

## An Interesting Day.

Last Sunday was a day of more than ordinary interest, both for pastor and people, in the Brussels street church. In the morning, the pastor preached a sermon full of hope and inspiration from the text of Balaam's prophecy concerning Israel, and afterwards administered the ordinance of baptism to a young lady who had lately given herself to Christ and the church. In the evening the church was filled with a congregation of people, many of whom were attracted by the announcement that Abdul Aziz, the converted Mohammedan, would speak. He was introduced by Pastor Stewart, and spoke from Ps. 2:8. The discourse was principally a presentation of the mission work among the Telugus—the condition of the people, the progress of the work, its hindrances, its encouragements, its outlook. Abdul Aziz is a young man of 26, possessing a very intelligent and cultivated mind. The arrangement and development of his thought on Sunday evening would do no discredit to any of our ministers. He has a very fair command of the English language. His voice is not powerful, and this together with his foreign accent makes it difficult for a hearer seated at a distance to follow him in every sentence, but in spite of this disadvantage he was listened to with marked attention. Abdul impresses one as a man of good and earnest spirit, who may be expected to do excellent work as a missionary in his own country, to which is his purpose soon to return. Our impression is that our Foreign Mission Board are to be congratulated on their having been able to lay hands upon the man.

At the close of the service the right hand of fellowship was given to this brother from the East and to the young sister who was baptized in the morning, and they with many others sat down to the table of the Lord, the pastor alluding to the fact that thus the East and the West were coming together in the church of Christ and the divine promise receiving its fulfillment.

## Sheik Abdul Aziz.

Our people will be interested in hearing a little of the history of the brother whose name is at the head of this article. Sheik Abdul Aziz was born in the Madras Presidency twenty-six years ago. His parents are Mohammedans, and he was brought up to that faith. Early in life young Abdul was sent to a mission school, where he learned the English language, and better still, he learned of Jesus of Nazareth. He made a profession of his faith and was baptized by immersion. For a few years he labored among the Baptist missionaries of Ontario and Quebec.

In the meantime the Salvation Army captured him and sent him to England and America to canvass for money for their work in India. Since coming here he has become very much disaffected with the Army methods and doctrines. A few days ago he resigned, his connection with the Army and came to me for advice. After consultation with my brother ministers here he offered himself to the Brussels St. church for membership and was received. He is anxious to return to India and work as a helper with our missionaries. Any of our churches wishing an address from Bro. Abdul can have him by writing me.

He will preach this Sunday evening (August 3) in Brussels street, and next Friday will speak in German St. Baptist church. It would be well for him to visit as many of our churches as possible before Convention. W. J. STEWART.

## Antigonish and Guysboro Counties District Meeting.

On Tuesday, July 22, pastors and delegates of the above counties met with the church at Guysboro. Port Hawkesbury, included in the group, was not represented. Pastor Clark, chairman by appointment of the Eastern Association, opened by calling the meeting to order, and leading in devotional exercises. Bro. Mark Thompson was appointed secretary. Verbal reports were given by the pastors and delegates of the churches. Some encouragement was given, and the need of earnest labor shown. Expression was given to the feeling that the pastorate should be somewhat of a more permanent nature than in some cases it is; as, for instance, there was not a pastor now resident in these counties present at the meeting to give any information as to past meetings of a similar character.

In the afternoon, the first half-hour was devoted to religious exercises. Afterwards an able exegesis of Matt. 24 was given by Rev. A. Martell, pastor pro tem of the Canoe church. This subject having been discussed, the following resolution was introduced and adopted: "Resolved, That this district meeting reaffirm the resolution passed at the Eastern Association last year, at New Glasgow, in regard to colportage work, and beg leave to remind the churches that have not raised the five cents per member for this purpose, to do so at the earliest convenient date." A resolution was also passed urging the Board at Halifax to put a man on the field as early as they possibly can. A vote of thanks was accorded to Pastor Martell

for his original paper. Great regret was expressed at the possibility of the good work done on the missionary fields in these counties falling in the most abiding results should they not have continuous labor after the students leave them to resume their studies; and a resolution was passed and ordered to be forwarded to the Home Missionary Board, showing the needs of these fields and pressing the desirability of securing for them permanent pastors.

In the evening, a platform missionary meeting, was held on behalf of Home Missions. There was a good attendance. Pastor Martell led off with an able and practical speech. Brethren M. Thompson, L. J. Slaughterwhite, and H. P. Whidden (identical now laboring in these counties) followed, and acquitted themselves well. Pastor Clark also addressed the meeting. A vote of thanks was tendered the church at Guysboro for generous hospitality. This was responded to by the pastor, Rev. W. P. Anderson, who had shown the liveliest interest in all the meetings of the day. A collection, amounting to over eleven dollars, was taken on behalf of Home Missions. All present felt that the day had been profitably spent. The second meeting was arranged to be held during the second week of October.

J. CLARK, Chairman.  
P. S.—I have just been notified that the church at Goshen cordially invites the district meeting to meet with them on the second Tuesday in October.

## Home Missions.

A special meeting of the H. M. Board was held on the 28th inst.

## REPORTS

were received from brethren I. Wallace, general missionary; Fields, of Brookfield and Upper Stewiacke; Currie, of Margaree and Mabou, Cape Breton; Langford, of Dartmouth, Digby, and Weymouth (African churches); Munro, of Shelburne field; Kinlay, of Alberton field; Ingram, of St. John City Mission; and Brown, of Lunenburg.

## GRANTS.

1. To the Mascarene field, Charlotte Co., N. B., \$100 for six months, from May 1, Rev. P. D. Nowlan, pastor.
2. To Millford and Greywood, Annapolis Co., \$50 for one year, from May 1, Rev. J. E. Bleakney, pastor.
3. To Hammonds Plains and Sackville, Halifax Co., \$125 for one year, from June 1, Rev. E. N. Archibald, pastor.
4. To Fall River, Halifax Co., \$100 for one year, from July 1, Bro. W. W. Rees, missionary.
5. To East Dalhousie, Kings Co., N. S., \$50 for one year, from August 1, Rev. S. Langille, pastor.
6. To Wakefield church, Carleton Co., N. B., \$50 for one year, from June 1, Rev. T. Todd, pastor.

A. CONROCK, Hébron, N. S., July 28. Cor. Sec'y.

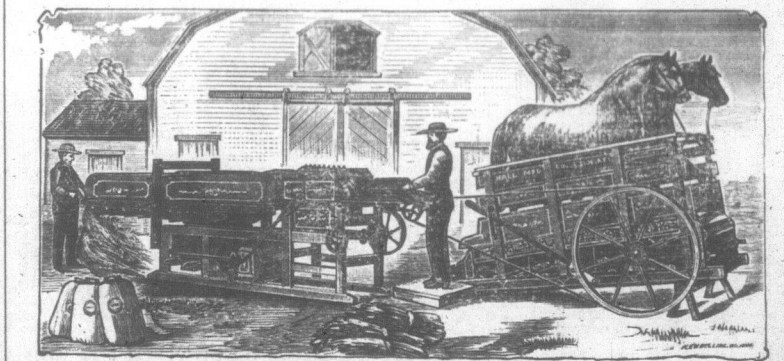
ACKNOWLEDGMENT.—Collected by O. W. White to aid in building a Baptist church at Harlem, Digby Co., N. S.: Upper Wil mot church, Evergreen station, \$2.50; A. Friend, Melville square, 50c; Wm. Hill, Billtown, \$2; Rev. C. Goodspeed, \$1; Des. A. Vaughan, Waterville, 50c; J. S. Brown, Lunenburg Co., \$2; Chester Church, \$3.62; Mrs. Bradshaw, Chester, 50c; Mahone Bay church, \$5.50; Bridge-water, Des. Baker, 50c; Mrs. Dexter, Brooklyn, Queens Co., 50c; J. H. Dexter, Brooklyn, \$1; Des. N. Kiny, Liverpool, \$1; I. V. Dexter, Liverpool, \$1; Rev. P. Murray, Milton, \$1; Mrs. Mary Pool, Queens Co., 50c; Milton Baptist church, \$7.10; Mr. Dugles, Caledonia, 50c; J. E. Blakney, Kempt, 50c; L. D. More, Windsor, 50c; J. Chaloner, Digby, 50c. Total, \$24.32.

Weymouth Bridge, N. S., July 25.  
P. S.—A certain part of the above amount was given to the undersigned to help him in his labors. O. W. WHITE.

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## Religious Intelligence.

## NEWS FROM THE CHURCHES.

SACKVILLE, N. B.—Three were baptized by Pastor W. E. Hall, on July 20.

GERMAIN STREET.—Pastor Galt reports the interest in the church good. One was baptized on Lord's day.

CHURCH, QUEEN'S CO., N. B.—Four believers were baptized and united with Chipman church last Sabbath.

MILTON ADDISON, LIE.

LONG CREEK, P. E. I.—A sister was baptized here July 27. She is the wife of one of our members, and for a number of years has been in connection with another denomination; but at last "the truth has made her free." E. D. D.

RANGE, GRAND LAKE.—A gracious revival is in progress in this place, under the care of Rev. W. T. Corry. Three were baptized on the 20th July. The hearts of the Lord's people are greatly rejoiced. The faithful ones are expecting greater blessings.

NORTHBERNARD CO., N. B.—By the lamentable death of Pastor Edwards, the Blissfield, Ludlow and New Salem churches are now pastorateless. Cannot a pastor be found for them? One of their members writes that a visit from Rev. Isa Wallace would be very acceptable.

VALLEY CHURCH, HILLSBORO.—After a very pleasant pastorate of four years, I have tendered my resignation to the pastorate of this field, consisting of the Valley and 3rd Hillsboro churches. My resignation will take effect October 1st, at which time there will be an opening for some strong man, who is open to the Baptist faith and practice. On the expiration of my pastorate here I shall be ready to go where the Master calls, or I am in a position at present to consider a call from any church or field, and humbly pray that I may be guided aright.

S. W. KRISTAD.

WITTENBURG.—The Lower Stewiacke Baptist church is not without bright days and refreshing seasons. Last Sabbath morning was beautiful for assembly beside the water for baptism. Those well advanced in years were present as well as children from the Sunday-school, even to the very youngest of the infant class. After singing a hymn suitable for the occasion and prayer by the Rev. E. G. Sibley, it was my privilege to administer the ordinance of Christian baptism to a happy believer in Christ and convert to our faith and practice. At the close of the morning service the young woman baptized was welcomed to the love and fellowship of the church.

July 28. I. R. SKINNER.

CLEMENTSPORT.—The Baptist church at Clementsport was re-dedicated to divine service July 20, preaching at 3 o'clock by the Rev. D. H. Simpson, also at 8 o'clock by the Rev. W. L. Parker. These brethren gave us strong gospel food in a very forcible manner, which produced good effect on the large congregations. This church building was commenced and partly finished under the faithful labor of the Rev. E. N. Archibald, who is highly respected for the good work he did on this field. This church, now finished, reflects credit on the few Baptist brethren in this place. These few brethren have been working for years to have a suitable place of worship in which they could serve the Lord and enjoy His gospel as taught in His word. Pray for us that the newly-finished house may be filled with God's presence, so that His people may be, fed, and sinners converted.

