

cies, both spiritual and temporal, as the present, and consequently never was I more loudly called to unremitting exertions in the cause of Christ. A gradual increase has been visible, serious attention has marked the countenance of the hearers and a conviction of the great truths of our holy religion has been silently and progressively operating in many minds. For several weeks past, we have been favored, in a peculiar degree, with divine visitations. At Kars I have recently baptized nine happy candidates, they having given indubitable evidence of their conversion to God. The 1st church is also rejoicing in accessions. Recently three young women have been baptized and we are expecting others to follow. Our prospects on the whole, though still requiring the exercise of faith, and the persevering efforts of labour, are very encouraging. Oh, may we rejoice in the world of spirits that "we have not run in vain, neither labored in vain; but that the redemption of souls of many in these parts may be "our joy and crown of rejoicing" in the day of the Lord Jesus.

W. M. FIELD.

FROM THE FOREIGN FIELD.

CHICAGOLE, INDIA. For some time past there has been a deepening of spiritual life in the church and a consequent desire to see others brought to Christ. A short time ago nine were baptized, some from the Christian community, and some from the heathen. Others wish to come out, and one man was frightened from his purpose by their friends. God is still working in the hearts of many here and at Jahmur, one of the outstations, and we are hoping, that others will be enabled to break away from the bonds of caste, and get tully out into the liberty of the children of God. Will you not all pray, that God will quicken them according to his Word, and that many may turn from their idols?

Yours in the work,

I. C. ARCHIBALD.

NANDIGAM, INDIA. We are out here in camp, five miles from Tekkali. A work of grace among the Malas in this region seems to be taking place. Two were baptized on the 22nd November. One of them is the leading Mala in this village. His three brothers are said to be believing in Christ and we hope they may soon confess him publicly. It is quite possible that this movement may spread to other villages and result in many conversions. Will you all pray that this may be so.

W. V. HIGGINS.

Quarterly Meeting.

The Queens County Quarterly Meeting will convene with the Upper Gageton Baptist church commencing on Friday evening, January 9th, and continuing through the following Saturday and Lord's day. The President, J. D. Colwell, Secretary, and Rev. W. J. Gordon is a programme committee.

Dec. 18th, 1902.

J. COOMBS, Sec'y.

San Jacinto, Cal.

Dec. 29, 1902.

Dear Bro. Hughes:

Thinking that a note from me might be acceptable to the readers of the H. M. JOURNAL, I submit the following. It is now a full year since coming to this state. It's mild climate has not done me the amount of good hoped for. My health is much as when I came here. I am up and down. For several weeks I feel quite well, hope rises to the extent of looking to the time when I will feel it safe to go to work for the Master. But alas, each time hope is quashed and down I go again, even some times to a forced wish to depart and be "with the Lord which is far better."

The climate here is undoubtedly healthful and good for the children, as even in mid-winter they can run about to their hearts content in the open air, (a few rainy days excepted.) But the moral tone is not what one desires. The Lord's day is not revered. Farmers, builders, truckmen, etc., are to be seen carrying on their individual

branch of trade as we wend our way to the house of prayer, and no law seemingly to call a halt. In business to bargain is of any account till a cash deposit is made. Notes of hand must be secured by mortgage, bill of sale or a joint signature. The sense of honor, and love of the truth that we find at home is absent here.

Our church is small, but its members are of the tried type—true as steel and hopeful of the time of advance and ingathering. Rev. A. Truman is our pastor though advancing in years—he delivers the old gospel story with tact and power, to the blessing of God's people and the glory of God.

Dear brethren the old year is passed with all its good and ill. I have rejoiced with you over reports of advancements made in so many of the home churches and with you pray that God's richest benediction may follow you all during the incoming year. And we earnestly solicit an interest in all your prayers. And may God be with you all till we meet to part no more. Ever yours in Christian bonds.

S. D. ERVIN.

Married.

PERRY DYKEMAN.—At the residence of the bride, Main St., St. John, on the 18th inst., by the Rev. A. T. Dykeman, George H. Perry, of St. John, to Lida Dykeman, of the same city.

CRANDALL FISHER.—At the home of the bride's parents, Dec. 24, by Rev. W. H. Smith of Florenceville, John B. Crandall and Nettie J. Bishop, both of Elgin, Albert county, N. B.

NICHOLSON WRIGHT.—At Woodstock, N. B., Dec. 24, by the Rev. Z. L. Fish, M. A., Richard W. Nicholson and Holdah M. Wright, both of Canterbury Station, N. B.

BURNHAM DAVIS.—At the residence of the bride's father, Bristol, Carleton Co., N. B., Dec. 20, by Rev. Wylie H. Smith, Charles M. Burnham of East Florenceville to Dora A. Davis of Bristol.

MCDONOUGH BURGESS.—At the residence of the bride's father, on Dec. 24th, by the Rev. C. W. Townsend, George, Edward McDonough of St. Martins to Eliza Jane Burgess of F. review, St. John county, N. B.

REID ESTY.—At the parsonage, Centerville, N. B., Dec. 31, by Rev. B. S. Freeman, Wilbur D. Reid to Della L. Esty, both of Knoxford, N. B.

PRICE HOREY.—At the home of the bride's father, Dec. 24th, by Rev. M. P. King, Aaron Price to Dorcas Horey, daughter of Alford Horey, Esq., Ludlow, Northumberland county, N. B.

