

From the Churches.

CANTHERBURY, YORK CO., N. B.—and Canterbury Baptist church and community gave their pastor, I. W. Carpenter and wife a very agreeable surprise, on Xmas evening, in a birthday party and Christmas tree. Amounting in cash to \$21.71 and many valuable and useful presents from personal friends to Mr. and Mrs. Carpenter, for which we desire to express our sincere thanks to these very kind people. Yours, etc.

I. W. CARPENTHER.

TABERNACLE, ST. JOHN.—A social entertainment was given by Miss Whitman's Bible class of the Tabernacle Baptist church, at the home of Mr. Wm. Alward, Haymarket Square, last Thursday evening. Twenty-eight young men of the class were present and spent a very enjoyable evening. After music and refreshments, the class presented Miss Whitman with a handsome dressing case, and an address showing their appreciation of her services. During the past year this class has grown in numbers from six to forty. At the close, Miss Whitman presented each member of the class with a pocket Bible, and they separated after singing, "God be with you till we meet again."

OAK BAY, CHARLOTTE CO.—I spent a few days in special work, holding meetings with Rev. W. H. Morgan, pastor on the Oak Bay field, Charlotte County. I was much delighted with my visit, both with the pastor and wife, and people; found him to be an earnest and faithful worker, with rather superior abilities and seems greatly beloved all over this large hard field and I often heard it said that the four churches with whom he labors were never more united, and an increasing interest prevails in all. Though the weather and roads were very unfavorable while I was there, yet a great blessing attended the meetings, sinners converted, wanderers coming back to take their places. On the 19th a beautiful baptism, in the evening I received the hand of fellowship. J. W. S. YOUNG.

GUYSBORO.—My pastorate with this church began, Oct. 24. We have worked quietly looking to the deepening of the spiritual life of the church and to the conversion of the unsaved, and not without signs of encouragement. A small membership is scattered over a large field, bringing its usual problems. I have been privileged to preach Christ at five different points of the field, in one of which no gospel service had been held for several years. Two Bible schools, two weekly prayer meetings, a B. Y. P. U., and a Junior Union are maintained. We have also a good W. M. A. Society. Our second quarterly collection for denominational work was taken Dec. 19. Plans are being perfected, looking to the more efficient service of the church. The church will observe the Week of Prayer, looking for the Master's blessing. Prior to bringing my family here, the parsonage was furnished with a furnace and range which are paid for. Guysboro has some Christians of the right kind—benevolent, intelligent, spiritual.

R. OSGOOD MORSE.

NEW CANADA, N. S.—On the evening of 23rd Dec., the members of the church and congregation met in goodly numbers at the parsonage, to show their kindness and goodwill toward the pastor and his family. Many useful gifts with a purse of money, were presented by Dea. John Mader on behalf of those present, and words of cheer and encouragement were spoken, which made the pastors heart glad. This is only a continuation of the kindness that has been manifested in various ways throughout the year. We are now upon our third year of labor with this whole-hearted earnest people. Bro. Jenkins of Chester spent two weeks on the field with the pastor and preached with earnestness and power. The special services then held resulted in blessing to the church, and the salvation of souls. We hope soon to visit the baptismal waters.

SYDNEY.—We sustain regularly our quarterly missionary meetings which are helpful, instructive and interesting. Yesterday was devoted to that work. In the morning a sermon was delivered, presenting Christ as the Saviour of His people. The evening service was one of marked interest. We have in our midst the highly esteemed Missionary, Mrs. A. R. Crawley, who returned from Burma last autumn. Though she is well advanced in years, yet she is exceedingly bright and active. Mrs. Crawley was asked to give an address on Sabbath evening to which she kindly

assented. She was greeted with a large audience who listened with rapt attention as she, in a clear and mellow voice, gave to us life-like pictures of Burma and Burman life. Mrs. Crawley has a thorough knowledge of the people and their customs, and as she told us of their moral condition without the Christ, she made us feel our great obligation to do all we can to send the gospel of Christ to them. Our offerings for the day will be forwarded to the treasurer, H. B. SMITH.

Dec. 27.

HAVLOCK (BUTTERNUT RIDGE). The undersigned desires to express his gratitude to a kind and loving people for many favors received during the six months of his sojourn with them culminating a few weeks since in the receipt among other things of a handsome and valuable fur overcoat. To Mrs. Elias Keath and her helpers our thanks are specially due.

FREDERICK T. SNELL.

