ing the resolution, said great victories had been gained. Out of 25 constitutencies opened in the Dominion during 1884, 21 had been carried ; 6 had been opened since '85 came in, and all carried. Hence he heartily seconded the resolution, and would acknowledge with devout gratitude that to God is due all the praise.

Rev. Mr. Weddall offered the second resolution, which also passed unanimously :

Resolved, That this meeting, in view of the vast importance to society of the full accomplishment of the object at which the friends of Temperance aim, and of the great difficulties which are yet to be overcome, pledges itself to renewed and persistent endeavours to hasten the accomplishments of that object.

He characterized the rum traffic as worse than the scourge of yellow fever, and he failed to understand how the trafficker could be looked upon as respectable when the traffic was so utterly disreputable.

Rev. Dr. Stewart, on rising to second this resolution, said he did so heartily and, to these persistent endeavors, the sinews of war must be furnished—money.

The meeting adjourned by singing "The sweet By-and-By," and benediction by chairman.

Yours, &c., E. B. P.

God's Love.

Is it not wonderful, brethren and sisters, that God loves us ? Nay ; is it not wonderful that he does not hate us ? For the natural heart is enmity against him, and cannot be reconciled. Surely were be like one of us, God's wrath would be poured out upon us. But he loves us, and because of that love, has chosen us in Christ. Had we a deeper sense of our sinfulness, doubtless we would estimate God's electing love more nearly at its true value. The following, which I read a few days ago, has been greatly blessed to me, and I hope it may be to all who now read it. NAUGHT.

Feb. 9, 1885.

A gentleman who thought Christianity was merely a heap of puzzling problems, said to an old minister. "That is a very strange verse in the ninth chapter of the Epistle to the Romans: 'Jacob have I loved, but Esau have I hated.'"

"Very strange," replied the minister ; "but what is it. sir, that you see most strange about it?"

"Oh, that part, of course," said the gentleman, patronizingly, and with an air of surprise, "'Esau have I hated,' is certainly very strange."

"Well, sir," said the old minister, "'how wonderfully are we made' and how differently are we constituted ! The strangest part of all to me is that he could ever have loved Jacob."

There is no mystery so glorious as the mystery of God's love.

Dr Guthrie Cornered.

A good many years ago, Rev. Dr. Guthrie, with some other personal friends, were the specially invited guests of the Duke and Duchess at Dunrobin Castle. The visit of such a one as Dr. Guthrie was soon known, and appreciated throughout the district, and in no quarter more than in the large fishing village adjoining the ancestral halls of Dunrobin.

A deputation of fishermen from this village were ushered one evening, during the doctor's stay, into the presence of the Duke, to whom they proffered this request—viz., that his Grace might be pleased to ask Dr. Guthrie if he would, on any evening convenient to himself, give an address to the fishermen, leaving the subject, of course, entirely to himself. The desire of the fishermen was, by desire of his Grace, immediately conveyed to the doctor, who at once most cordially and cheerfully agreed to their request.

A very respectable gray-haired fisherman here quietly rose, and addressing his Grace, asked if he might be allowed to put a question to Guthrie, who had that evening so kindly and with the best of motives addressed them. The doctor having at once given his assent, the fisherman thus résumed :

"I see you like a gude sneeshen, doctor."

"Yes," immediately replied the doctor.

"Noo the question I would like to ask," continued the fisherman, is this, doctor—"Can you gie it up ?"

"No," replied the doctor. "I am sorry to say I cannot."

"Then," said the fisherman, "Hoo, can you expect that we can gie up our dram ?"

The laughter that ensued was so hearty and so great that the doctor, fairly caught in his own trap for once, was constrained not only to join in the innocent merriment of the moment, but to prolong to the last its exhaustive echoes in the baronial halls above.

Religious Intelligence.

NEWS FROM THE CHURCHES.

SACKVILLE.—Notwithstanding the fact that the storms are frequent and severe, the interest in our meetings is unabated. Yesterday the roads were so blocked that we could not reach our beautiful baptistry, which we have visited every Lord's day since Jan. 4th, but candidates are awaiting, and others are on the way. Our three Bible schools are doing good work. The central one which two years ago, had only four classes and less than thirty members, at its recent anniversary reported thirteen classes and a membership of one hundred and seventy-five. The efficient Superintendent is T. A. Kinnear Esq., assisted by Dr. Sangster.

