

## Religious News.

**RICHMOND, CARLETON CO.,** This work in the churches on this field is moving along quietly.

The interest appears to be on the increase. The Sabbath services are very well attended, and the prayer meetings are kept up when the weather permits. Our Sabbath schools live through the winter, with attendance considerably diminished.

One church have made their annual donation visit to the parsonage, and the others are preparing to do likewise. We hope to report still better news in future.

**CALVIN CURRIE,**  
GREEN ROAD, JANUARY 30th, 1900.

Our church has joined with **SACKVILLE, N. B.** the Methodists of this place, and invited Evangelist Gale to hold a series of meetings in this town. He opened here last Thursday. His meetings are increasing in power. We expect a great blessing. Rev. F. W. Patterson having resigned as our assistant pastor, expects to leave for the West early next month. We are looking for a successor to him. **F. W. EMMERSON,** Church Clerk.  
Jan. 23rd, 1900.

**JACKSONVILLE, N. B.** During the past few days special, earnest prayer has been offered by the church, or at least the faithful few, and already the tide seems to be rising. Sorry that Bro. Marple must leave us next week. If the present pastor retires from this field in a few weeks, as has been his intention, there will be a work here for some other man, and I trust an opening elsewhere for,  
Yours truly,  
**F. N. ATKINSON.**  
January 25th

Evangelist Marple has been with us three weeks. He has accomplished a good work on what has been regarded as hard ground. Twelve have expressed their desire to become Christians. Seven of these have been received for baptism next Sunday, Christians of ours and other denominations seem greatly revived. Will begin work at Jacksonville tonight.  
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The meeting held on Sunday Jan. 21st, at Jemseg, by Mr. Anderson, was very largely attended. The preachers present were Revs. Springer, Ganong and Elackburn. There were two baptisms, Misses Clara Titus and Tamar Gunter. Special mention should be made of Mrs. Arch Purdy as organist. The Anthem "Beautiful are Thy Towers," which was sung by Mrs. Purdy, with Mr. Purdy, tenor, Miss Nellie Purdy, alto, and C. Frederick Nevers, bass, proved a credit to the land of Jemseg, and they deserve great praise for the masterly manner in which they performed their duty. We hope the same may be repeated next Sunday.

Mr. W. R. Robinson, a lay preacher of the Presbyterian church, was baptized in the Dorchester Baptist church on the 14th inst., and was licensed as a Baptist preacher.

Last Sunday was a good day **FAIRVILLE, N. B.** with us. Large and attentive audiences greeted the pastor. Two believers in Jesus were baptized in the evening in the presence of nearly five hundred people. We are still continuing our special meetings. "The Lord God omnipotent reigneth." We will trust in him.

Feb. 1. **A. T. DYKEMAN.**

We have been holding special **SECOND MONCTON** services with this church, **CHURCH.** for several weeks our labor has not been in vain, we visited the baptismal water on 21st. Maude Price and Mabel Stiles were buried with their Lord in baptism, also on 28th Charles Price and Mrs. Elizabeth Randal, (Presbyterian) wife of Levi Randal, were baptized. The church is put-

ting on her mantle of love, may the blessing of God still shower upon us.

**PASTOR I. N. THORNE.**

**PENOBSCOT, KINGS CO., N. B.** A very harmonious and successful annual business meeting was held at Penobscot, last Thursday evening.

The pastor, Rev. W. Camp, was chosen chairman. During the year upwards of \$30 had been raised for missions by the Aid Society and church. \$97 had been expended on repairs to the church. The people have generously supported the pastor during the year. Seven united with the church by baptism, and three by letter. The officers for the current year are:—Trustees of the church, Albert Stone, Byron Freeze, Marshall Stewart, Bertram Whelpley, James Teakles, and Jos. Watters Clerk and Treasurer, Marshall Stewart Executive Committee, to have in charge the Sunday school, Albert Stone, Warren Hall, Rev. E. C. Corey, Mrs. Byron Teakles, and Mrs. Daniel McLeod. Missionary Committee, Mrs. Warren Hall and Mrs. Willard Grover. Deacons, Warren Hall and Joseph Moote. The outlook of the church is very hopeful.

