

Ramblings in New Brunswick.

In compliance with the request of Rev. W. Camp, I attended the celebration of the 75th Anniversary of the founding of the 1st Hillsborough Baptist church of which he is the beloved pastor. As a full report of the exercises has been recorded in the MESSENGER AND VISITOR, I need only say that it gave me especial pleasure to be present, to revisit the scenes of my childhood and early manhood, and to rejoice in the remarkable progress of Baptist principles in connection with the history of the church, during the past 75 years. The venerable clerk of the church, Bro. R. E. Steeves, in the Roll Call on Sabbath p. m., Oct. 3, stated that his honored grandfather, Henry Steeves, was the first preacher of the Gospel in Hillsborough, and that his first convert was James Wallace, who afterwards became a pastor of the church, and whose son now present has lately witnessed the ordination of his second son to the work of the Christian ministry. I was glad to find my esteemed friend Rev. W. Camp, still intrenched in the confidence and love of his people. He is about completing his 12th year as pastor of this dear old church, and has certainly made a most gratifying record.

While in Hillsborough I held two services with the Surry Baptist church, the youngest of the 4 daughters of the first church. I was sorry to find my life-long friend Rev. M. Gross, who resides here, in slender health. He is however, greatly sustained and comforted by the Gospel he has long preached to others. Surry is pastorless and presents an inviting field.

I next visited Northern portions of the Province and had a delightful time on my old field of 39 years ago, on the Miramichi River and its branches. Here too I found the Baptist people pastorless, with fields white unto the harvest. It is hoped that the right man may soon be directed to the Newcastle field. The prospects for progress were never more hopeful than now. The pleasure of my visit here was marred by the excited condition of the public mind over the lost W. C. Anslow, Editor of the Newcastle local paper. He went up the river on Thursday, Oct. 14, on a hunting trip and mysteriously disappeared. As yet the search for him has been in vain. Here too my heart was greatly saddened by the news of the disastrous fire in Windsor. The gale in Newcastle on Sabbath, Oct. 17, was fearful.

I went as far north as Belledune in Restigouche Co., where my youngest sister resides. Here I held two encouraging services. This is one of the preaching stations of the Campbellton Baptist church. I regretted much my inability to go as far as Campbellton where it was my privilege 12 years ago, to witness wonderful displays of God's power to save, and to organize the Baptist church in that thriving town. I was pleased to hear that Rev. A. F. Brown, the pastor of the church there is prospering in his work, that he is greeted by crowded audiences and that his ministry is appreciated by the people and blessed of God.

On my return I spent a day in Moncton, the Railway capital of the Dominion, and attended the Thursday evening prayer meeting of the church. There were I judge, between two and three hundred persons present and much interest apparent. I only heard golden opinions of the pastor Rev. W. B. Hinson and his ministry. The folk in Lower Coverdale, a few miles from the city of Moncton, are building a Baptist meeting house, and it is nearing completion. It is thought, by many, desirable that this interesting station be incorporated with the work of the 1st Moncton church.

I spent last Sunday with the Sackville Baptist church and have yielded to the request of the brethren to supply again next Sabbath. They are looking anxiously for a pastor and the coming man will find a grand sphere for the exercise of both physical and intellectual strength. Bro. Belyea a graduate of Acadia and a successful teacher in the public schools of the Province, has lately been ordained as assistant pastor in connection with his pastorate of the Midgie church. Great regrets are expressed at the removal of Rev. W. C. Vincent, when his ministry here seemed so much needed. He had recently baptized about 200 converts and they greatly needed his influence and care. It is exceedingly desirable that a faithful pastor may soon be found to fill this important vacancy.

I am just now assisting Rev. C. Burgess of Dorchester in special services at Fairview, one of his preaching stations and much blessing is attending our efforts. Bro. Burgess is filling the pastorate of the Baptist church in the shiretown of this noble County of Westmorland, well. The

church is increasing in numbers and influence, under his ministry and the prospects are hopeful. The coming into the church lately of Hon. H. R. Emmerson, a prominent resident of the town, is a cause of much encouragement. In this accession the writer especially rejoices, inasmuch as Mr. E. is the eldest son of his old classmate and much loved friend, the late Rev. R. H. Emmerson. Dorchester is a growing town, and has one of the most picturesque and beautiful locations in the provinces.

