

active Christians. This field is large, eight or nine preaching stations, and although I have been here over a month I have scarcely been all around yet. We have two houses of worship, good size and newly repaired. Parsonage, good house and barn and over an acre of land with quite an orchard all valued at about \$1500. These churches have lost a number of valuable members by death and removals but we hope God will soon grant us additions. Sunday School was reopened on April 1st. Bro S. Mader who has been superintendent for over 20 years had a serious accident by falling on ice but we are thankful he is able to be around once more and hopes to be at his post soon. A few weeks ago a number gathered at the parsonage and put new shingles on one side of the roof. A pleasant social was enjoyed at Bro J. Mader's one evening which resulted in raising over \$20 cash for a bell fund. The friends have over \$65 now and intend purchasing a new bell soon. Chelsea has had diphtheria in the place and we have had only one service there. Only one has died from the disease yet, a young sister aged 18, baptized by Pastor Webb only a year ago. I had the privilege of attending the Lunenburg Co. Quarterly meeting which met at Farmington recently and was permitted to meet nearly all the ministers and many of the leading Baptists of the county and can say we had a grand time. I was deeply impressed with their kindness, earnestness, activity and ability. They are going forward nobly. We plan on holding special services soon and are encouraged to believe that we have many friends both in N. B. and N. S. who will remember us in prayer for God's blessing here. G. H. BRAMAN.

TABERNACLE CHURCH, HALIFAX, N. S.—During the past months the Tabernacle has been moving along in a sure and steadfast way. The pastor and people are bound together by strong cords of love and sympathy which will be hard to sever. The pastor has been very earnest and devoted in his work and has given his people from the pulpit from Sabbath to Sabbath sermons which have been helpful and inspiring and large audiences have been in attendance. His subject last Sabbath was on spiritualism, and the previous Sabbath he preached a series of sermons on the Lord's second advent. The social gatherings during the past weeks have been well supported and indications are that we shall see a great outpouring of the Holy Spirit upon us if we faint not. Mrs. Millington is an earnest worker in the prayer meetings and a devoted teacher in the Sabbath school. The ladies of the church gave her a grand surprise one evening a short time since when a large number of them entered her house and presented her with a neat and pretty gold watch. The usual compliments were passed around suitable for such occasions. Our membership has not increased or diminished since our last report to the association. We have during the past season expended a large amount in repairing our church edifice, and we hope it will suffice for some time to come. We have had a small mortgage on our church property since 1892. At a large meeting of the church a hearty and unanimous resolution was passed to make an earnest effort to liquidate all the incumbrances on our church property at or before the close of the year of 1905. The church with all her auxiliaries are working in the most harmonious manner towards accomplishing this desired object. One talented lady of the church associated with some of her talented friends held a concert and gave the proceeds of \$105.50 to the church. The pastor's Bible class gave a concert and raised a large amount. The B. Y. P. U. has raised quite an amount by an entertainment and will continue in this work until we are free of debt. The sewing circle, the Missionary Aid Society, the Sabbath School the Men's Social Union are all planning and working to see how large amounts each can raise. It has been remarked time and again by those more matured in life that our young people, full of life, hope and ambition with their talents are and have been able to accomplish great things, and the Church has made no mistake in trusting them with a great portion of valuable work. Our young people are in their various branches like a young army of soldiers when they hear the call of the church for the need of their services they are ready to march at her command. During March and April we have raised from all our sources over one thousand dollars. C. I. P.

Rev. H. F. Waring has some copies of his "Summary" printed in connection with his Bible class work which he will be pleased to send to any who may desire to examine it.

BIRTHS.

POOLE.—At Sable River, April 20th, to Rev. and Mrs. S. S. Poole, a daughter.

MARRIAGES.

DENNISON-WARD.—At Kentville, April 27th, by Rev. C. H. Day, George Archibald Dennison to Rosalie Helena Ward both of North Alton, Kings Co., N. S.

GEE-STIRLING.—At the Union church Upper Wicklow, N. B., on Wednesday, April 20, by Rev. C. Stirling brother of the bride, John W. Gee late of California to Miss Eliza M. Stirling of Nova Scotia.

