

baptism. Under the labours of Brother Downey, three members have been added to the 1st Barrington Church. In the holding of a course of special meetings at Plymouth, by Brother Downey, a good season was enjoyed, and thirteen persons added by baptism. The Church at Tuskent enjoyed a season of quickening last winter, which extended to some of the adjacent places during the spring, and resulted in the addition of thirty-five members. The Church at Carleton, under the labours of Brother Knowles, have had six additions—five by letter, and one by baptism. So far as I am able to ascertain, no serious difficulties exist in any of the Churches. A large amount of harmony and good will exists among the ministers of this Quarterly Meeting.

Under the labours of Brother D. Oram, a Church has been gathered in Yarmouth Town, consisting of twenty-five members. This Church made application for membership in this Quarterly Meeting, at the last session, and was unanimously received.

A commendable zeal has been displayed by some of our Churches in the erection of meeting houses during the past year. The Church at Lower Argyle has a fine meeting house in course of construction, at a cost of some twenty hundred dollars or more.

The brethren at Salmon River, who have been long neglected by our ministers, have lately been encouraged, and have arisen to build; and will, nothing in Providence preventing, have a nice little Church ready for use this fall. The Church at Plymouth have come to feel that their old house is no longer a suitable place for the people of so pretty and thriving a village to worship the Lord in, and are now engaged in the erection of a new Church.

Quite a sum has been paid by the different Churches of this Quarterly Meeting towards the purchase of the meeting house at Halifax; besides two hundred dollars expended by the Home Mission Society of the Quarterly Meeting, in aiding the sustaining of a missionary in the interest of the work at Halifax.

Very little has been done for Education and Foreign Missions. We had hoped to be able to report some quickening in connection with those interests this year; but with the exception of what may be done at this meeting, we have signally failed. Several Churches in this Quarterly Meeting have been without regular ministerial labour all or a part of the time. This deficiency has been partly met by the labours of Brother Munroe, a student of Nichol's Latin School, connected with Bates' College, Lewiston, Maine, U. S., who has been labouring for three months with the following Churches—Sanford, one-fourth of the time; Brooklin, one-fourth; Chebogue, one-fourth; and Little River, one-fourth; in all of which places he was cordially received, and laboured with good effect.

Beloved brethren, although in the history of the world for the past year, there has been no great political change or sanguinary wars, yet it is evident that questions of great importance agitate the public mind of both hemispheres. The clouds that seem to hang over Europe, and threaten a terrible storm ere long, plainly indicate that potent forces are at work for the liberty of conscience, and the reign of truth and righteousness.

On the American continent strange moral elements are in deadly conflict. Drunkenness and sobriety; despotism and liberty; greater are the machinations of the old man at Rome, and world-wide the terrible blows that he would inflict upon conscience, liberty, and the right. But liberty and right, words big with meaning, involving all that is dear, and worth preserving, are safe beneath the notice of that eye which seeth all that is in man, and under that hand which taketh down one and raiseth up another.

The past year has not been uneventful in the history of the Church. The value of utilized lay agency stands forth, in beautiful relief, to the monotony of ministerial effort, in the large success attending the labours of the Messrs. Moody and Sankey, in Scotland and England. Missionary efforts have borne good re-

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