At the beginning of this winter two warm-hearted brethren, C. B. Lund and John Bell, felt it to be their duty to help the Wood Point school by their weekly visits. The result has been an increase from less than thirty members to more than fifty. Reader can't you do something to help some weak school ?

We are very happy in the Lord's work. Our action in connection with the cause of God here two years ago, has made us some enemies and provoked some hard and untruthful utterances, which, alas ! have found expression through the public press ; but we have never once regretted the action then taken or doubted its propriety, and it is very evident that God approves of the work done, and is constantly strengthening it. We cheer ourselves in the truth that declares that "if a man's ways please the Lord, He will make even His enemies to be at peace with him."

God is blessing us very richly, and we want to make Him a thank-offering for missions of which you will hear from us soon. D. G. MACDONALD.

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MILLVILLE.—It is not easy for me to say what I think, concerning the paper revolution that has taken place of late. I have watched the movement with some interest, am watching still. Your article concerning the Union of the Baptists and F. C. Baptists has the right ring in it. Let the principles you advocate be strictly adhered to, and none need fear as to the results. I beg here to offer a remark, viz , for Baptists to teach, and preach that Baptismal regeneration and infant sprinkling, are anti-christian dogmas, and then go to commune at the Lord's table with, or to invite to the Lord's table, those who hold, and teach those anti-christian errors, is (to say the least) grossly inconsistent. For Baptists to do so, is to nullify their teaching, and is, in effect, bidding those errorists God-speed—a thing, that we are solemnly commanded by the Apostle not to do, and to do which is to be a partaker of their evil deeds: see 2nd John, verses 10-11. "Let us contend earnestly for the Faith (Doctrine) once delivered (by Christ and His Apostles) to the saints," and see to it that we practice accordingly. Much might be said upon this subject. But, "a word to the wise is sufficient." With a strong desire for a real Union of these two bodies of believers, and indeed, for all true believers.

R. S. MORTON.

GRANVILLE ST., HALIFAX.—Our new pastor Mr. Cline is rapidly growing in favor both with the church and congregation. He is a hard worker, preaches, twice on Sunday, has pastors class in connexion with Sunday school, and attends two prayer meetings weekly, besides doing a large amount of pastoral visitation. Our congregations are large and attentive, and we are hoping and praying that the Holy Spirit may quicken us into new life, and that soon many anxious enquirers may be seeking the Saviour. The prayer meetings, and the Sunday school, have especially shown larger attendance and increased interest of late. COM.

TOBIQUE.—The Lord is granting the prayers of His people for the Tobique field. Several of late have professed their faith in the Lord Jesus Christ and "they that gladly received his word were baptized."

"Praise the name of the Lord."

C. HENDERSON.

Andover, Feb. 18th 1885.

BEAR RIVER.—Our meetings are still very interesting and souls are being saved. WM. E. HALL.

DEDICATION — VICTORIA. — A few months ago the Lord put it into the hearts of the people at Victoria (one section of my field), to build a house for his worship. Unitedly they went into the work. Their efforts were crowned with success, and they now have a fine house, beautiful in appearance, and reflecting much credit on the contractor, Mr. Geo. McGregor, who took great interest in the good work, and did a good deal at his own expense to beautify the building, The ladies also "had a mind to work." and have furnished it throughout very tastefully and comfortable.

Last Sabbath, Feb. 1st, the new church was dedicated to God. The weather and roads were all that could be desired, and large congregations gathered to hear the gospel. The dedication sermon was preached in the morning by the Rev. Geo. Armstrong, D. D., from 2 Chron. 6: 18. An able sermon, full of gospel truth, presented in a clear and forcible manner, and listened to with great attention. In the afternoon Rev. J. W. S. Young discoursed in his usual warm-hearted way, from the text, "I will make the place of my feet glorious." and in the evening Dr. Armstrong preached again to a crowded house, subject, "Christ's love to his people." The services throughout the day were unusually interesting. Surely all must have felt it was good to be there.

On Monday morning we enjoyed a rich treat in listening to an able discourse from Rev. E. H. Sweet, who kindly came with our other brethren to assist in the dedication services. At 3 p. m. we met again, when the pews were all sold, and we came away leaving our brethren and sisters at Victoria happy in the thought that no debt rests upon their beautiful new meeting house. We purpose holding a few extra services there next week. Brethren pray for us. J. L. READ.

