baptized two yesterday and received two by letter, and the meetings of the church are interesting. Bro. Gordon read an extract on Matt. 11:11, which was very suggestive. The paper is to be further discussed next Monday morning.

OSBORNS, SHEL CO.—Having spent the summer with the church here, I desire to express my appreciation of the kindness and sympathy shown me by all. S. several young people united with the church last winter under Bro. I. Wallace's labors, and you have already been informed, and it is a satisfaction to see them endeavoring to keep in the straight and narrow path; they have always shown a willingness to take part in the weekly prayer meetings, etc., and this is a good test of genuine discipleship.

ship. Bro. Nobles, of Lockport, baptized a young brother for us, who through ill health had been unable to have the rite performed by Bro. Wallace. My relations with the church and people of the community have been of the pleasantest kind, and I am sorry that I am under the necessity of leaving, to pursue my theological study. I trust some seeds of truth have been scattered which may yet bear fruit, and hope the church may soon secure a pastor. He will find himself amongst a sociable and warm-hearted Christian people.

H. D. BAXTER,  
Sept. 15. Newton Centre, Mass.  
St. Andrews.—In the providence of God our richest blessing is, up to the present time, meeting us at Bayside. Seven were baptized there last Sabbath morning; all, save one, heads of families. The whole community is greatly stirred, and the work has but begun. The number baptized so far is as follows: St. Andrews 4, Bonabec 4, Bayside 10. Bro. McDonald is spared to us yet a few days longer. We still ask your prayers.

C. W. W.

PERSONAL.  
Bro. R. H. Bishop, we hear, indirectly, is delighted with his new field at East Point, P. E. I. The overflowing kindness of the people has touched him deeply. When a good pastor and a good people find each other, it forms one of the most blessed unions this side of heaven.

The North Sydney church gave Bro. and Mrs. Bancroft a genuine surprise not long since. Finding out the date of the tenth anniversary of their pastor's marriage, they came to the paragon in large numbers, bringing many tangible expressions of appreciation and love.

Bro. W. H. Warren has returned from a much-needed vacation. He has been ill part of the time, and has not improved so much as he had hoped.

Bro. Walter Barse, whose correspondence from Victoria, British Columbia, our readers have often enjoyed, has been on a furlough, owing to failing health to resign the pastorate of the Baptist church of that place, and to seek to recruit in overworked energies in Rochester, N. Y. Before leaving the church and congregation presented him with a loving address and with a tangible testimonial of their esteem. He has evidently gained a large place in the respect and good will of the community, and the church is very sad over the separation.

Rev. Mr. Brown, lately from England, has been supplying the Windsor Baptist church in the absence of the pastor, Bro. Foshee. He has commended himself as a preacher of more than ordinary power. We hope our brother may settle over one of our churches, and help supply the dearth of the preaching of the gospel which prevails, in many places. We believe he is open to correspondence.

Bro. D. McLeod has removed from New Harbor to Ingran River, St. Margaret's Bay, Halifax co., and wishes all correspondence addressed to him at this latter place.

## NOTICES.

The sisters of the Aid Societies of No. 4 Scotia, will please remember that at the last annual meeting of the W. B. M. Union the resignation of Mrs. Sheldon, who had served them as secretary faithfully and well since their organization, was received, and although it was deeply regretted that her health compelled her to take this step, it was accepted. Miss Amy Johnston was unanimously appointed to fill her place and kindly consented to do so. We are sure that she will enter upon her work with the good wishes of all who have the pleasure of her acquaintance. We bespeak for her as well as for all the officers of the Union our most earnest prayers that the dear Lord will give strength and wisdom, and lead us on to still greater victories.

M. E. MACAUL.

The next quarterly meeting of the P. E. I. Island Baptist churches will be held at Souris on the second Tuesday (11th) of October next. The Rev. E. Whitman is expected to preach the opening sermon at 7 p. m. same evening.

I. J. SKINNER, Secy (pro tem).  
The York and Sunbury counties quarterly meeting will be convened with the Baptist church at Cambridge, on Friday, Sept. 23rd, at 7 P. M. It is exceedingly desirable that there be a full delegation from all the churches in both counties in attendance, as matters of a very important nature are to be brought before the quarterly meeting for consideration and adoption.

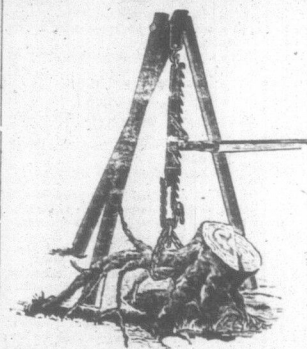
T. A. BLACKBURN, Sec. Treas.  
Kewick Ridge, Sept. 1, 1887.  
The next quarterly meeting of the Southern Association will be held with the Penfield Baptist church, commencing Tuesday, September 27th. The first meeting will be held at 7:30 p. m. All the churches of this Association are requested to make a special effort to be represented.

W. J. STEWART.  
The quarterly meeting of the N. B. Southern Association will convene with the church at Penfield, Charlotte county, on Tuesday, Sept. 27th, at 7 o'clock p. m. You are especially requested to send your pastor and two delegates to attend its sessions. There should be a large representation of the churches as matters of more than ordinary interest will come before the body. It is hoped that Rev. Dr. Day, financial agent of the Convention, Rev. A. Coburn, secretary of the Home Mission Board, and Rev. W. J. Stewart, secretary of the Foreign Mission Board, will be present. We shall be glad to receive the names of your delegates as soon as possible. Praying that the delegates may "come in the fulness of the gospel of peace," and that the Great Head of the church may preside over our deliberations. Train leaves St. John at 2:45 p. m.

A. E. INGRAM, Pastor.  
Delegates expecting to attend the quarterly meeting of the N. B. Southern Baptist Association, will please forward their names to me not later than Friday, Sept. 23rd, in order that they may prove for their entertainment. W. S. POTT.  
Penfield Centre, Sept. 10. Clerk.  
The Dignity Co. Ministers' Conference will meet at Smith's Cove on Wednesday, Sept. 28, at 10 a. m. Interesting papers will be presented by Bro. Young, Foster, Brown, and Goudy. The Why and How of churches' work, and especially of mission work, will be discussed, and plans adopted. A large attendance is expected.

J. H. SANDERS, Secy.  
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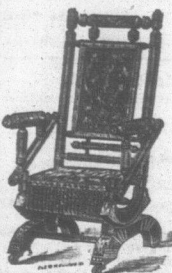
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