CROWE-LIVINGSTON.—At the residence of the bride's mother, Truro N. S. April 20, 1904, by Rev. W. N. Hutchins, M. A., Howard William Crowe to Ellen Bertha Livingston.

ANDERSON-FRIARS.—At Words Creek, Kings Co. on the 27th inst., by Rev. W. Camp, Charles Edward Anderson to Miss Lucinda Friars, both of the parish of Sussex.

STULTZ-KEITH.—At the home of the bride's parents, April 27th, by Rev. N. A. MacNeill, James E. Stultz and Lillian M. Keith oldest daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Oliver Keith, Steeves Settlement, Westmorland Co., N. B.

GARBER-RHODENIZER.—In Bridgewater, N. S. April 28, at the Baptist church King's street by Rev. C. R. Freeman, Mr. Paul Jesse Garber of Bridgewater and Miss Lillian Grace Rhodenizer of Dayspring, N. S.

RAMERY-LEARY.—In Bridgewater, N. S. at the home of Mr. Joseph Baker, brother-in-law of the bride, on April 27th, by Rev. C. R. Freeman, Mr. John A. Ramery and Miss Bernice E. Leary both of Chelsea, N. S.

DEATHS.

GILROY.—At Linden April 20th, Mary Jane Gilroy passed peacefully away, at her late residence age 69 years.

MCCLANE.—Died on the 25th inst., at Cumberland Bay Queens County, N. B., Mr Andrew McClane aged 45 years. His end was peace.

ROAST.—At Loyds Cove, Lun. Co., April 16th, Jacob Roast, aged 59. Some years ago he lost an arm; but continued to farm and care for his mother who has been a widow for some years. May God bless and comfort her as she meets new conditions of life.

LANTZ.—At Mahone, April 17, Geo. Lantz aged 85. About 20 years ago he professed faith in Christ whose sustaining presence he realized in the last hours. An aged widow and two children are left to mourn.

LEWIS.—At North Sydney, March 18th, 1904, John E. Lewis. Mr. Lewis had been the clerk of Calvary Baptist Church for a number of years. He was an honorable man who will be missed by a large circle of friends.

HARLOW.—At North Brookfield Queens Co. N. S., April 21st, Francis H. Harlow aged 78 years. He was not a member of the church, but professed to know the Saviour's comfort in the hour of death. A wife and seven children are left to cherish the memory of a devoted husband and father.

McKENZIE.—At Rockland, April 21st, Maud, beloved wife of Deacon Leonard McKenzie, fell asleep in Jesus. Our sister's illness, though short, was exceedingly severe and her sufferings most intense. About fourteen years ago she was converted and united with the second Ragged Island Church and during the intervening years she has lived a quiet, earnest Christian life. Her faith in a risen Saviour sustained her during her illness and she died triumphant. She leaves a husband, one son six months old, and a host of relatives and friends who mourn her early death. May the God of peace sustain them.

VRROOM.—Suddenly at Lynn, Mass., April 19th, 1904, Mr. John A. Vroom, of Deerbrook Annapolis County, N. S. in the 73rd year of his age. Mr. Vroom and his wife had spent the winter in Lynn with their son and had made preparations for their return home the week he died. He was baptized in 1888 by Rev. Mr. Archibald, and the service was made exceptionally interesting as the community at that time was most solidly Episcopal, and Mr. Vroom had been of that communion. He was afterward appointed Deacon, and has always been zealous in its support and the interest here. The funeral service was held at Deep Brook, Sunday, April 23rd, and was attended by its whole community. Interment at Clements vale.

BAKER.—Died on Monday Apr. 18th, at Chelsea, Lun. Co., N. S., the beloved wife of Jeremiah Baker aged 66 years. She leaves 3 sisters, 4 brothers, a husband and a mother aged 96 years to mourn the loss. Our sister united with the church in Chelsea 47 years ago at the age of 19 under the ministry of Rev. Jas. Tabor. She was highly spoken of as a kind and charitable Christian. The services at house and grave were conducted by Rev. C. R. Freeman of Bridgewater, assisted by Geo. H. Braman. A few minutes before the service at the house Mr. Freeman was requested to preach from Heb. 9:27. "It is appointed unto men once to die but after this the judgment." The Lord blessed the message and an impressive service was experienced.