FAIRVILLE, N. B.—On Wednesday evening last, Dec. 22, the scholars of the Fairville Baptist Sunday School, were given their annual treat and Christmas tree. A very interesting programme composed of Christian choruses, motion songs, drills, recitations, etc., was splendidly carried out, this part of the entertainment being under the management of Miss Otty Stewart, church organist. After the programme, the children were each presented with a bag containing the usual Christmas treat, 250 answering to their names. A feature of the evening, was a donation tree standing on the platform beside the loaded tree for the school. It was entirely bare waiting to receive the offerings of the scholars, who had been asked by the superintendent to contribute something, which would gladden the hearts of some whom "Santa Claus" would probably not visit. The response was generous, and the tree was loaded with toys, candy, turkeys, chickens, beef, groceries, shoes, stockings, mittens, dress goods, mufflers, blankets, and money. These were distributed by a committee, where they would be much appreciated and as the doxology, "Praise God from whom all blessings flow," was sung, we felt, "It was more blessed to give than to receive."

FIRST ST. MARGARETS BAY.—The year just closing has been one of mingled hope and fear. Hope, because "Our God in whom we trust is able to deliver us" out of all our difficulties. Fear, because the field was untended, and there were peculiar difficulties to be grappled with, needing the exercise of extreme caution, kindness, forbearance and wisdom, but, as an anonymous correspondent has already informed you, the Lord, in answer to earnest wrestling prayer, led us into liberty and harmony. We have been busy sowing, sometimes tearfully, and we have had some joyful reaping. Owing to the failure of the fisheries, our financial struggle has been a severe one, but our contributions to denominational work have equalled the preceding year. Many cheering and inspiring words of hearty appreciation of the pastor's efforts have encouraged him and many generous and timely gifts have anticipated his wants and those of his family. On Monday evening, Dec. 27th, the dear friends at Hubley settlement came en masse, burdened with baskets, etc., and took possession of the parsonage; the ladies spread the tables and after all had partaken of the bountiful feast, and after a season of social enjoyment, Dea. J. J. Hubley called the meeting to order, and presented the pastor with an address of a most complimentary character, expressive of the hearty appreciation of the pastor's efforts and work, accompanying the same by the gift of a Lehman's patent carriage and sleigh heater, with box of necessary fuel, which the pastor was asked to accept as a further token of the esteem in which he is held by the people. The presents will be greatly prized by the pastor and will be his constant companion on his cold drives around these bleak shores. The pastor is greatly cheered by these and many other tokens of the people's appreciation. We are hoping and praying for the "Living flame," and a gracious ingathering of precious souls.

A. E. INGRAM

Hants County Convention.

The Quarterly Session of the Hants Co., Baptist Convention was held at Mt. Denison on Tuesday and Wednesday of last week. Tuesday morning a large number gathered for a Prayer Meeting which was led by Dea. R. Comstock. The time was profitably spent in prayer for "Showers of blessings for our churches," and in speak-

ing words of encouragement one to another. The presence of Christ was graciously manifest to all.

At 2 o'clock Dea. S. H. Mitchner, President of the S. B. Association, conducted a very interesting session in the interests of Sabbath School work. The house was well filled, and after a bright half-hour of devotion, a paper was read by Mrs. D. E. Hatt, on "The Saving of Life," which was earnestly discussed, and warmly commended. The paper set forth the special value of work among the young, inasmuch as when a child is converted not only is a soul saved but a life also. The S. Schools are to be life saving stations, and officers and teachers the keepers.

Mr. George W. Davidson of Ashdale, next read a carefully prepared history of the Newport and South Rawden Schools, among the oldest in the county. The roll of honor of early workers was read and the value of their work shown in the useful lives of the boys and girls then under their care, who almost without exception, grew to be men and women of upright Christian character.

The remainder of the time was occupied with a stirring address by Rev. F. E. Roop on "Sabbath School Soul-Saving." The prime object to be had in view in Sabbath School work was brought forcibly home to all present, considerable favorable comment followed. The presence of a large delegation from the Hantsport Junior Union, who sang very sweetly a couple of selections, added much to the interest of the meeting.

At seven o'clock an audience convened which entirely filled the house. Rev. F. E. Roop was the preacher, and he presented the gospel invitation with much earnestness and power. Rev. A. A. Shaw, pres. of the B. Y. P. U. led an after meeting in which many testified of their love to Christ and passed on the invitation to the unsaved.

Wednesday morning Deacon Joseph Marster of Somerville led a social meeting of great helpfulness after which Rev. Geo. Weathers, Pres. of the Convention, conducted a meeting for reports and business. The churches all seem hopeful of large blessings during the coming months. It was greatly regretted that there was not time for a paper by Rev. A. A. Shaw, who had to return home by noon train, but he promised to read it at the next session.

