

The Children's Corner.

HILLSDALE, Kings Co., Feb. 1.

TO THE HOME MISSION JOURNAL:

I wish to give you a brief report of our B. Y. P. U. We have an active membership of upwards of fifty, and about forty will lead meetings and offer prayer publicly. Thirty now testify who did not before our union was organized.

We have taken for our motto this year, "I will go in the strength of the Lord God, I will make mention of thy righteousness, even of thine only." Ps. xi. 16.

Some other time I will send our pledge.

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Danish Mission.

The absence of the male portion of our mission colony renders work impracticable at this season of the year. The work is not lost sight of, however, as this season is spent in collecting funds from the churches.

During the last two weeks I have been visiting the churches in Queens County and the Springfield churches in Kings County. At Springfield Bro. Irvine still holds the fort. The interest is well sustained and the congregations are large. A commodious mission house has been built, into which the pastor has just moved. I also visited the Queens County Quarterly Meeting, convened at Upper Gageton. These meetings are doing much to deepen the interest of the churches in the different departments of our work. The following churches have been visited in Queens County: Lower Wickham, Jemseg, Mill Cove, Grand Lake 1st, and Grand Lake 2nd. In all these places offerings have been taken in aid of the work. I hope to visit other sections of the province before returning to the colony.

N. B. GROSS,
Scandinavian Missionary.

SALMON CREEK, January 25th, 1899.

MR. HUGHES:

Dear Sir,—I received the watch-chain and I am very much pleased with it. It is a gentleman's chain, as you said it was; but I do not mind that. My papa has a watch and I will let him have it, and he will get me another one when I want it. I have one at present which will do for me for some time yet. We all like the little paper very much, and are much interested in reading it; we read every word of it. I will try and get some more subscribers for it. I know of some families that I think will take it. I think it is a paper that was very much needed.

Thanking you very much for the prize, I am
Yours sincerely,
JENNIE E. HIGGINS.

HOME MISSIONS.

* To any one sending ten names, with five dollars, an extra copy of THE HOME MISSION JOURNAL will be sent free for one year. It is to be hoped that a large number of clubs may be formed early. To our young people, both in the Sabbath schools and unions, a great opportunity is offered. Let us have your support promptly. This paper will contain news from the churches, Sunday school lessons, and general reading pertaining to Baptist interests.

Any persons coming to the city can leave their subscriptions at the office of Barnes & Co., 84 Prince William Street.

HISTORICAL SKETCH OF THE CAUSES THAT HAVE LED TO THE FORMATION AND ESTABLISHMENT OF THE NEW BRUNSWICK CONVENTION.

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PART III.—CONTINUED.

For the year ending August, 1895, fifty-eight churches sent home mission money to the treasurer of the New Brunswick convention; for 1896, sixty-four churches; for 1897, eighty churches; for 1898, seventy-eight.

The number of those sending to the maritime treasurer in 1895 was twenty-eight; for 1896, twenty-five; for 1897, twenty-eight; for 1898, thirty.

The amounts sent to the maritime treasurer were as follows: For 1895, \$831.00; for 1896, \$762.66; for 1897, \$716.00; for 1898, \$579.45.

Several churches which had formerly paid their money to our treasurer, this last year paid it to the maritime treasurer, thinking it was not material, as that treasurer would pay it over to the New Brunswick convention according to the arrangement of the year. This would, if properly adjusted, lessen the actual number contributing for 1898 to the maritime treasurer, and even then the amount is smaller than usual.

It must surely by this time be apparent to our maritime friends that the handwriting on the wall is against them, and that it is only a question in arithmetical progression to determine how much longer their cause will last. The question, too, on which side the weight of the denomination's sympathies and resources lies is settled by the plain proof of four years' work. Each year the strength of the maritime support is being weighed and found more and more wanting. To attempt now to turn back the hand on the dial of Baptist affairs in New Brunswick would be the wildest folly. Progress stamps our course in the great home mission enterprise we have taken in hand.

Again, we were asked at the time of the Brussel Street meeting what were our grievances? and why not go to convention and have matters set right? As if that could be done in a body in which we never had, even when it met in this province, one-third of the delegates present. The largest number of the churches of New Brunswick ever actually represented by delegates in attendance was seldom over forty, and that out of a total of 170 churches.