**HARVEY.** On Sunday, January 14th, the church in Harvey held a roll call. The church is under the pastoral care of Rev. Trueman Bishop. Brother Bishop is an earnest, faithful pastor. He has been indefatigable in his efforts for the well-being of the church over which he presides, and has been ably seconded in his efforts by Mrs. Bishop who is a help meet indeed. The day was fine, and the congregations were large. The sermon in the morning was delivered by Rev. J. W. Manning of St. John, whose subject was, Prayer in its Relation to the Work of the Lord—Especially in its Relation to Missions. In the afternoon the roll was called by the pastor who was assisted by the Methodist minister on that circuit, the Rev. Charles Comber, and by the preacher of the mortgag. Many responded in person and others by letter. It was the first of the kind held in connection with the church, and pastor and people are to be congratulated upon its success. In the evening Mr. Manning preached again and the Rev. Mr. Boyd, the Presbyterian minister, took part in the exercises. It was a day of refreshing and uplift for pastor and church, and we trust an interesting and profitable one for all who were permitted to be present. Pastor Bishop finds the climate of Harvey very trying for himself and wife. He speaks in the highest terms of the people whom he serves. The industries of the place are not what they were at one time, but it is a fine country all around and the writer is constrained to say that the people as far as he can judge are as fine as the country in which they dwell. The collections were for missions and amounted to \$20.

**FREDERICTON, N. B.** The work moves on encouragingly here. The annual business meeting was a delightful occasion. The financial report showed a healthy condition and indicated an increased in envelope subscriptions of \$343.89 during the year. The total amount raised by the church for all purposes during the year was upwards of \$4,000. The various departments are working vigorously. The Sunday School is in a particularly flourishing condition under the able leadership of Mr. J. W. Spurden. The attendance at the school is larger than ever before in its history, and it is up to date in all essential features. There were sixteen baptisms during the year, and we are glad to believe, more conversions than baptisms. The services at the present time are deeply impressive and we look for definite spiritual results.

J. D. F.

### The Measure of the Spirit.

It is a mistake to think that the presence of the Spirit is always and exclusively attested by an emotional experience. There are not a few who do not hesitate to declare they are filled with

the Spirit. They mean they have certain heavenly emotions, a certain sense of moral and spiritual power which expresses itself in prayer to God or speech to men. When we hear and see what these good Christians are through, what is believed to be, the Spirit given to them in fullness, we covet their experience, and become cast down because our own does not coincide with theirs. The subject of receiving the Spirit in a full measure is one which is awakening deep thought. There is a prevalent feeling that what Christians possess does not measure up to what the Scriptures lead them to expect. There is a great disparity between their conscious possession and the promises of God.

Have they sounded the depth of Christianity and received the full energy of God into their souls? There can be but one answer. But there is another feeling. It is this, that we are straitened in ourselves and not in God. If our thirst is not quenched it is not because the fountain runs low. If we are weak it is not because there is no power in the Spirit. But here springs up a question. Can all believers receivers receive an equal measure of the Spirit's power. There are vast differences among them. Now just as there are differences in men intellectually and physically, so are there spiritually. The religious nature is not alike in all. How beautiful is a large, pure, believing spiritual nature full of receptive power by which God is received in measureless fullness. Many have little vision. Their horizon is only just beyond them. They see and know only earthly things. Their spiritual capacity is limited, or even dwarfed. Can these receive the Spirit of God in a measure to life up and enlarge their nature and life? Every man receives according to his ability. But a man's ability to receive grows with his receiving. We are not vessels which filled can hold no more. We increase and expand with every new grace given us. So none, however small their natural adaptation for spiritual things, need despair of attaining more and more of the fullness of the Spirit of G. d. There were differences in the temperament and spiritual capacity of the apostles. There was the Peter temperament, the John temperament, the Thomas temperament and so on. There were less known and less capable among them than these. Many of them were timid, reserved, unemotional, ordinary people, no doubt, but the Spirit came upon all of them and they were lifted into a larger and holier life. It is true they were not all alike after Pentecost, there were divergences and inequalities in point of character and service. Many chide themselves because they cannot do and feel as others, and because their experience is more limited or of a different type. They should remember there is much diversity in the operations of the Spirit, and this diversity is accounted for by the natural and spiritual capacities of those upon whom the Spirit comes.

### The Right Kind.

Everybody has heard of President Lincoln's reply, when asked the question, "How long ought a man's legs to be?" that he had "always thought that a man's legs ought to be long enough to reach from his body to the ground."

Somewhat similar was the answer given by a farmer who went to town one windy day in March. Seeing several men chasing their hats along the street at a considerable sacrifice of dignity, he remarked:

"If them fellers had the right kind of heads they wouldn't have no such trouble as that."

"Do you have the right kind of head, uncle?" inquired a bystander.

"Yes."

"Don't your hat never blow off?"

"Never."

"Well, what is the right kind?" he was asked by several.

"Why," rejoined the old farmer, "the right kind of a head is one that you can push up into a hat fur enough to hold it on tight."

There was more in his answer than appeared on the surface. The right kind of head is one of the great needs of many of us.