LEADBETTER.—At Saxons River, Vt., April 14th. At the home of her daughter, Mrs. A. L. Powell. Mrs. Hope Leadbetter relict of the late Dea. A. J. Leadbetter of North Brookfield. She was visiting her friends and had written home that her visit was about complete when the summons came. Mrs. Powell of North Brookfield came with the remains. She and Mrs. A. G. Morton being the only members of the family present. Mrs. Leadbetter is remembered by many as an earnest Christian. Ever ready to advance the Master's Kingdom. Her death is our loss but her gain. Many have said regarding her and Mrs. Daily "how shall we do without them." They were united in spiritual interest here and are now united in the home above and await the coming of all who are dear to them.

NORTHROP.—On Sunday morning, April 17th, Margareta A. wife of the late Harvey H. Northrup passed triumphantly to her rest at the home of her daughter in Sussex. Mrs. Northrup who was in her 62nd year had been sick for more than a year. During this period she suffered at times, severe pain and gradually the frail form wasted away. These sufferings she bore with marked Christian resignation. For many years Mrs. Northrup was a member of the Stodholm Baptist church, worshipping at Collina where she spent most of her married life. She was a woman of noble Christian character, faithful and earnest in the discharge of her Christian duties; loved and honored by all who knew her, lovingly and tenderly she was cared for during her illness. Every attention suggested by affectionate sons and daughters she received. She was buried in the cemetery at Collina, services being held in the church by her pastor W. Camp. "Blessed are the dead who die in the Lord."

Denominational Funds for Nova Scotia.

FROM MAR. 20TH TO APRIL 15TH, 1904.

- New Harbor church, \$1; Nictaux church, \$10; Halifax 1st, \$32.40; do B. Y. P. U., \$35; Truro 1st, B. Y. P. U., \$10; Daniel Hubble, Milford, \$13; Amherst church, \$10; Bear River church and Sunday School, \$18.66; Macan church, \$25; Parisboro church, \$12; Rev. E. O. Read and wife, \$2.25; Lower Aylesford church, \$13.50; Milton, Y., \$37.51; Margaret church, \$9; Mr. and Mrs. Manning Knowles, \$9; New Minas, \$4.40; Blue Mountain, \$3.40; Port Williams, Canada church, \$9.10; Liverpool church, \$18.28; New Ross Church, \$4.70; Sherwood, \$5.11; Hampton, \$10.70; Hampton Sunday School, \$1.30; Fall River 1st, \$1; Aylesford, \$61.10; Morristown, \$73.51; Lawrencetown church, \$8.10; Wolfville church, \$156.75; do special, \$131.78; Amherst Shore church, 1.50; Half Island Cove per District Meeting, \$3.50; Nictaux church, \$3.40; Westport church, \$4.23; do special, \$2; Truro, Zion, \$10; Canning church, \$4.88; Dartmouth Sunday School, \$6.09; Lunenburg church, \$9.45; Nictaux church, \$3; Lower Aylesford church, \$13.50. — \$742.13. Before reported \$4423.93. Total to April 15th \$5166.06.

A. CONOON, Treas. Den. Funds. Wolfville, N. S., April 16th.

AFTER FIFTY YEARS.

In view of the severity of the past winter and of the reluctant pace with which spring has made advance the following extracts taken from a copy of the Christian Messenger dated May 4, 1855, will be of interest.

"After a winter of unusual severity and length spring is beginning reluctantly to make itself felt. We find that the season has been remarkably favorable for lumbering operations and that a much larger quantity of wood goods will be got out than has ever been done in one year before."

Spring approaches our shores with tardy step apparently in doubt as to the propriety of trusting herself in Nova Scotia while the East wind blows and although flocks of migratory birds have already passed northward and the redbreasts and other birds of spring make an attempt to be cheerful, yet winter still lingers as if unwilling to depart."

Much of the news space of this paper, fifty years ago, is taken up with despatches from the Crimean war, while the leading contributed article is entitled, "The Russian War and Prophecy."