Died.

FOSHAY.—At Sypher's Cove, N. B., Dec. 17, Hallet, aged 17 months, only child of Brother and Sister Wilbert Foshay. May the dear Lord comfort them in this hour of trial. "Of such is the kingdom of heaven."

GIFFON.—At Central Norton, Dec. 10th, Mrs. William Giffon, formerly Mrs. Henrietta Herrit of Petitediac, N. B. Mrs. Giffon was baptized in early life by a Rev. Mr. Parker who was then pastor of the Springfield Baptist church. Having married she settled at Petitediac where she remained until her husband died when she moved to Vancouver, B. C., with her daughter where she united with the First Baptist church of that place. Returning to N. B. she married Giffon and has resided for the past twelve years at Norton. Though only lately uniting with the Norton church, she had lived a most humble, consistent Christian life, attending meeting with her husband, who is a Free Baptist, whenever it was practicable. Of a retired disposition, she was a most industrious, patient, affectionate wife, and won the deepest regard of all with whom she came in contact—she leaves a faithful, kind-hearted daughter to mourn her loss.

TOMPKINS.—On the afternoon of Dec. 1, at his home at River Bank, Robert W. Tompkins passed peacefully away at the age of 64 years. He was married to Elizabeth Phillips in 1867. The widow and three daughters command the heart-felt sympathy of all our readers. Although the end has been apparent for some time yet it was a severe blow to the wife and children. The departed leaves behind three brothers, Delancy and Broad-street of River Bank and Albert of Presqueisle, and three sisters, Mrs. Sydney

Tompkins of Presqueisle, Mrs. Jos. Foster of Landsdown and Mrs. R. K. F. Rideout of Robinson, Me. The deceased was baptized by Rev. J. W. S. Young and united with the East FVille Baptist church at his organization. He was shortly afterwards chosen deacon and has most worthily filled the office since that time. His last days were most peaceful and without pain. He was conscious of what was going on about him to the very last. The funeral services were conducted by Pastor Smith in the church at East FVille. A large number was present to pay their last tribute of respect to the departed.

COWAN.—Fell asleep in Jesus on Sabbath evening, Dec. 14, Eliza J., second daughter of the late Moses E. Cowan, St. John, N. B. The deceased was converted at the early age of thirteen and baptized into the fellowship of the Portland Baptist church, now Main street, by the Rev. E. C. Cady. She served in the Sabbath School and in other departments of the church until forced by increasing delicate health to retire from labor she loved so well. Her recent illness, lasting some seven weeks, was very painful, yet through it all her sweetness of disposition and submissiveness to her lot were constantly manifested, not a murmur ever escaping her lips. She was ever hopeful, ready for the Master's call, and like an infant in its mother's arms she sweetly and quietly slept away from earth to awake in heaven to behold her Saviour's face. A mother, five brothers and three sisters are left to mourn their loss while she has gone to join a loved father who served some 40 years as deacon and 20 years as a Sabbath School superintendent on earth but who now serves continually before the throne. The Rev. W. K. Thompson assisted the pastor in the conducting of the funeral services which were attended by a large number of relatives and sympathizing friends.

LIBBY.—At Lower Newcastle, N. B., Dec. 24, Ruby P., aged 61 years, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Joseph Libby. May the dear Lord comfort them in this hour of trial.

STABLEFORD.—On the 11th inst. Brother Abram Stableford of Ward's Brook, passed to his eternal rest, aged 75. For many years Mr. Stableford was a consistent member of the Su sex Baptist church. He died fully trusting in Christ.

BECKERTON.—Drowned at Waweg, Charlotte county, Dec. 23, Charles, eldest son of the late Deacon Thomas Beckerton of Bayside, aged 23 years, leaving a widowed mother, two young brothers and five sisters, to mourn the loss of one who was the mainstay of the family. The deceased was a general favorite with old and young, and the sorrow over his untimely end was so great that the usual Christmas festivities were laid aside throughout the entire community. May the Lord sustain the deeply afflicted home in the united wish and prayer of all.

COTTE.—Deacon N. B. Cottle, of St. John fell peacefully asleep in Jesus on Jan. 1st, 1903, after a somewhat protracted illness. Brother Cottle was a man well-versed in the Scriptures, and held them with grasp of faith which made him strong in the doctrine of Sovereign Grace. He was a mighty man in prayer, and his address in the prayer meetings and conferences of the church were always instructive and impressive. He was liberal according to his means, and friendly in his manner. He will be much missed in the circle in which he moved. He leaves to mourn, a wife, and two daughters, to whom we tender our heartfelt sympathy.

Does the soul grow? Is not the soul enveloped with countless veils of ignorance, bigotry, intolerance, cruelty, malice, anger, hate, envy, bestial, brutal and animal tendencies, and as these veils are burnt away by the fire of Divine Love, that reveals the soul in its glory, is not that what we call "soul-growth"? Is not "soul-growth" the unveiling of the soul? Is not the soul eternal and changeless, without beginning or end? Is not the soul the Real Man out of sight and imprisoned? Is not its freedom through the love of God what mortal calls "soul-growth"?

The love for God is a constantly growing love; each succeeding day, week, month, and year the religious man loves Him more and more.