

Rev. J. T. Dimock of River John has consented to accept the position. Brethren, pray for us.

W. S. Porteous, Church Clerk.

WORCESTER, MASS.—The MESSENGER AND VISITOR comes to our home regularly every week. We are always interested in reading the news from the homeland, especially the news from the churches. This leads me to think that perhaps some of our friends in the Provinces to whom we have so little time to write might be interested in reading a word from my pen through these columns. After graduating from Newton Theological Institution last June, I settled as pastor of the Pleasant Street Baptist Church, Worcester, Mass. Up to that time I had no other thought than that of settling somewhere in my own native land. No suitable opening, however, came from that direction. Instead, there came two hearty calls to settle in New England, one from the First Baptist Church at Marblehead, Mass., and the other from the church over which I am now settled. After due consideration I accepted the latter call, and entered upon work June 14th. We have found here a united, affectionate, and spiritually minded people to whom the testimony of the heathen concerning the early church, "Behold how they love each other," might well be applied. Such is the deep spirituality of the church that without any special services a revival sprang up in our midst, resulting in the conversion and baptism of eleven happy believers, five young men and six young women. In all there have been about thirty added to the church since the beginning of our work. Everything has tended to encourage our hearts and to stimulate our efforts. We have a large, well conducted Sunday School; well sustained preaching services; and mid-week prayer-meetings of rare spiritual power. To add variety and attractiveness to the regular Sunday evening services, a distinctively musical programme is being rendered on the first Sunday evening of each month. The pastor's remarks at these services are brief and are devoted to some phase of the subject of sacred music. An efficient and well trained Quartette has made these services a success from their beginning. This has done much to help the pastor solve the problem of securing a Sunday evening audience, a problem which nearly every city pastor in New England has to face. Last Monday evening we had the pleasure of attending an "Acadia Reunion" at the home of Rev. A. F. Newcomb at Roxbury, Mass. It is surprising to see how many of Acadia's sons making for themselves homes in and around Boston. They certainly are jolly good fellows especially at the time of an "Acadia Reunion." Our thoughts often revert to the many friends of the Provinces as we lift our prayers to God for His blessing upon His churches and workers there. May we have a like place in your thoughts and prayers?

SIMEON SPIDLE.

## MARRIAGES.

HAYES-CARMICHAEL.—In Church Avenue Baptist church, Sussex, April, 6th, by Rev. W. Camp, Harry Thomas Hayes, to Miss Sarah Elizabeth Carmichael, both of the Parish of Sussex, Kings Co.

WILSON-PROSSER.—At Dury Cove, Kings Co., April, 12th, by Rev. W. Camp, Mr. Matthew Herbert Wilson, of Ratters Corner, to Miss Nettie May Prosser, both of the parish of Sussex.

LAW-WATTERS.—At the Baptist parsonage Sussex, April 13th, by Rev. W. Camp, Mr. David Herbert Law, of Urney, to Miss Helen Clara Watters, of South Branch, both of the parish of Cardwell, Kings Co.

BAIN-LAIR.—At Fairfield, April 11th, by Rev. M. B. Bynon, John Bain to Amanda Lair both of Fairfield N. B.

LAIR-HAMILTON.—At Fairfield, N. B. April 12th, by Rev. R. M. Bynon, Wm. Lair of Fairfield to Edna Hamilton of Waterford, N. B.

CLARK-ILLSLEY.—At the home of the bride April 6th, by Rev. G. P. Raymond, Ralph N. Clarke, junior partner of the firm of John P. Clark and Son of Berwick, to Mable, eldest daughter of Mrs. Annie Illsley, Somerset, N. S.

FLOOD-STEADMAN.—At the home of the bride's parents Salisbury, N. B. April 3rd, by Rev. H. V. Davies, J. Henry Flood of Boston, Mass., to Maude A. Steadman.

HAMILTON-FISHER.—At Clifton, Col. Co., April 6th, by the Rev. Ira M. Baird M. A., Peter W. Hamilton, of Clifton to Eliza K. Fisher of South Maitland, Hants Co. N. S.

DUKESHIRE-FREEMAN.—At Wilmot, N. S., April 15th by Rev. James Huntley Major Dukeshire of Wilmot and Florence Gertrude Freeman of Kingston.

## DEATHS.

ROOP.—At Bridgetown, N. S., April 12th, 1904, Mr. James Roop of Clementsport, N. S. in the 68th year of his age. Interment at Clementsport.

ARNOLD.—On Tuesday morning March 22, at the home of her daughter Mrs. Kelly, Kentville, Mrs. Mary Jane Arnold passed away at the advanced age of 82 years. She leaves a large family to mourn her loss. Her last hours were characterized by a firm faith in Christ as her only hope and by a peaceful resignation to his will. Mrs. Arnold was for many years a consistent member of the Baptist church.

GREEN.—At the home of her son, Tracey's Mills, Car. Co., N. B., Mrs. Keziah Green, departed this life, April 11th, aged 83 years. For many years Mrs. Green had been a consistent member of the Centerville Baptist church, though of late she had been unable to attend its services. She delighted in Christian fellowship. When near the end she brightened up saying "my Saviour fills the room." May God comfort the mourners.

WALKER.—At Centerville, Digby Neck, April 11th, widow of the late Thomas Walker, aged 85 years, after a long and tedious illness which she bore with great patience. Sister Walker was baptized when quite young by the Rev. J. C. Morse, D. D. Her life up to her death was a living witness of what the Lord had done for her. Victorious in the faith she passed away to be "ever with her Lord."

WEBB.—At New Jerusalem, April 2nd, Ina Alberta eldest daughter of John M. and Anna M. Webb. She was born April 10th, 1884, so was nearly 20 years of age. She longed and hoped to recover strength to help her mother and others after a tedious illness first la grippe, soon after typhoid fever, followed by dropsy, then measles, leaving her in a state of wasting vitality ending in death. She passed away resigned and fearless of death.

PRINCE.—On Thursday April 14th, James Prince, aged 78 years. He was for many years a faithful marshal of the city of St. John. His membership was transferred from the Baptist church at Moncton forty years ago to the Leinster Street church of St. John. Pastor Christopher Burnett conducted the funeral services and interment took place at Fernhill Cemetery. He leaves three sons and one daughter to mourn his loss.

RAND.—Our beloved brother, W. Marchant Rand, died at his home, Saxton street, Cornwallis, on April 6th, aged 71 years. He was for many years a consistent member of the First Cornwallis church. