

## Religious Intelligence.

## NEWS FROM THE CHURCHES.

**GREAT VILLAGE.**—We are happy to say that our prayer meetings are interesting. One has professed faith in Christ, others are inquiring the way of life through Christ. Bro. Hutchinson, our returned missionary, addressed us last Sabbath at our regular monthly missionary meeting, on the subject of missions. His address was much appreciated. He and Mrs. Hutchinson are in fair health. We hope to have them with us at Acadia Mines, an important part of this field. Although our numbers are small there at present, yet we hope for much increase in numbers and in good, in the near future. In the Village we have a mission system, second to none, and we hope to use it to establish all parts of the field. When this is done there will be life and energy all along the line.

## G. S. STEARNS.

**TYPE VALLEY, P. E. I.**—On July 31st it was our privilege to visit the river and baptize a highly esteemed sister, who, notwithstanding water had been sprinkled on her when she was quite young, upon the supposition that it was to her Christian baptism, read the New Testament for herself, and found she could not have the answer of a good conscience until in a Christ-like immersion she obeyed her Saviour's command. The audience was large and respectful, and the service impressive. We then extended an invitation to any who had a hope in Christ and wished to come with us and obey the Master, to come right along and be baptized. At once, a brother, who is the head of a large family, and his wife attended in the morning for his integrity, came forward and meekly bowed to his Redeemer's right, and joined with the congregation in singing, "Thine alone, the great transaction's done." Others were looking on with tearful eyes and longing hearts. May the Lord give them grace to decide. Our communion service last evening was a season of refreshing. To God be the praise.

## R. B. KINLEY.

**NEW JERUSALEM, QUEBEC, Aug. 7.**—You will be glad to learn that God is blessing us in New Jerusalem. Three happy converts followed their Saviour in baptism to-day. Four joined the church; one letter. More enquiring. Rev. G. W. Springer baptized. Glory to God for his saving power.

## ISAC LEWIS.

**SACKVILLE.**—Two were received into the church last Sabbath in July; one by letter and one by baptism.

**CHESBROUGH.**—On the evening of the 7th inst. Ingram Bill, the fifteen-year-old son of the pastor, preached in the Baptist church, Chesbrough, to a large congregation.

## I. E. BILL, JR.

**SEBASTIA.**—The little band of brethren here are doing well. There are but 38 members; but they raise six dollars per week for home purposes. They contribute nearly one dollar per member for Convention Fund, and \$20 toward the purchase of a native girl in India.

**CLAN HARBOR.**—Sunday, July 31st, I had the privilege of baptizing a very interesting brother and his wife, at Clan Harbor, a section of the Manchester Church. I was told that this is only the second place in 80 years that baptism by immersion was ever administered in that community. Some 50 years ago the great-grandfather of our brother was baptized. Others in the community are convinced of the reasonableness of believers' baptism, and will soon follow their Divine Lord in His appointed way. Yesterday I baptized one and received her into the fellowship of the Grayborough Baptist Church. Brethren, pray for us.

## A. L. POWELL.

**WOLFVILLE.**—The Summer School of Science, composed of teachers of Nova Scotia, assembled in Acadia College on the 25th ult. The opening address was delivered by Principal McKay, of Pictou Academy, President of the Teacher's Association. The speaker dwelt upon the educational and practical value of Science training; he said it was appropriate that the first meeting should be in connection with Acadia College, which had done so much for Science in schools, through the work of the Superintendent of Education in Nova Scotia when it had furnished, viz. the late Rev. A. S. Hunt, and Dr. S. E. Rand, through the Teachers of the Normal School, several of whom were Acadia men; through this present work of the Science department of our college in charge of Prof. Caldwell, and through the work of Mr. A. J. Powell, the *Scientific Magazine* which he had edited. Brief addresses were given by Dr. Sawyer, who welcomed the association to the college buildings, Rev. Dr. Higgins, Prof. Kierstead, Rev. Mr. Anderson, Prof. Eaton. Forty teachers were enrolled. Instruction is given in astronomy by Principal McKay, in geology by Prof. Caldwell, mineralogy by Mr. A. J. Powell, editor of the *New Star*, botany by Mr. A. K. Lay, of Amherst, chemistry by Prof. Eaton. Other gentlemen interested in educational work have been present part of the time, adding to the enthusiasm of the school. Among these were Dr. Hall, of the Normal School, Mr. A. J. Denton, of Halifax High School, Dr. Honeyman, of Halifax, Inspector Bowden, Dr. Allison, Superintendent of Education. The school has made excursions to Horton Bluff, Blomidon and Pictou.

**HARVEY, August 10.**—At our last conference one new voice was heard in praise of saving grace: last evening he was a Sabbath school scholar, 11 years of age—was received for baptism. His testimony was interesting and clear.

**PARABROOK, August 10.**—A young lady who had carefully investigated the doctrine we believe came to us from another denomination and was baptized in Parabrook, last Sunday morning. In the afternoon a large number of people gathered at the shore below the Baptist church in Port Greenville to witness the baptism of five believers. At 8 baptisms were given, because they could not find room in the church. The good word came and others intend to follow in the footsteps of their Saviour next Sunday. Since my last note was sent Bro. W. P. Iyer has been called by the Parabrook church to be their pastor.

## P. S. MACDONALD.

**WOLF VILLAGE, August 11.**—The work of the field is an advancing one in this place. Bro. Kierstead baptized two at Mill Cove yesterday. The day was very fine, which added new beauty to the scenery. About two hundred people were present, the greater part being Episcopalians, who seemed to go away with deep impressions of the truth, and with a longing heart for this field, but needs hard work. Pray for us.

## J. B. TERRY.

**HILLBORO, A. C.**—The ladies of my churches and congregations, ever ready for every good work, kindly remembered their pastor and his wife by presenting with a beautiful home-made carpet, valued at about \$35.00, for which we wish to express our grateful thanks. May they be long spared to make others happy by their acts of kindness.

## S. W. KIERSTAD.

**VALLEY CHURCH, HILLBORO.**—We have nothing special to write except the very pleasant visit of Rev. R. B. Philp, who occupied the pulpit on my field on Sabbath, July 31st. He preached the gospel to us with much acceptance, and we enjoyed his visit among us very much. On Sabbath we were very pleased to meet Rev. Charles H. Corey, D. D., who spoke to us in the afternoon in regard to the work in Richmond. His address was well received. We are always glad to receive those friendly calls from our brethren who come in the name of the Lord. We have much to do here, and a visit from our brethren cheers us and gives us fresh courage to go on. The church has given me a vacation, which I shall take next month.

## S. W. KIERSTAD.

**NORTH RIVER, P. E. I.**—Bro. A. H. Lavers writes: I have just returned from a vacation of four weeks, spent in and around Boston. My health is much improved. The Sabbath here I spent in baptism four more converts at West River and we are still looking for other additions there.

**CHESBROUGH.**—Rev. Dr. Ellis and family, from Baltimore, are among the many who are spending a few weeks here. The Doctor favored us yesterday, by preaching in the morning, and giving an address on foreign missions in the evening. Both were excellent.

## J. P. K.

**ST. MARTIN'S.**—We have enjoyed another week of seed-sowing and reaping. Every meeting added to the number of converts. At Salmon River, on Thursday evening, more than 40, by rising, testified to a new found hope, and about a dozen others rose for prayer. I visited another settlement this week called Long Beach. It consists of ten families whose gospel privileges are rare indeed. I had only one night to give them. They all came out to hear the word, and next day, both morning and evening, I left their layings and other work and gathered to the meetings. They were there from the ages of 15 days to 88 years, and every one of mature age save three rose for prayer. Some of them came clearly into the liberty of the gospel. It was hard to leave them, but Jesus remained. More next week. D. O. W.

## S. MARTIN, Aug. 12.

**MILTON, YAMOUTH.**—We have just closed the work of another year, and in summing up we find much to encourage. There has been progress all along the line. Our membership has been pruned and a few useless branches removed. Our social prayer meetings for the members of the church can be best ascertained, are seasons of refreshing with an attendance larger than ever before in the history of the church. The "willing workers" are growing steadily, and are a comfort to the pastor, and will by and by be a tower of strength to his church. We have organized an "Aid Society" under church control. This Society forms an excellent band of union between the sisters, and will be a medium for diffusing missionary intelligence. May it prosper!

We have endeavored to make a record of our worship. To this end the envelope system has been introduced, with such success that we expect to begin the next year with a clean sheet. Last Sunday was an interesting season. The Communion Service in the morning was attended by a very large proportion of the church. A children's service was held in the evening, at which the pastor delivered an address on "The influence of the home in the foundation of character." Thirty little girls did the singing. A crowded house listened with evident enjoyment. The relations between pastor and people are of the happiest kind. There is mutual confidence and affection. Sister Shaw, whose benevolence, both the church and denomination have reason to remember, is still an invalid. Her strong faith and firm reliance upon the promise is inspiring to all that converse with her. May she long be spared.

We have paid one dollar per member to Convention Fund; and given thirty-seven dollars to the Grand Ligue Mission, besides. Altogether the church raised for all purposes during the last year nearly \$1500, and yet there are only 150 of us.

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**MANOUE, BAY.**—As your readers have heard but little from us for a long time, a few items may not be uninteresting. We came to Mahone Bay last Nov. and settled with a very kind and generous people. The Church here has had a long and hard struggle, but has finally made a step of strength and active service. For this, we are indebted, under God, to the faithful labors of some of our most devoted pastors, as Rev. J. Williams, L. B. Gates, A. W. Barnes, and others of like faith and zeal. The church feels like laying plans for enlarged operations in Christian work.

## PERSONALS.

Bro. L. E. Bill, of Chesbrough, was agreeably surprised on the 5th, by a visit from the young people of his charge bringing musical articles and cash. Bro. and sister Bill feel very grateful to the dear friends who remember them so frequently and so kindly.

Bro. J. N. Clark, of Nictaux, proposes to spend some time in England. His health has been severely shattered by the accident which befell him some months ago, and he hopes a visit to the home-land, with the rest and change of scene it will afford, may fully restore him. May his most ardent wishes be realized.

Dr. Ellis and family, of Baltimore, are "reading a vacation at Chesbrough, N. S." Bro. Kierstead writes: "The Dr. favored us yesterday, August 5, by preaching in the morning, and giving an address on foreign missions in the evening. Both were excellent."

## NOTICES.

The next annual meeting of the Baptist Convention of the Maritime Provinces will be held at the Charlottetown church, commencing on Saturday, Aug. 29, 1897, at 10 o'clock a. m. The usual forms for persons have been sent to the churches. Additional copies can be supplied if necessary. The Secretary will be at the place of meeting an hour before the opening of the first session to receive the names of those who wish membership. The Convention is held by virtue of Resolutions, 3, 4 and 5 of Constitution.

## E. M. KIERSTAD, Secretary.

There will be a meeting of the Board of Governors of Acadia College in the Baptist church in Charlottetown on Friday, Aug. 19, at 10 a. m. T. A. HENRI, Secretary.

The Annual meeting of the Stockholders of the Maritime Baptist Publishing Co. will be held in Charlottetown, P. E. I., on Friday, August 19th, at 8 p. m. W. J. STEWART, Secy.

P. S.—A Director's meeting will be held a half hour previous to the general meeting. W. J. S.

The annual meeting of the Baptist Book and Tract Society will be held in the vestry of the Charlottetown Baptist church, P. E. I., on Monday, Aug. 22, at 8 a. m. GEO. A. McDONALD, Secy. Treasurer.

The executive meeting of the Woman's Baptist Missionary Union will be held in Charlottetown, P. E. I., on Saturday, Aug. 20th, at 10 a. m. Business meeting of the Union will take place at 2:30 o'clock of the same day, at which meeting the various reports will be read, the officers elected, estimates adopted, and contemplated changes of the constitution discussed. The annual mass meeting will be held on Monday, 22nd, at 2:30 o'clock.

## M. E. MARCH.

The Nova Scotia Eastern Association will be held at Little River Cumberland Co., N. S., on Friday, the 10th, at 10 o'clock a. m. It will be necessary for all the delegates who intend coming by rail to be at Oxford station on Thursday, when the train will be there on the arrival of both trains, to convey the delegates and ministers to the scene of the Association.

## COM. OF ARRANGEMENT.

Ministers and delegates purposing to attend the N. S. Eastern Association, to be held at Little River, Cumberland Co., on the 10th of September, will please send in their names to the undersigned by the 1st of September, so that arrangements for their entertainment may be made in time.

## T. M. MURDO.

**FURTHER NOTICE TO THE MINISTERS AND DELEGATES TO THE N. S. EASTERN ASSOCIATION.** Reduced fares have been provided for on the I. C. R. and Parrobbro line; that is, delegates, by paying one full first-class fare on going to the association, will be returned free, by complying with further arrangements. COM. ON TRAVELLING.

## DENOMINATIONAL MEETINGS FOR 1897.

**CONVENTION OF THE MARITIME PROVINCES.** B. H. Eaton, M. A., Q. C., President; Rev. E. M. Kierstead, Secretary; at Charlottetown, P. E. I., on Saturday following August 18th, at 10 a. m.

**N. S. AFRICA.**—Rev. A. W. Jordan, Moderator; P. E. McKerron, Clerk; meets at Halifax on the first Saturday in Sept.

**N. S. EASTERN.**—Rev. Joseph Murray, Moderator; Rev. T. B. Layton, Secretary; meets at Little River on the second Friday in September, at 10 a. m.

## MARRIAGES.

**STEVENS-STEVENS.**—At Salem, Albert Co., July 20th, by Rev. S. W. Kierstead, Miss Augusta B. Stevens, of Hillsboro, and Woodworth-MITCHELL. At DeMottville Creek, Aug. 7th, by Rev. S. W. Kierstead, Des. John W. Woodworth, of Hillsboro, Albert Co., to Mrs. Joyce Mitton, of same place.

**ROBINSON-ERWIN.**—At Nickleville, Aylesford, N. S., June 20th, by Rev. J. L. Read, B. Joseph Robbins, to Miss Alice Erwin.

**AYER-SWEENEY.**—At Harbourville, July 18th, by Rev. J. L. Read, Mr. Joseph Ayer, to Miss Katie Sweeney, both of Harbourville.

**WOOD-BOICE.**—At the residence of Mr. W. F. Rogers, in Windham Hill, Cum. Co., N. S., Aug. 1st, by Rev. P. S. Macdonald, Mr. A. C. Wood, of Wood Point, N. B., to Mrs. Lucetta Boice, of Windham Hill, N. S.

**BIENCO-FADER.**—At Halifax, Aug. 2nd, by Rev. W. H. Cline, Judah L. Bishop, of Wolfville, to Susan Ethel Fader, of Dover.

**FRANK-MANFIELD.**—At Kemps, on the 6th inst., by Elder J. E. Blackman, Geo. P. Frail, to Annie Marie Manfield, both of Westfield, Queens Co., N. S.

## DEATHS.

**McKay.**—At Hillsboro, Albert Co., August 6th, Mrs. Olive McKay, in the 54th year of her age, leaving a husband, in the 57th year of his age, 7 children and 30 grandchildren to mourn the loss of an affectionate wife, and a tender and loving mother and grandmother. Sister McKay gave her heart to God years ago, and her life was characterized by a meek and quiet spirit, and unswerving trust in God. Toward the close of life she suffered much, yet did not murmur, but patiently waited the Master's call; and when it came she passed away in the triumph of faith. May God bless those who are left to mourn; strengthen and help the devoted daughter who has so faithfully cared for and watched over her aged parents and still has the care of her father in his infirmity.

**CAMERON.**—At Hillsboro, Albert Co., July 23rd, William J., infant son of Mary Cameron.

**GROVESTOWN.**—At Shelburne, on the 5th ult., the beloved wife of William Grove, who, after an illness of only two weeks, she has been a loving wife, a faithful mother and an earnest worker in the church, and a good teacher of the Sunday school. She is greatly missed from the home, the church, the Sunday school, and the town. Her end was peace—that peace which Jesus gives to his children.

**FORNEY.**—At Windsor, on the 3rd inst., John Gordon, aged two years and two months, youngest son of Herbert and Emma Forney. The visitation was so sudden and unexpected that the shock to our dear brother and sister is indeed great; but they are willing to give God the place which their darling child. They have thus tenderly binding them to the "home of the blessed." CALLOUTY.

On the 31st ult., Deacon Peter Callouty, aged 75 years, Mr. Callouty had come to Moncton to visit his children and friends residing there and was stricken down about the 3rd of July, after which he never seemed to rally but gradually sank to his rest. He leaves one daughter (with husband) and one son (with wife) of D. O. Benjamin Callouty, of Moncton, four sons and a very large circle of friends to mourn. 3rd Egin church, of which he

was a most worthy member, as well as our denomination, have sustained a great loss in his death. He was thoroughly wedded to all our denominational enterprises, and earnestly sought to have them remembered in the yearly contributions of the church and community. But our loss is his gain. His remains were brought to Elgin and interred in the Hillside Cemetery on the 1st inst.

**LOOKER.**—At Aylesford, on the 7th July, after a long and painful illness, borne with Christian fortitude to the Divine will, brother Charles Looker, aged 58 years, leaving a wife, two sons and two daughters. He was highly respected for his upright Christian life in the community in which he lived. (Intelligence please copy).

**BURDITT.**—At Aylesford, July 24th, Mrs. Annie, beloved wife of William H. Burditt, aged 22 years. Her end was peace.

**FEADER.**—At Boston, Mass., July 11th, David Feader, aged 23, son of Benjamin Feader of Greenwood, Kings Co., N. S. He was a young man of no ordinary attainments. Although young in years he had won for himself a splendid position in the occupation in which he was engaged. His moral life revealed the beauty of his early training. In the community where he was so well known all spoke of him as having lived a very exemplary life. His remains were brought home, and interred in the cemetery in which he was engaged. May God sustain the afflicted under their heavy trial.

**JEREMY.**—At Wilnot, N. S., Feb. 3, 1887, Mr. Josiah Jeremy, after a few weeks' illness, in the 52nd year of his age. Mr. Jeremy was a remarkable man, deserving of a much more detailed memoir than would be admissible here. He was a Micmac Indian, but no man ever bore a better character, for integrity, industry, sobriety, with all the kind and good qualities, than he. My acquaintance with him and his family dates back about forty years. It was my privilege to initiate him into the mysteries of reading, and to put the Scriptures into his hands—a small portion of it at first, but at subsequent intervals the whole of the New Testament, and portions of the Old. Over forty years of age when he learned his letters, and having difficulties all but insurmountable to overcome, he made remarkable progress, and the Scriptures were his constant study and delight. The book was blessed to him and his large household, for in addition to his own family he had taken charge of six orphan children of one of his sisters, whom he cared for and trained, and trained them well. They have all died but one; but their reputation for industry, honesty and sobriety would do credit to any rank or condition of life. How satisfactory were Josiah's views of gospel truth. Many a pleasant hour have he and I spent in his hut over the word. His white neighbors showed their respect by turning out liberally to his funeral. An Episcopal minister attended and conducted the service at the house. They bore him to his last resting place in a hearse. His kindred and friends conducted the funeral service at the grave in their own language. A part of that service is an extract from John xi., beginning: "And when Martha met him she said, 'Lord if thou hadst been here my brother had not died.' Jesus said unto her, 'Thy brother shall rise again.' 'And I saw a great multitude out of every kindred and tribe and people, who had washed their robes and made them white in the blood of the Lamb.' SILAS T. RAND.

**HENNING.**—At Chester Grant, Aug. 6th, after a lingering illness, Mrs. John Henning, aged 70 years. Mrs. H. experienced religion when quite young, and was married by the late Rev. Joseph Dimock, and united with the Baptist church of Chester, of which she continued a devoted and happy member till her death. She was a real Christian, and was recognized by all who knew her. No one could be long in her presence without hearing something about Christ and the blessedness of salvation through him. This was her chosen theme, her hope, her joy, and she delighted in making it known. Several years ago a stroke of paralysis deprived her of her former health and activity, and confined her almost entirely to her home the remainder of her days. Still, her life was joyful, because of a grand consciousness of an indwelling Christ. Sister H. was the mother of 13 children and leaves 62 grandchildren. Her husband and nearly all the children remain still living to mourn, though having hopes in her death. Funeral services were held Aug. 6th, when large numbers assembled and heard a sermon from Rev. 14:3.

**ADAMS.**—At Clements West, on the 9th inst., of consumption, Mrs. Annie May Adams, beloved wife of John Adams, and daughter of John and Jemima Henshaw, of Wolfville, a little over 22 years of age. Married by us in Nov. 1895, baptized March 10, 1896, and buried July 11th. She was endeared to us all by her many virtues. Her unwavering faith to the last secured us of her glorious welcome among the ransomed in Heaven. Sermon by the pastor from 1 Thes. 4:18.

**BROWN.**—Buried on Sabbath morning at Clements West, Mrs. Lydia Brown, daughter of Edward Sproul, Esq., of Clements West. Truly life was but a vapor. Sermon by the pastor from Ps. 48 and last.

**MERCURELLE.**—At Blackville, Miramichi, John W. Mercurelle, of Consumption. He fell asleep in Jesus, blessed sleep, June 16th, aged 27 years.

**MORSE.**—At Paradise, Annapolis Co., Aug. 3rd, of typhoid fever, Evangeline B., beloved daughter of Capt. Edward M. and Caroline W. Morse, aged 18 years.

**AYER.**—The home of Jas. R. Ayer, Esq., of Seattle, Wash., of late, had repeated visits from the hand of death. On the 13th ult., with but a few hours' sickness, Mrs. Ayer was called to her eternal rest. She was a woman of more than ordinary ability, and though not a member of the church, had for years entertained a hope in Christ, and her daily life was a life of daily goodness.

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