Another large gathering at 2 o'clock, listened with deep attention to the work of the W. M. A. S., Pres., Mrs. J. Nalder, presided. After a season of devotion led by Mrs. A. A. Shaw, the Pres. gave a most instructive and helpful Bible reading on "Equipment for service." The solo of Mrs. A. A. Shaw and a duet by Mrs. Shaw and Mrs. Nalder were much appreciated and elicited much favorable comment both during and after the meeting. The open parliament "On Woman's Work" gave opportunity for a number to speak earnest and helpful words along the line of the subject.

The largest meeting of all was in the evening of Wednesday when Rev. Jos. Murray preached a very effective sermon on "God's will for the wicked." Rev. D. E. Hatt conducted the after meeting in which a large number took prompt and earnest part. A large chorus of young people occupied the platform, and such singing is seldom excelled in these parts. The people seemed to "sing with the Spirit and with the understanding," and the music was glorious. Thus closed one of the best sessions ever held in the county. Glorious weather, a large attendance, a good programme and the smile of God upon us combined to make the meetings seasons long to be remembered. The next session is to be held in Avonport, probably in February next. D. E. Hatt.

Windsor Baptist Rebuilding Fund.

Received since last report: Colin Roscoe and Margaret Baras, Wolfville; E. W. Hamilton, Truro; and Rev. C. W. King, Kingston, Ont., each \$5.00; F. E. Good, Jacksonville, N. B.; Kimmount, Ont., V. P. S. C. E., Mt. Forest, Ont. B. Y. P. U., Rev. H. Carter, Maddock, P. E. I.; Rev. J.

Royal makes the food pure, wholesome and delicious.

ROYAL BAKING POWDER CO., NEW YORK.

E. Goucher and wife, each \$2.00; Fred Johnson, Wolfville; Maggie Everett, Jacksonville; George Burt, Jacksonville; Jos. McCready, B. Y. P. U., Philadelphia; Annie Perry, Waverly, Mass.; Winifred E. Reid, Waverly, Mass.; J. C. B. Olive, M. P. Olive, Friend, Chas. Kettie, Mrs. Kettie, Ella Kettie, Earl Lewis, Frank Lewis, Lizzie G. McDonald, E. B. Nelson, Rachael Blair, Edgar Lockwood, all of Truro; Mrs. Waldron, So. Berwick Me.; Rev. C. B. Freeman, Edmonton Alberta, each \$1.00; Annie Chase, Wolfville, 25¢; Mrs. Sherwood, Jacksonville 50¢; Mt. Forest, Ont., Baptist Church, \$9.13; Walter Lutz, Bothwell Ont., \$1.00; Alma Baptist Church, \$7.35; Friends in South Berwick, Maine, \$4.00; Isacc Harbor Baptist Church, \$34.00; First Baptist, S. S. Hartford, Conn., \$15.50. For Relief of sufferers, Junior Soc., Bethany Baptist Church, Roxbury Mass., \$8.00.

A. A. SHAW.
Note. The amount from the 1st Harvey Baptist Church mentioned in last report was for Baptist Relief Fund, as also \$17.00 from Samuel Graves, Lexington, Mass.

A. A. S.

District Meeting.

The Guysboro County Western Baptist Association convened with the 2nd St. Marys church on December 15. The attendance was not so large as it might have been had a reasonable effort been made by some of the brethren. The following churches were represented: 2nd St. Marys, 1st St. Marys, Port Hillford, New Harbor and County Harbor. The afternoon session was devoted to the denominational work. A committee was appointed to confer with the brethren of the Eastern County Association at their next meeting to consider the amounts to be raised by the different churches in the county for the Convention Fund. The question of the advisableness of organizing a church at Wine Harbor was then discussed and a unanimous resolution was passed in favor of the above organization. The report from the churches was then received and was encouraging; then followed the reading of a very excellent paper written by Mr. Seman, of Sherbrook, on "Student life at Acadia," and also a paper by Bro. Jas. McConnell on "Christian Usefulness." In the evening the Rev. R. B. Kinley preached a very instructive sermon from 1 Cor. 13:1-5, after which a short evangelistic service followed. The next meeting will be held at Port Hillford on the second Tuesday in February, 1898. JAS. MCCONNELL, Sec'y pro tem.

Quality Tells

First, last and all the time.

We do not claim that the clothes we make are the lowest priced that can be bought, but they are the most economical.

When you buy from us you get superior workmanship, excellence of material, and a wide range of styles and prices to choose from.

Both bright and dull finished cloths are worn for fine suits. The bright finish starts at \$20 the suit; dull finish from \$18.50.

"Costly" they say as they pursue can buy," you'll find most economical.

A. GILMOUR, Tailor.

68 King St.

St. John.