Truly history repeats itself in love, in weather and in war. R. OSGOOD MORSE.

FIFTY YEARS AFTER.

The Christian Messenger, bearing date May 4, 1854, contains the following marriage notice:—"At Chester on Tuesday 15th April, by the Rev. Stephen W. DeBlou, Mr. Stephen Corkum and Sarah daughter of Mr. Joseph Corkum, both of Chester."

Just fifty years after, at the invitation of this worthy couple, some fifty of their relatives and friends assembled at their home at Marriott's Cove, Lunenburg County, N. S.

BLOTCHY SKINS.

A Trouble Due to Impure Blood Easily Remedied.

Bad blood is the one great cause of bad complexion and blotchy skins. This is why you must attack the trouble through the blood with Dr. Williams' Pink Pills. All blotches, boils, ulcers, pimples and paleness are the direct, unmistakable result of weak blood loaded with impurities. Dr. Williams' Pink Pills conquer the poison; they drive out all the impurities; they actually make new, rich red blood; they strike right at the root of all complexion troubles; they are a positive and permanent cure for all virulent skin diseases like eczema, scrofula, pimples and erysipelas. They give you a clear, clean soft skin, free from all blemish and full of rosy health. Mr. Matthew Cook, Lambertton, N. W. T., tells how Dr. Williams' Pink Pills cured him of erysipelas after other medicines had failed. He says: "My skin was inflamed; my flesh tender and sore; my head ached; my tongue was coated; I had chills and thought I was taking fever. I tried several medicines, but nothing helped me until I began using Dr. Williams' Pink Pills and drove the trouble from my system, and I am now in the best of health. I think these pills the best medicine in the world for blood troubles."

It is an every day record of cures like this that has given Dr. Williams' Pink Pills their world wide prominence. They cure when other medicines fail, but you must get the genuine with the full name Dr. Williams' Pink Pills for Pale People on the wrapper around every box. You can get these pills at all druggists, or by mail at 50 cents a box, or six boxes for \$2.50, by writing the Dr. Williams' Medicine Co., Brockville, Ont.

to celebrate with them the completion of fifty years of wedded life. This company contained six of their seven living children, the eldest only being unable to be present. All present delighted to honor these worthy ones and expressed their delight both by their presence and many suitable gifts as tokens of their regard.

Mr. Corkum, with form erect and manly as that of fifty years ago, with a countenance of rare spirituality, his head crowned with long silver locks, was as a king among his guests. Mrs. Corkum bowed beneath the weight of years; and of the many burdens incident to her long and useful life, her countenance radiated with the joy of the occasion was the unweaned queen of the gathering. As our brother and sister have walked life's pathway together for this half century they have been true to the duties of home of society, and of the church of God. They have been a benediction to the community in which they have lived. Their children and their neighbours call them blessed.

R. OSGOOD MORSE.

LITERARY NOTES.

The Living Age for May is especially rich in articles of current interest. Frederick Harrison's tribute to Sir Leslie Stephen, from The Cornhill Magazine, is a candid and painstaking estimate of Whistler's work by Frederic Wedmore from The Nineteenth Century and After, a clear and compact presentation of the strategic value of Port Arthur, from The Fortnightly Review, and The Spectator's editorial comment on the attitude of Pius X toward the religious discussion of the day.

An advance of 75 per cent in insurance rates in congested districts, that is the downtown business portion of Toronto, was decided upon at a meeting of the Canadian Fire Underwriters' Association at Toronto on Wednesday. In some instances advances may be even more than this, and business houses in outside districts also will have to pay more for insurance, to the extent of at least 40 per cent. Dwelling houses only are not affected. These changes have been made retroactive.

The rural militia on a peace footing will be called out for training this year. The number will be about forty per company, the total in all probability being 40,000.

Mayor Rosevear, of St. Lambert, near Montreal, created a sensation in the St. Lambert Methodist church on Sunday night, during the course of the sermon. Mr. Rosevear rose from his seat and began to interrogate the preacher on several scriptural points of the sermon. Mr. Rosevear has on several occasions occupied the pulpit of the same church and his dramatic action is now the sole talk of the locality.