J. L. READ.

BROOKWAY.—The new meeting-house, which was opened July 20, is a union house, and is a credit to Brookway. It is neat and cozy, with one hundred sittings. The offerings of the day about paid off the debt. The Rev. Mr. Gough (Methodist) preached in the morning, the Rev. Mr. McLean in the afternoon, and the writer in the evening. At the close of the evening service there was a fellowship meeting, few remaining, but a meeting of considerable power—none but Baptists taking part. I continued meetings during the following week, every night good attendance, and the interest manifested in the meetings was

good. I preached here Sunday morning, the 27th, at 10 o'clock, and at Pleasant Ridge in the afternoon. The school house was well filled. At the close of the meeting an invitation was extended to those desiring to be remembered in prayer, when seven men and women responded. Bro. Hutchins filled my pulpit while I was away. Bro. H. is well received at all the preaching places on this very wide field. The influence of the St. George Baptist church is being felt in many places in this county, and also in York county, which is a fresh impetus for her to put forth greater efforts in the future.

C. E. PINKO.

SPRINGFIELD, Cumberland Co., N. S.—It has been two months since I came here, and it is about time you have heard from us. The church has been for some time without a pastor, but I found them spiritually healthy. It is always discouraging and disheartening to find discord in a church, and where you find it you can always attribute it to a lack of grace. Where the flowers are well cultivated there is no chance for the weeds to grow. But this element of discord is not to be found here; there is too much love for another for that destroying element to creep in. Our preaching services have been well attended. Some of our prayer meetings have been marked with the power of the Spirit. Several have risen for prayers, and one has offered himself for church membership after baptism. It was my privilege last evening to use the new baptismal for the first time. In the presence of a large congregation, I "buried with Christ in baptism," one who professed faith in His Saviour. This town is now in the midst of depressing circumstances owing to the strike among the coal cutters. It is not only felt here, but in other places. However, we are working along and trusting the Lord, and believe that all things will work together for good to them who love the Lord. This church has been without a paragon ever since it was organized; now we have all agreed to "raise and build." The foundation is completed, and the building will be up this week. All who read this letter know the struggles of the Springfield church; and that it is a worthy church. If anyone feels disposed to put a few dollars into our new paragon, it will be gratefully received and duly acknowledged.

July 28. H. R. SMITH.

PERSONAL.

The churches over which Bro. W. J. Bleakney is pastor have given him a vacation of one month.

The Upper Wilmot church has granted their pastor, Rev. L. J. Tingley, a vacation of four weeks, which he is spending at his old home in Margaree, C. B.

NOTICES.

A meeting of the Board of Governors of Acadia College will be held at Temple church, Yarmouth, Friday, August 22, at 9 a. m.

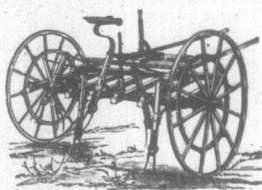
T. A. HIGGINS, Sec'y.

The annual meeting of the stockholders of the Maritime Baptist Publishing Company (Ltd.), will be held in the vestry of the Temple Baptist church, Yarmouth, Friday, Aug. 22, at 8.30 p. m. The directors are requested to meet one hour earlier.

G. O. GATREY, Sec.

The Homiletic Review for August.—Pres. Knox, of the Union Theological Seminary, opens with a timely paper on Biblical Homiletics, which every preacher ought to read. Dr. Schodde follows with a valuable paper on Recent Researches in Bible Lands. Dr. A. T. Pierson discusses the Secrets of Pulpit Power, with Examples, and gives a brochure on the Cultivation of the Homiletic Habit, full of the seeds of thought. Dr. Sample of New York, in a well-considered and discriminating article, presents the subject of Responsibility for Belief. The Nicene Creed, by Dr. Remenaunder, is a lucid and faithful presentation of a form of faith, which recent circumstances have brought into special notice. Of the sermons in the number it is sufficient to say they are by such able preachers as Dr. Thwing of Minneapolis, Whitley of Virginia, Dr. Withrow of Chicago, Dixon of Baltimore, Dr. J. M. Ludlow, Dr. Wright of London, and Parker of China. The other departments are fully up to the mark.

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