The visit of the Vice Regal party here, on Tuesday last, came off most auspiciously and Lord Aberdeen expressed himself as delighted with the town, and the grand welcome extended to him.

Oct. 29. Isa. WALLACE.

Quarley Meeting.

The Lunenburg County District meeting was held at Chelsie, October 19. The officers appointed for the ensuing year are: Pres., Rev. J. L. Read, New Germany; Sec'y-Treas., Rev. E. P. Churchill, Bridgewater. A good number of representatives was in attendance. Progress, more or less, was reported from all the churches. The needs of the different fields were strongly represented. There should be another resident pastor in this county to continue in the good work begun by Bro. Dyas. The fields in which he labored during the summer months are now pastorless. The only preaching they have is an occasional sermon by the neighboring pastors. The great difficulty is financial weakness. The meeting expressed their regrets that Bro. Shaw, of Mahone, is so soon to leave our county and a letter expressing our great appreciation of his services during the four years of his labors with us was prepared to present to him. The evening meeting was of an evangelistic nature. Pastor W. H. Jenkins, of Mahone, preached the sermon from Phil. 2:9. This was followed by a number of addresses and prayers. The whole meeting was of a peculiarly impressive character.

E. P. CHURCHILL, Sec'y.

There were twenty-five failures in the Dominion the past week, against forty in the corresponding week last year.

Willie White, a sixteen-year-old boy, fell into a wheat bin, at Oakville, Man., on Friday, and was suffocated before he could be rescued.

Notices.

The Moncton church will hold a far-well service for the out-going missionaries on the evening of November 12, as intimated in last week's MESSENGER AND VISITOR. Persons from outside intending to be present are requested to give notice of their intention to A. E. Wall, Moncton.

The Queens County, N. S., Quarterly meeting, will convene with the church at Caledonia, on Dec. 8th and 9th. All churches in the County, are hereby requested to send delegates.

F. M. CHRISTOPHER, Sec'y.
Kempt, Oct. 25th.

The Anna Co. Conference of Baptist churches, will meet with the church at Clementsvalle, Monday and Tuesday, Nov. 8th and 9th. On Monday evening a sermon by Pastor Brown, also some brethren will be ordained deacons. On Tuesday morning, an address on Pastoral Duties, by Pastor White; an address on Church's care of the Pastor, by Pastor Caldwell. Afternoon, address on Qualifications and Duties of Deacons, by Pastor Young. How can the awakened be led to Christ and His Church? Pastor Wallace; How to care for new members, Pastor Webb. Evening, Evangelistic Service, led by Rev. I. Wallace. P. S.—Send word one week in advance to Jos. Potter, Clementsvalle and a conveyance will meet you at the station. Nictaux, Oct. 14. J. W. Brown, Sec'y.

The next session of the Shelburne Co. Quarterly meeting will be held with the church at Osborne, Tuesday and Wednesday, Nov. 9 and 10. Everyone knows that Osborne is a glorious place for a Quarterly meeting, and so everyone will try to be there. An

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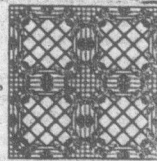
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ADDISON F. BROWN, Sec.

The Digby Co. Quarterly Meeting will be held with the Digby Baptist church on Wednesday, Nov. 10th, first session at 10.30 a. m. Interesting papers are expected from some of the pastors and a sermon in the evening.
J. F. SAUNDERS, Sec'y.

A farewell meeting for our missionaries, Mr. Higgins, Mr. Hardy and Miss Archibald, will be held in Halifax at the First Baptist church on Thursday evening, Nov. 11th.
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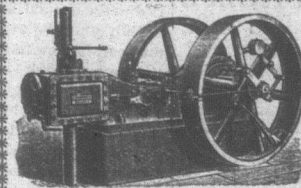
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