

days ending the 15th inst. Many of our old members have been revived by the Holy Spirit, and some of them have had a most blessed experience in their Christian life. The Lord is with us and it is the intention of our pastors to begin holding special meetings about the 30th inst. Rev. A. T. Robinson, late of Regina, has arrived and taken charge of the Bethel section of our church, as the co-pastor to Bro. McLatchy. For the first time in this old historic church we have two associate or co-pastors. We trust the Lord will bless us more and more. F. W. E.
Dec. 19th.

TABERNACLE. The Tabernacle is still closed, and the prospect is not very bright for reopening it at present. We cannot tell whether we shall do so in a month, or in three months. I began my work here on Oct. 20th. The congregation at the evening service of that day numbered 400. On the following week the epidemic of smallpox broke out, near Haymarket Square, and on Sunday morning, Nov. 10th, I looked into the blanched faces of 13 persons. The Sunday School of the afternoon had a total attendance of three. We then decided to close the church indefinitely as an epidemic of smallpox in our immediate neighborhood appeared to be imminent. The Tabernacle has been closed over six weeks, and during these dark days our hands have been full of testing and trying, labor, thought and emotion; and the end is not yet. Our people are perplexed, and our congregation scattered; but these things bulk less with us than they ever did before. Upon the walls of my isolated room, in the old Tabernacle, this motto hangs "After Clouds Sunshine." We pray that the "shadows" will soon "flee away." After that we hope for a turn in the tide, when, D. V., we trust it will soon be high water with us. For the present I am cut off from direct communication with my friends, but anything addressed to "The Tabernacle" will find me. Wishing you a Merry Xmas and a Happy New Year I close.

Dec. 18.

HOWARD H. ROACH.

The following letter from Rev. S. D. Ervine was not written for publication; but we believe that his many friends will be interested in reading it, we herewith insert it:

RIVERSIDE, CALIFORNIA.
Dec. 21st, 1901.

DEAR BRO. HUGHES,

As I am here settled for a time I will now write you and have my paper addressed here. As above. After seeing you I decided on coming to California instead of to Colorado. And I am very glad. For as we passed through the State of Colorado the temperature was from zero to 12 below. And that for warmth was little improvement on our own country. My trip was made by the B. & M. R. R. to Boston, from B. to Montreal over the Vermont Central. Thence to Chicago over the Grand Trunk. The rest of the way over the Santa Fe line. This is truly a great country. Best millions of acres are waste desert; utterly useless for anything but mining purposes. Many mines are being developed. And at mining centres, towns and cities are being established. California is a fine climate. The soil needs water. And as the rain supply is uncertain and limited for agriculture. The inhabitants resort to irrigation. Which when properly applied results in great productions.

Riverside is a town 27 years old, has a population of ten thousand. Its public resorts are equal to all requirements. 3 public parks, a city reading room, the Y. M. C. A. reading room, and some of the churches have reading rooms as well. Its other public buildings are of a good class. It has 4 graded schools, grammar school, and the best Indian school in the State. (Some say the best in America). It has all the churches of note, from the Roman Catholic to the Baptist which occupy the opposite points of church-ecology. The Baptists have a beautiful edifice. A fine pastor (A. Dr. Taylor) and its spiritual element runs good. Then there is scarcely a Fraternal organization that you speak of but is

found here. Beside these there is The Scientists, Infidel Club, Theatre and Merry go round. And all run without a single public liquor saloon. To me this speaks well of the place and people.

There seems a kindness on the part of the inhabitants that one don't find everywhere. No matter how busy a man appears to be, ask him a question. Seek any information you want and if he can give it, you will get it ungrudgingly, and in a sympathetic manner.

I don't see that I have got any injury from my long trip, nor have I as yet felt any benefit from being here. It is of course too soon to form any correct idea of what the climate is going to do for me. But I am hoping for lasting benefit, unto the blessing of God. (I met a man yesterday from N. S. who used to live in Cliftondale, Mass. when you were pastor.)

I think I will close. I wish I could get able to return home and resume work for my Master at home. But his will is mine be done.

I am as ever yours in Christian love.

S. D. ERVINE.

Foreign Mission Board.

NOTES BY THE SECRETARY.

To the Pastors of Our Churches.

DEAR FELLOW-WORKERS.—The following is a brief statement of our present financial condition which it is hoped you will carefully and prayerfully read and then ask yourselves the question, "What can I do to make the situation a little more easy to handle?"

There have been received to the first of December, \$6,317.75 of which amount \$266.36 were from churches, etc., in Nova Scotia, through the Treas. of Denominational Funds. It may be fair to state that, since that date \$200 in addition have been received from that source. \$300 came from the Treas. of Denominational Funds for N. B. and P. E. I. \$1,032.66 came from individuals of which \$500 were from one person and \$200 from another, the balance from different persons and sources. It will be seen that the amount is not large when these two special gifts are taken into the account. \$3,585.46 were received from the Treas. of the W. B. M. U. of which amount upwards of \$600 is an advance payment on the next quarter's remittance. \$200 were received on legacy account, to which has been added since December 1st, \$250. On account of interest \$928.25 were received but a part of this amount has to go to another fund and Foreign Missions gets no benefit from that much of this sum, and \$155 have been sent in on account of Famine Relief, and of course is no help to the general work of the Board. This makes the total receipt to December 1st, as already stated \$6,317.75.

There have been expended \$317.32 for repairs, taxes, water rates on properties held by the Board. The larger part is for taxes and water rates. \$2,200 were expended for missionary salaries. \$100 on account of outfit Miss Clark, for helpers and work in the field, \$1,291.25, for travel to India, \$1,311.40, for furlough allowance \$269.75, for travel expense of missionaries at home \$66.12, for Home expense, \$245.42, making the total expenditure \$5,801.36. This shows a balance in favor of Board of \$516.49 which looks well and is well. But it will be borne in mind that the deficit of the Board was \$4,248.55 which would make our present indebtedness \$3,732.36, and this would not be too bad if we did not have to make a larger remittance to India on account of the work by something more than \$4,500. To do this there is about \$1,500 in the treasury with which to make it. The question is where are we to get the balance of \$3,000 for this immediate, pressing need. The fact is the time for making the remittance is past. The money should have gone last week. We have more workers on the field than ever before, which involves an increased expenditure.

Brethren, you can help us greatly, if you will. We have withheld nothing from you. The fullest information has been given from time to time. Our work grows apace. Whether we are going too fast, or too slow, the fact is that we do not get enough year by year to carry out our work. At this season of the year, Christian men and

women are thinking of doing something for the Christ whose they are and whom they serve. The treasury of the Foreign Mission Board affords an appropriate channel for the expression of grateful love. Brethren, remember, that you can help us. We cannot do impossibilities. Don't you think the Lord wants to help on this work through you? With much confidence and some degree of hopefulness, the situation is left with you.

J. W. MANNING, Sec'y. Treas., F. M. B.

Married.

JENKINS-McINNIS.—Pastor Rock, Victoria county, on Dec. 3rd, by Pastor Stirling, John S. Jenkins of Burnt Land Brook, Victoria county, to Mary McInnis of the Parish of Gordon.

SAUNDERS-WILBUR.—At Woodstock, N. B., Dec. 4, by Rev. Z. L. Fash, M. A., Guy F. Saunders and Annie H. Wilbur, both of Woodstock.

HANLON-MARTIN.—At Alma, N. B., Nov. 30th, by Pastor F. N. Atkinson, Geo. W. Hanlon to Annie R. Martin all of the parish of Alma, Albert county.

COLLOP-TUPPER.—At the residence of the officiating minister, on October 6th, Jas. Gallop to Margaret Tupper, both of Sisson Ridge, Victoria county, by Pastor Stirling.

DIGGER-COATES.—At Sussex, by Rev. B. H. Noble, William Digger to Georgie May Coates.

HAMILTON-FAYETTE.—At the Free Baptist parsonage Sussex, by Rev. B. H. Noble, William Hamilton to Bertie Fayette, both of Sussex.

JOHNSON-NEILL.—At Lewis Mountain church, Dec. 3rd, by Rev. Abram Perry, W. Watson, John of Hillsboro, A. C., to Annie V. O'Neill, of Lewis Mountain, West Co.

GIBSON-GREGG.—At the parsonage, Centreville, Dec. 27, by Rev. B. S. Freeman, Byron F. Gibson, of God's Corner, to Nellie Gregg, of Centreville.

LEPAGE-BURTT.—At the residence of Mr. and Mrs. H. E. Burtt, the bride's parents, on December 19, by Rev. Z. L. Fash, M. A., John Taylor, L-Page to Minnie Ethel Burtt, both of Woodstock, N. B.

HUTCHINSON-FWEDIE.—At Woodstock, N. B., on December 19, by Rev. Z. L. Fash, M. A., Edgar B. Hutchinson, of Midnapore, Alberta, N. W. T., to Alice A. Tweddie, of Concord, N. H., U. S. A.

GOGGIN-HICKEY.—At the residence of William Gwyer, Middle Simonds, N. B., Dec. 25, by Rev. A. H. Hayward, Charles B. Goggin of Tracy Mills, N. B., to Rebecca M. Hickey, of Middle Simonds.

Died.

BAXTER.—Ernest A. Baxter, son of G. O. Baxter, M. D., St. John, at the age of six months.

PARKER.—At Cumberland Bay, N. B., Nov. 28th, Ethel, aged 13 months, beloved daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Tille M. Parker. "Of such is the kingdom of heaven."

JONES.—At Burt's Corner, York county, Nov. 29, James H. Jones, in the 73rd year of his age. His sufferings were severe, but he manifested great resignation. He died in the triumph of faith.

GOFF.—At North View, Victoria county, on Dec. 3rd, Ida A., beloved wife of Arthur A. Goff, aged 28 years, leaving a loving husband and four small children. Funeral attended by Pastor Stirling. Sister Goff was baptized three years ago by Bro. Hayward. She died in the faith.

ALLABY.—At Salt Springs, Kings County, November 1st, Hannah R. Allaby, widow of the late James Allaby after a protracted illness accompanied with much suffering, entered into rest, aged 70 years, leaving six sons and three daughters to mourn. Many years our sister walked with Christ, maintaining a blameless Christian life. The Church of God in this place sustains a deep loss also the entire community, this was manifest by the large concourse of people who assembled to pay the last tribute of respect when the remains were laid with her kindred dead by her six sons who acted as pallbearers. The funeral service were conducted by the Rev. N. A. McNeill.

McLEAN.—At Cumberland Point, N. B., on 15th inst, Sarah, third daughter of the late George McLean, aged 76 years. She died trusting in Jesus.