

## From the Churches.

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All contributions from churches and individuals in New Brunswick should be sent to Dr. Maxime; and such contributions P. E. Island to Mr. Stearns.

**PORT CLYDE.**—On Sabbath morning, Sept. 17th, it was my privilege to baptize a young man.

Geo. C. Durkee.

**GOOD CORNER, CAR. CO., N. B.**—Baptized two young men, Byron Gibson and Joseph Carmichael, Aug. 27, and received them into the membership of the Bloomfield and Good Corner church.

B. S. Freeman.

**CHÉBOGUE AND ARCADIA, YAR. CO., N. S.**—It was my privilege, on Sunday, Sept. 10th, to preach the Gospel to my beloved and tried friends of the churches at Chéboque and Acadia, Yar. Co., N. S., after an absence since my retirement from the pastorate, of more than five years. The churches were greatly in need of a pastor, of which they have been deprived since the resignation of Bro. Grant, last spring. Any faithful man of God, who will seek to serve the Master among them, will find, as I did, as faithful and loyal a people as may be found anywhere. The field is compact and easily worked.

P. B. Foster.

**ONSLow, N. S.**—Last Sunday, I baptized Bro. Alvin Nelson, a young man of much promise. Our Sunday school workers are excelling their past records. At present we have decided to spend the winter in preparation and next spring to proceed with rebuilding. Will do some of our Baptist architects be generous enough to denote the plans and specifications of a neat, inexpensive country church with seating capacity for 200, and vestry and class-room accommodations. Both the Presbyterian and Methodist pastors on behalf of their congregations, offered us the use of their churches, a proof of Christian love we greatly appreciate.

W. H. Jenkins.

September 13.

**ANTIGONISH.**—Since returning from the pastorate of the Antigonish church in June, I have been seeking to recruit my health; and with some little measure of success. It seems wise that a year of freedom from pastoral care should be taken. Meantime hope to be useful to the Kingdom in some way. My experience bids me say to my brethren who are going full steam ahead, "Do thyself no harm." The congregation here is small, but intelligent, loyal and kind. There is a comfortable parsonage and a neat and attractive house of worship. We shall treasure the memory of this people who have been so kind to us, and pray that God may soon send them a pastor. Correspondents will please address me at Wolfville.

F. H. Beals.

**BENTON, N. B.**—I have lately spent one of the pleasantest and busiest weeks of my life with Rev. C. N. Barton, the genial and energetic pastor of this church. The pastor had already held a few meetings and the presence of the Lord was in evidence from the beginning. My memory turns with special gratitude to the season of prayer which closed the evening meetings, when men and women of God became wrestling Jacob. Praise God for the Mount of Transfiguration which gave us glimpses of His glory. In the work of personal dealing with souls, Pastor Barton unites in nice proportion the two qualities, tact and faithfulness. My stock of pastoral lore is richer from converse with him.

W. H. Jenkins.

Oslow Station, N. S., Sept. 13.

**MONTAGUE, P. E. I.**—I am back at work again. My health has very much

improved and I hope to be as well as ever in the near future. During my illness my pulpit has been supplied by Rev. J. G. A. Belyea, Rev. W. L. Archibald, Rev. W. H. Robinson, Rev. M. A. McLean, Rev. Mr. Robertson (Presby.), and Rev. J. D. McLeod. We thank these brethren for that help, which was highly appreciated by the people, and helped a disabled pastor to rest more comfortably on the Lord's Day. We held a successful tea at Sturgeon last month and cleared up about \$200. We are getting new pews into our house of worship there having already had installed a new organ. Georgetown has closed down for repairs. When we dedicated our house of worship there, we did not have time to finish the pews. They are now being filled and varnished and the house will be reopened for

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worship on the last Sunday of this month. My present post office address is: Aitkin's Ferry, P. E. I.

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### COUNTY CONVENTION.

The Guysboro' County Convention convened with the Goldboro Baptist church on Aug. 28th-29th. Monday p. m. Devotional service led by Bro. Payzant. At 3 p. m. President took the chair. Items of business were as follows:

1. Nominating Committee to report officers for the ensuing year.
2. Systemizing the Quarterly Meetings. Some profitable remarks and suggestions were made by the brethren. It was moved by Bro. Higgins, seconded by Bro. Nicolas that this county hold two conventions in the year, in the months of June and October. That place of meeting be left to president and secretary.
3. Grouping churches for evangelistic work. Bro. Higgins suggested that this be left to the pastors present to be considered at another sitting of this convention.
4. Report from churches. Nine out of the sixteen churches reported. In this connection Bro. Carter reported some misunderstanding between his field and the Home Mission Board. Brother Higgins was appointed with Bro. Carter to look into the condition of the field, and to report at next convention.
5. Report of Nominating Committee. Report was received and adopted and the following officers elected—Rev. M. S. Higgins, President; Rev. O. N. Chipman, Secretary-Treasurer. After prayer by Bro. Payzant the meeting adjourned.

Evening session.—Devotional service led by Bro. Kinley, after which the new president took the chair. Singing by choir and prayer by Bro. MacLearn. The president then introduced the first speaker of the evening, Prof. DeWolfe, of Acadia Seminary, who made a strong appeal for that institution. Next the president called on Bro. Rutledge of the H. M. Board, to present the Home Mission work. Bro. Rutledge in his pleasing way gave a stirring address, the key-note of which was, "Every church should have the Missionary spirit." Bro. MacLearn moved, seconded by Bro. S. G. Giffin, that a vote of thanks be tendered these two brethren for their admirable addresses.

Tuesday morning session.—Devotional service led by Pastor Higgins. Then the president called on Bro. MacLearn to open the parliament, in the absence of Bro. Beals. This he did admirably bringing before the meeting



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three questions to be discussed, viz., Divorce, Intemperance, Mormonism. Discussion was entered into by Bros. S. R. Giffin, Nicholas, MacDougall, Kinley, Payzant, Rutledge and Pastor Higgins. Bro. MacLearn closed the discussion.

Afternoon session.—After the Ladies Missionary Conference the pastors met to discuss the "grouping of churches for evangelistic work." The decision was arrived at and laid on the table until the October meeting, which meeting takes place at Boylston. It was moved by Bro. MacLearn, seconded by Bro. Nicolas, that any church wishing the assistance of the Home Mission evangelist, that the pastor of said church correspond with the president and secretary, thus forming an executive committee for this convention. The meeting adjourned with prayer by Bro. Carter.

Evening session.—Music by the choir. Scripture reading by Bro. Higgins. Prayer by Bro. MacDougall, after which Bro. Carter preached a strong sermon from Isaiah 33, 1. Who hath believed our report. After this sermon Bro. MacDougall conducted an evangelistic service. A large number took part in this service. An invitation was given for decision. Quite a number manifested a desire to live a better life. After this meeting the president again took the chair. Bro. MacLearn moved, seconded by Bro. MacDougall, that a vote of thanks be tendered the kind people of Goldboro, the choir and Prof. Giffin for their assistance in making this convention such a success. Minutes of the sessions were then read by the secretary, and approved.

Meeting adjourned, with prayers and benediction by the president.  
S. A. MacDougall,  
Sec'y pro tem.  
O. N. Chipman, Sec'y elect.

E. Kemp, one of the experts of the fisheries department, has returned from British Columbia after successfully placing at different points in the waters of that province a large number of good sized lobsters.