

stopped there was quite a box of laugh, etc. As Mr. Sanford said, "Bro. Archibald lifted up his voice" then, and after his first sentence there seemed not a motion in the house but the beating of my own heart, so great was the stillness. Then didn't he preach to them; and did they not look just as some of us thought they felt, mean? Then his voice dropped almost to a whisper and he said, "You all are wondering at me for talking this way, but there is fire inside." He talked on and on, and told them that missionaries would never give up this warfare, and that the time would come when men would not be employed as preachers on mission pay, who would not work against this thing with the missionaries. That Christian parents, instead of teaching their children to smoke, would teach them not to do it. That they need never expect to be alone on this matter, till at least those who got their living by the mission would return a proper amount of their money into the Lord's treasury, instead of burning it up.

We had a big time in more ways than one, and we really felt that our people are doing well in many ways, but the milk and meat have to be mixed for their food these days, for we want to see them men and women in Christ Jesus, and not the jolly fish of the world.

We had a pretty good Conference at Cocanada, but felt that the young element was large. The Ontario mission work has got ready out of order for want of men. Death and illness have worked fast, and two or three years will be required to recover lost ground. The young men from home led the morning prayer meetings, and they were the most spiritually refreshing of anything we have had in a long time.

Now, we are at home settling into the plans and work of another year. Miss Wright has gone out to a village some 12 miles distant, called Gars, and from there will go on to other centres, and get home, I do not know just when. Hemanah, Miriam and Susie are with her; also Jacob the colporteur, and Sarah his wife. Jacob will go about his own work and the women will talk to their heathen sisters. Mr. Archibald is equipping up one thing after another as fast as possible, and expects to start next Monday with another party for Tekkai. The people of that town seem to be determined that we shall not get land or a chance to settle here. So now Mr. Archibald will take up a small tent for Subraida and Cassie to live in for a time, while a little repairing is done to a house on the Kelly street, which belongs to the mother of one of those despised Christians. Then Subraida and Cassie are to live right there among them, the former to preach and the latter to teach their children; and the Christians are to begin at once to give something towards the support of the school, but it will not be much at first. When we were there in November, we started a night school, but fear it has only managed to live.

Spokriah writes encouragingly of his work in Kimidi; says he thinks a number are seeking the Saviour, and that he is asking God to bring in fifteen during this year. From Tekkai, Mr. Archibald will go on to Kimidi, where he hopes to join Spokriah in preaching for a week or more.

Susie and Zimnah passed the fourth standard in December, and the Inspector gave them certificates. During this year Susie's work will be divided between school and training, and practice with Miss Wright and her Bible women. She will still be counted in the boarding department, though she will earn her support in part. Miriam has been doing good work for about two years and has received for pay only her board and clothes, or in money three roubles, whereas she is really worth much more. But as she was trained by the mission, she works happily on small wages. We want Susie to do the same.

There can be no Seminary this year till July. Subraida and David are too valuable as preachers to keep in a school, and our only other available young man is not sufficiently advanced to do the required work. So we are going to put in a heathen teacher of pretty fair ability to do the teaching in our school here, that is the secular work, send the young men we might otherwise send to the Seminary, and I will try to do the Bible work in the school. We left here on the 11th of Jan., and Miss Wright and I returned on the 30th, but Mr. Archibald did not get back till the 3rd of February, as he went to Tunni to attend the Association of that mission, after Conference. So you see we are only getting started again after the break.

Neither Mr. Archibald nor I have yet been able to go out with the preachers into the town, so we hardly know how the currents are running now. But trusting in Him, whose work this is, we feel hopeful for the future. I was sick last Sunday and could not go out; it is the first whole Sunday I have missed since we came to Chicaco. Two were baptized in January at Akalstampa and one here.

Trusting that you always remember us and our work in your prayers.

CARRIE H. ARCHIBALD.

#### A Jubilee Sermon in Berwick.

On Sabbath morning the 11th inst., Dr. Saunders preached in Berwick to a large and appreciative congregation. In a masterly manner he set before the people the special events and remarkable providences which led to the founding of Horton Academy and Acadia College. He reviewed the struggles, the adversity and prosperity attending the labors of the last sixty years where at every step were evidences

of God's superintending and sustaining care. It was shown that these institutions in their eventful history had become interwoven with the plans, the purposes, the work and life of the Baptists of the maritime provinces, and the work they had done at home and abroad in the various departments of life, could not have been done without the help direct and indirect of the Horton schools of learning. He held up as examples of devout zeal worthy of imitation the courage the Baptists exhibited in 1828 in the founding of the Academy when the church membership was only about 5,000, and the even greater faith in establishing Acadia College in 1838, when the membership was less than 10,000. The duty of the Baptists at the present time with a membership of 43,000 is clear and unmistakable.

So far the Academy, Ladies Seminary and the College have held a foremost place among the institutions of learning in these provinces. The Baptists are now called upon to lift these schools above all embarrassment and give them adequate equipment for the work of the next half century.

He believed the great body of Baptists will gladly give of their limited means for this great and sacred work, but more will be required to supply the real wants of the College. To make up the deficiency the few who have larger fortunes will no doubt see that there is a special work for them to do and will come forward and give their thousands to meet the pressing wants of the year of Jubilee.

This masterly discourse, so rich in its historical research, was listened to intently and it was evident that the interest in the school was renewed and deepened. May it awaken a liberal response all through the Cornwallis and Annapolis Valley as well as throughout the provinces in the important matter of sustaining Acadia College.

D. O. PARKER.

#### Our Church Psalmody.

In common with a large number of your readers I was pleased to see the statement made by Rev. J. W. Manning, in a late issue of the MESSENGER AND VISITOR, respecting the new Hymn Book we have been so long looking for, and wanting in our churches. There is, perhaps, nothing we so much need at the present time as a Hymnal suited to our circumstances as a Christian body. The book is most general use, which we have had for the past forty years, is now in many respects entirely unsuited, and has long been a barrier to the progress we ought to be making.

Public worship should consist largely of praise rendered by all the people unitedly, in an intelligent and acceptable manner; but the high price of the Psalmist has made it difficult for many of the people to become owners, as all should be, of the book of their church psalmody. The numerous exhortations in the Old and New Testaments to the joyful expression of adoration and thanksgiving, indicate that effort should be put forth to learn to sing correctly, just as the directions to "search the scriptures" implies that every Christian should learn to read understandingly. It is not said in so many words, "every follower of Christ must be able to read," but when a person becomes a Christian, if not able to read, he should of course bend all his powers to learn, so as to be able to make an intelligent use of God's word. Even this is perhaps too much neglected by those who have not had early educational advantages.

In the matter of singing, too, if a person is not able before conversion to join in the songs of praise, he should at once strive to learn, and if possible, to become proficient in musical notation as well, so as to "sing with the spirit and with the understanding also," both at home and in the church.

It is too much the case that the study of music for the worship of God is left to the members of the choir, whereas the choir should be for the purpose, not of performing, but of conducting the musical portions of the service as performed by the congregation—not merely that it may be pleasing to the fellow-worshippers, but that it may be pleasing and acceptable to God. Silent worship may sometimes be profitable, but the hearty and earnest song of praise is the more appropriate for intelligent worshippers.

The preparation and publication of this collection of hymns will therefore be regarded as a most important step in the right direction, and one that will supply the desideratum that has so long existed amongst us.

I have seen several of the advance sheets of the new book, and believe it will be the best, as well as one of the cheapest books of sacred poetry for congregational use yet published. I shall be surprised if the appearance of this book does not mark a new era in a large number of our churches where it is introduced and adopted.

Another forward step would be the preparation and publication of a good collection of tunes. It need not be large, but large enough to supply all the metres in the Hymnal, and also give a good variety of the usual metres, at a price so that many of the people might be induced to procure copies for use at home and in the church. Most of the tune books now in use have a large proportion of the tunes that are never used; but if we had one as a companion of our Canadian Baptist Hymnal, it would supply a stimulus to the study of church psalmody that would soon greatly improve the musical portions of our public worship.

With these aids of hymn and tune books, and an occasional singing school for instruction in musical notation to a large number of the people, and a frequent ser-

vice of song for all the congregation, we may soon expect to see the churches more than ever joyful assemblies of those who worship God in spirit and in truth.

S. SELDIN.

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Dr. Saunders reports to the MESSENGER AND VISITOR all subscriptions and payments taken by himself.

One sister has sent a pair of earrings, saying "I respond by giving such as I have."

One brother who had a wonderful escape from a very perilous position sends \$10 as a thank offering. Are there not many who have not been in perilous positions who have much more reason for sending a thank-offering?

Could not all of the 43,000, send at least one dollar, if they would make the effort.

The Brother who sends \$10 from Worcester says: The Baptists of N. S. have no more worthy object, than their College. He hopes to be able to do more for it, before the shares are all taken.

A. CONOON.

Hebron, Mar. 23. Sec'y Jub. Com.

#### Religious Intelligence.

##### NEWS FROM THE CHURCHES.

MAHON BAY.—The meetings here are progressing with increased interest.

BEAVER RIVER.—Six were baptized and welcomed into the fellowship of the Beaver River church on Sunday, March 18th. We are hoping for others. J. I. DeWolfe.

HAMPTON, ANnapolis Co., N. S.—Bro. L. A. Cooney spent a Lord's day in Hampton and Piquette's Cove not long since, and preached with much acceptance. He also gave a lecture on temperance on the following Monday evening, on the "I will" and the "We will" of the people, which is highly commended.

NORTH RIVER, WEST CO.—The special meetings at North River, have come to a close. Bro. Young left for his home, after a three weeks campaign. He was suffering from a sore throat attended them. Thirty-eight have been baptized, and eight by letter and experience, making in all forty-six. A good addition, and may the Lord keep the young converts in the path of life. Bro. Young's visit has been a source of blessing all over this region of country.

GEORGE SEXTON.

YORK & SUNBURY, QUARTERLY MEETING.—Good roads, fine weather and a disposition to see and to hear brought multitudes together to the quarterly meeting of York and Sunbury counties—held at Macnamara. It was evident from the beginning, that the spirit of the Master was present to help his servants and bless the people who came to listen to his word. At our business meeting it was resolved to lay before the Home Mission Board the needs of many of the smaller churches in these counties, and earnestly request the board to send one of their general missionaries to visit those churches and labor for a season among those destitute pastoral care. In our Conference on Saturday afternoon many hearts were made to rejoice in the love of the Master, the fullness and freedom of the divine blessing, and the salvation of God. We listened to an excellent sermon on Saturday evening by Bro. Reese, which was well received, a number bearing testimony to the truths they had heard. On Sabbath our house was filled to overflow throughout the whole day, some coming no doubt for pleasure, others to give their best thoughts and most solemn attention to things they heard. These were not disappointed. The quarterly sermon by Bro. Calvin Cunniff was full of marrow and fullness of the gospel, good for the hungry, light for those in darkness. The sermon in the afternoon by Bro. Thomas on "The love of the marvelous," was listened to from beginning to end with rapt attention. Bro. Thomas was heartily welcomed to our quarterly meeting. The sermon in the evening on the "Grandeur and glory of the church" by Bro. W. Dowie, Free Baptist, was clear, concise and masterly. Good impressions were made; may they be permanent and abiding. Collections for the Convention Fund were better than they had been for years. T. L. BLACKDAR, Sec'y-Treas.

KEWICK RIDGE, March 22.

PARRISBORO.—Two were baptized here on the 4th, and three on the 18th inst. These five include the three before reported as received for baptism. The church is greatly quickened, quite a number are trusting the Saviour who have not yet been baptized, others are asking themselves various, anxious questions, and the prospect is very encouraging. I. W. PORTER.

MARCH 15.

ARCTIC.—A very glorious revival is in progress at the Head of Argyle. Nine persons were recently baptized by Rev. Isa. Wallace, into the fellowship of the Baptist church there, six on Friday the 16th inst. and three on Monday the 19th inst. Four others were received on their experience as baptized believers. The good work is advancing, and it is hoped that many others may soon make a profession of their

faith. In the meeting on Monday evening twenty persons requested the prayers of God's people. Bro. Wallace has left to begin work at Weymouth, but may possibly return. Bro. I. B. Ganong (L.C.) is continuing the special services and his labors are highly appreciated by the people. He gives promise of becoming an efficient and successful minister of the gospel. He accepted the pastorate of the Tusknet and Argyle churches in Feb. last and is hopeful of seeing the work of the Lord revived on his entire field.

SALISBURY.—Since last Autumn extra services have been held in the several sections of our church. The burden bearers have been encouraged, although once quickened, and a few sinners convicted. At the present time a shower is passing over Boundary Creek, more drops are falling. We baptized three yesterday, Sabbath 18th. Others are waiting.

HILLSBORO.—We have been holding one special meeting of late, and there seems to be quite a little interest in our church. Last night the pastor gave the right hand of fellowship to four—two received by letter and two by baptism. We expect others to follow soon.

LOWER ATLESDOWN.—We visited on Jordan, yesterday, 19th. Three happy converts were baptized with Christ in baptism, by Rev. E. H. Howe. The work is still going on. To God be all the praise.

BLISSFIELD, MICHIGAN.—Sunday, March the 11th inst., was a beautiful day in the North, made memorable because the Lord visited us in mercy, gently yet powerfully drawing sinners out of the kingdom of darkness. Seven obeyed the divine command and were baptized with Christ by baptism, and two by letter received the right hand of fellowship into New Salem Baptist Church. In the evening we gathered around the Lord's Table, to remember that the Lamb of God was sacrificed for us. Surely there is enough in Christ's love to make the Christian always joyful, in that he has been taken "out of a horrible pit" and placed upon the solid "rock." The minister of Blackville Baptist Church, Rev. O. N. Keith, is with us—giving much valuable assistance.

SURRY, A. Co.—We have been holding some special meetings in Valley church, during last and the present week. The church is much revived, and some who have been delinquent in duty, have been able to take up the cross once more. Last Saturday we had a very precious season in conference. It was the largest gathering, and the most to take part, that there has been in any conference since we came to the place. None have, as yet, come forward for baptism, but we feel that we are some conquering the way to Zion. We purpose continuing the services, and hope for greater manifestation of the power of the Lord among us. Brethren, pray for us, that we may have an outpouring of the spirit in this place.

S. W. KEIRSTEAD.

MARCH 7.

UIGG, BELFAST, A. I.—Bro. Baker writes: "I and the people here very kind and appreciative. I have under my care three churches, Uigg, Belfast, and Alexandria—a large field that involves a great deal of hardship and labor. Looking forward to the division of the field into two churches, we have taken up two new stations, Murray Harbour and Inverness, and Uigg and Belfast, and Bethel in connection with Alexandria. In each of these stations the gospel is being well received, and the seed that is being sown, seems to be taking deep root, so that in the near future we hope for a glorious harvest. The work in the regular churches seems to be progressing favourably. Uigg has it in heart to build a parsonage, while Alexandria is striving for a new church, and at Murray Harbour the people are moving in the same direction. They are also very mindful of the comfort of their pastor. The people at Murray Harbour and one of the united churches have presented to him and Mrs. Baker about \$100 in various ways for which they are very grateful."