When the convention met in Nova Scotia, about thirty delegates, all told, usually represented the interest New Brunswick took in the affairs of that body. The convention at Bear River had scarcely that number. These annually spoke for 18,000 church members in this province, and with the larger delegations of Nova Scotia and Prince Edward Island, legislated on all local matters that most vitally concerned us. To talk now of asserting our views or even expressing our wishes, under such circumstances, call up too many disappointing experiences.

Later on, as our maritime brethren became convinced that a change must come, they plead for a New Brunswick board appointed by the Maritime convention. This was conceding at last, for policy sake, what had been squarely refused in 1879.

Failing, however, in that proposal as unsuitable at this date, they then endeavored, by the appointment of a home mission committee, to draw our men from their true position as the home mission board of New Brunswick, endeavoring, if possible, to lead us into the appoint-

ment of a similar committee to act jointly with them, and so form another board of home missions, which might in some way set aside the regular board of our convention.

To be continued.

New Brunswick Convention Receipts.

Rev. S. H. Cornwall, Treasurer of S. S. Convention Home Mission, \$ 2 49	
Richmond and Hodgen church, "	2 00
By Rev. Thos. Todd, from the "	497 87
Jewett Estate, "	5 00
2nd St. Martins church, "	30 00
Collected by Rev. J. W. S. Young, "	1 00
1st Salisbury church, "	75
Steeves Mountain Section of "	1 00
1st Salisbury church, "	3 00
Richmond and Hodgen church for Grande Ligne, "	3 00
2nd St. Martins church mission band, "	1 00
1st Salisbury church, Foreign Mission, "	75
Steeves Mountain Section of "	3 00
1st Salisbury church, "	10 15
2nd St. Martins church mission band, "	6 28
Shediac church, Home Mission, "	1 00
Beaver Harbor quarterly meeting, "	12 00
Lafayette Jonah, "	2 00
F. B. Seeley, "	5 00
F. B. Seeley Annuity Association, "	
	\$584 29
Before reported, "	540 68
Total to date, "	\$1,124 97

St. Martins, N. B.,
February 1, 1899.

J. S. TRUSS, Treasurer.

Married.

BREWER-HANSON—At the residence of the officiating minister, Rev. P. O. Rees, on the 25th of Jan., Jacob Brewer, of Bright, and Mrs. Matilda Hanson, of the same place.

SPENCE-WARD—At the home of Hiram Allen, Port Elgin, on the 31st of January, by Rev. W. A. Allen, Sinclair Spence, of Bayfield, and Laura Ward, of Lockport.

PAGE-BROWN—At Chipman Station on 3rd inst, by Rev. W. E. McIntyre, Ralph Pace, of Pennlyn, and Ruth Brown, of Coal Creek, Chipman.

Died.

BISHOP—At Gaspereaux, Chipman, Q. C., January 21st, after a brief illness, Walter C., son of Wm. Bishop, Sr., aged eleven months.

LYOYD—At Gaspereaux, Chipman, February 1st, Bertie May, daughter of James Lloyd, aged 11 days.

STEEVES.—At Fredericton, January 7th, Sarah M., widow of the late Albert Steeves. Her remains were brought to Hillsboro, Albert County, in which village she had formerly lived, and was widely known and highly respected. She was for many years a faithful worker in the Hillsboro Baptist Church. Her two daughters preceded her above, the oldest one being the wife of Rev. C. B. Welton. Her funeral services were performed by Rev. C. W. Townsend, pastor at Hillsboro.

MILLS—Deacon Mills and his wife, of Benton, died on Wednesday night the 25th of January, within a few minutes of each other. He was 61 years of age, and she 63 years. They were both energetic workers in the Baptist church in that village and will be greatly missed by the brethren and sisters there. They were held in high esteem by all the community, which was evidenced by the large cortege which followed them to their last earthly resting place. Brethren J. W. S. Young and C. N. Barton addressed the people on the sad occasion.

HICKS—At Hicks Settlement, West. Co., the youngest son of Ephraim Hicks, Willard J., died, aged 2 years and 18 days. The Lord comfort the bereaved parents and family.

ALWARD—On Saturday morning January 18th, at his home on Samp Hill, Havelock, in the 84th year of his age. The funeral services were conducted by Rev. F. T. Snell.

YERXA—Mrs. Samuel Yerxa, mother of Ludlow Yerxa of Fredericton, died at her home in Lower Queensbury on Wednesday morning January 26th. The deceased was 75 years old. Four sons and one daughter survive.