CHARLOTTETOWN still holds on its way. Its business outlook is improving, so far as our own cause is concerned, at any rate. The large audience room of the church is filled Sabbath after Sabbath, to listen to the really excellent sermons delivered by the pastor, Rev. E. Whitman. The collections are amply enough to pay the current expenses, and through a little exertion, without the aid of tea meetings, bazaars, or anything of the kind, money was secured to pay off a small portion of the heavy debt. Too many of our churches are still without pastors, but we are hoping to see some of those vacancies supplied.

SHELBURNE.—Two more were baptized at Sand Point on the 8th inst. The work continues. D. M. W.

HALIFAX.—Our hearts have been made glad, to hear that in many of the churches, sinners are being converted, and the pastors encouraged in their work. Such intelligence always stimulates Christian workers to greater zeal in the Masters work. Since the week of prayer we have been holding a few special meetings, which have not been in vain; one has been received for baptism, and others are seeking the way of life. We hope to be able to report other conversions, soon. We wish the MESSENGER AND VISITOR every succes. ARTHUR W. JORDAN.

Feb. 6th.

MIDDLETON.—Nothwithstanding the inclemency of the weather, the work of grace is gloriously progressing. On Lords' Day, Feb. 8th, 7 more were "buried with Christ in baptism," making 78 added to the Pine Grove Baptist Church since the gracious revival began. And the end is not yet. E. H. SWEET.

Feb. 9th, 1885.

GERMAIN STREET, ST. JOHN.—At a congregational meeting of Germain Street Baptist Church held recently, it was unanimously resolved to extend a call to Rev. G. M. W. Carey, a former pastor of the church, to again assume the pastorate. Mr. Carey is at present in Bay City, Michigan, and it is hoped by the congregation that he will accept the call and again take up his home in St. John.

UIGG.—It may interest some of your readers to know that the new house of worship at Uigg, P. E. I., has been opened for Divine service. The old building around which so many sacred memories cluster, has given place to one of the neatest, and most suitable church edifices to be found in the Lower Provinces. Beautiful for situation, excellent in design, tasteful in finish, it is not only an ornament to the community but also a valuable contribution to the service of God. When the church determined to build it was with the distinct understanding that they were to provide the best possible house of worship, without either soliciting outside help, or drawing upon the future. It was also their deliberate purpose to, dedicate it free of debt. This original determination was closely adhered to and with the exception of several generous donations received from former residents, now in Charlottetown, the entire expense was met by church, the and on Sunday Feb. 1, the building was handed over to the Lord as free from encumbrance, as the gospel of His grace has been handed over to us. The day was all that could be desired. The congregations packed the house at each service. Rev. Edward Whitman of Charlottetown preached the dedicatory sermon from Psalm 122 : 1. The spirit of this sermon pervaded the congregation throughout the day, the people were glad. Rev. A. H. Lavers preached in the afternoon on "the unsearchable riches of Christ." As usual he spread a feast of "fat things." Rev. A. S. Stewart (Presbyterian) spoke in the evening on "The consecration of the christian life;" a grand close to such interesting services. The house is 40 by 28 feet with a vestry attachment which is connected with the main room by folding doors. The best material and workmanship were put into the building. The pews and wainscotting, are ash and walnut. The furnishings due almost entirely to the ladies, leaves nothing to be desired. Every farthing of expense has been paid. The proudest, humblest, gladdest most thankful man, is the pastor, Rev. J. O. Reddin, to whose wise council, and judicious management the happy issue is largely due. If there is a more loyal christian, a more faithful pastor, a sounder gospel preacher, a more whole souled man in the christian ministry than Bro. Reddin, well I envy him that's all. E.

HILLSBOROUGH W.M.A.S.—The annual meeting of this society seems to have been both interesting and profitable. Rev. J. C. Bleakney pastor of the church, presided. and preached a sermon from 1 John 3: 17, in which he gave much instruction as to the duty of christians toward the poor, the pastor and the missionary. All Baptists are divided into three classes in respect to missions, the Anti-mission the Omission and the Missionary Baptists. At the close of the sermon the report was read, which showed that this society was prosperous. A peculiar feature of the meetin s here is the enclosing of a verse of scripture and a contribution in an envelope. These are opened and the verses read and the amounts named. We cannot have too much scripture or money, if it is for the Lord's work, and it is most appropriate that scripture and money go together.

NOTICE.—The new meeting house at McLaughlin Road, Dundass, will be opened for Divine worship March 1st, (Sunday). A collection will be expected to help pay debt on the house. A cordial invitation to all well wishers of the cause.

M. NORMANDY, Pastor.

Feb. 10th, 1885.