MONROTON.—Fourteen have been added to the Moncton church since last report. Four were baptized on the 18th. Bro. Hinson continues to preach with undiminished power. His energetic labors in connection with the triumphant Scott Act campaign have injured his throat; but it is growing stronger, and if he can restrain himself from over-exertion will soon, it is hoped, be well. He is assisted at the outstations by Bro. Hudson, late a captain in the Salvation Army, who is winning general good-will by his earnestness and devotion. This church is deserving of commendation and imitation, because of work done in destitute sections within reach. Beside the mission at High Street, regular services are kept up at Lewisville, Cherryville, Mountain Road, Salsbury Road and Hallsville. Workers from the centre go out to these stations each week, and help sustain the life and power of the meetings. Special services have been held at Lewisville for a little time, and a large number professed conversion. This kind of work must build up the spiritual life of the church, while it tells powerfully on the destitute communities around about.

How can any of our churches refrain from this kind of work when they have opportunity to do it? A day spent in Moncton, through the earnest help of the pastor of the Massawamun Valley, making up one hundred in all for that town. We were glad to find the temperance men firmly determined that the full powers of the Scott Act shall be tested in the suppression of the liquor traffic, and they are surprised to find what fine powers it has in this direction. The rum traffic is driven into dark holes and corners, while the hotels that sell are being pretty freely in fine, and observe the utmost precaution.

WIGGINS COVE, QUEBEC CO., N. B.—Bro. J. W. Higgins has been holding some special meetings at Wiggins Cove with good results. The church has been much blessed, and three have been added by baptism. One of the number is the pastor's only daughter. Others are interested. Rev. G. W. Springer was present at some of the meetings and rendered valuable assistance, and baptized the candidates. Brethren, pray for us.

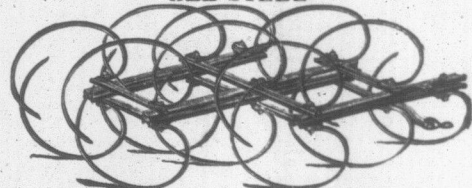
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HAMPTON STATION.—Bro. Ezekiel Hopper will preach for the Hampton Station Baptist church on Sabbath, April, let, at 11 a. m. and 7 p. m.

QUARTERLY MEETING.—The P. E. I. Quarterly Meeting met at Uigg on the 13th inst. Five ministers were present. The opening sermon, in the absence of Bro. Caldwell, was preached by the undersigned, and the closing one by Pastor Laver. Two papers were read; one by Rev. C. E. Baker, the other by the secretary. Excellent speeches from pastors and laymen present were interspersed with other exercises, and the session was called one of our best. The

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#### PERSONALS.

Rev. J. M. Parker and wife, in company with others, wish to mention the kindness of their people. "Purcouse's" have not yet appeared, but the "sisters of war," amounting to \$65.00 were quietly and graciously presented to them.

Bro. S. W. Keirstead has been placed on the sunny side by a donation of \$35.88, of which \$38.15 was in cash. He wishes to thank his people for this and for many acts of kindness.

Bro. S. Smith was remembered by his friends at Waldorf Station, Kent Co., a short time since, in a donation of \$33. He wishes gratefully to acknowledge the kind news.

Friends in Parrishboro visited the home of our old friend, Rev. S. Thompson, on March 6th, his eighty-fourth birthday, and cheered his heart by leaving provision for his necessities to the extent of about \$25, a larger part of which was cash. Bro. Thompson is now confined to his house by bodily infirmity, but his heart glows still, and as his prayers rise daily for the cause he loves, we feel that his power in Zion has not ceased.

Bro. Jas. A. Porter, who is laboring at the Range, Queens Co., N. B., was made the recipient of a donation of \$10.00 some time since. A notice of this was sent some time since, but it did not reach us. Bro. P. is very grateful to the donors.

#### NOTICE.

The Port Elgin Baptist church, having accepted the resignation of Rev. I. W. Carpenter, is anxious to secure the labours of an earnest and efficient pastor. We shall be pleased, on behalf of the church, to correspond with brethren who would be willing to take the pastorate.

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