BRITISH.

Rev. Dr. John Hall makes the statement that between 1851 and 1876 the number of Dissenters increased 135 per cent. in England, while the total population only increased 35 per cent.

The number of Baptist churches in Great Britian and Ireland, according to the Handbook just issued, was on September 30, 1884, 2.609 ; the number of chapels, 3.909 ; sittings, 1,160,187 ; members, 312,465 ; pastors, 1,908 ; evangelists, 3,505.

Infant's Home, Halifax.

The tenth annual meeting of the Infant's Home was held in Y. M. C. A. Building on Wednesday, the 11th inst. The meeting was small but representative. From the report we learn that "436 babes have been received for longer or shorter periods, -have been sheltered and cared for as occasion required, or the resources of the Home rendered possible." The work of the Home is eminently humane and christian. It is to save these waifs, cast upon the shores of human existence from an early death, or from a life of wretchedness, and shame, and to provide for them christian homes when they may be trained to a useful and godly life. A goodly number have been rescued, and are now under the tender care of noble women, who do not think it beneath them to care for the "little ones," as dear now to the heart of Jesus as when he took them in his arms, with fatherly love, and pronounced upon them his blessing. The meeting was presided over by Dr. Saunders, the report was read by Rev. Robt. Murray, and brief addresses were given by Rev. Dr. Barnes, W. C. Silver Esq., and Rev. M. P. Freeman. It is to be hoped that the charitable will not forget the Infant's Home, one of the most worthy institutions of the kind in the land.

TEMPERANCE LECTURES IN HALIFAX.—The Hon. Jno. B. Finch of Nebraska delivered an address in the Academy of Music, on Temperance, on the evening of the 12th, and showed most conclusively the necessity of the prohibition of the sale of that which causes so much poverty, degradation and crime. He said that the rum traffic has had 100 years of trial on this continent and that the verdict of all who seek the welfare of the country, and the people is that "it must go."

The business of the merchant or tradesman has been tested, and found approved ; —of the traffic in strong drink, nothing good can be said, it is a nuisance that must be abated, it is an enemy to morals and religion, and furnishes schools of vice that thrust upon society elements of weakness, decay and ruin, thus endangering the safety of the nation.

There was an audience of about fifty persons to hear an address that is seldom equalled ! One could not help asking where are the Sons of Temperance, where are the Good Templars, and where are the temperance workers of Halifax ? It is said that they propose to try the Scott Act in Halifax. If any of the supporters of the infamous traffic were in the audience they would feel assured, by the small attendance, that they would have an easy victory in any contest in the city for the preservation of that "craft" by which they have their wealth. There is to be another address this evening (13th) by the same gentleman on the "Scott Act." It is to be hoped he will have a larger hearing. F.

Quarterly Meeting of the W. B. M. U.

The Executive Board of the W. B. Missionary Union met at the mission room, Germain Street, Saint John, on Wednesday, the 11th instant.

After preliminary exercises and reading of minutes, the report of the treasurer was submitted, showing the receipts for the quarter ending Jan. 31st to be

Nova Scotia W. M. A. S.	$602.32
New Brunswick.	141.95
P. E. I.	49.25
	$793.52

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Correspondence between the President of the Foreign Mission Board and the President of the Union was read, from which it appeared that some misapprehension existed as to the channel through which the contributions of Sunday schools and mission bands should reach the objects for which they were made. Further correspondence was directed to be had in relation thereto.

An application from Mrs. Archibald to have $40 appropriated to the fund for publishing a Telugu catechism, was referred to the F. M. B., as all funds had been designated at the annual meeting.

Reports of the Bobbili school for the past two quarters were submitted, showing 33 pupils in attendance and the progress made to be very satisfactory.

Mrs. Hutchinson wrote an encouraging letter on the state of the schools and Zenana work, and promised to forward full reports.

Correspondence had been received from Miss Wright and Miss Gray, on their way to India, tracing their progress and sketching their daily experience.

Letters were also received from

(1) Miss King. Provincial Secretary P. E. I., expressing regret that their members could not attend the meetings.

(2) Mrs. James Newcomb, Riverside, Albert Co., enquiring as to Life Memberships.

(3) Mrs. T. A. Blackadar, Macnaquack, giving an interesting account of their society, which is flourishing, and referring to the deep interest taken and assistance rendered by Father James Tupper.

M. E. MARCH,
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10th.	Macnaquack, Mrs. E. M. Blackadar,	7 00
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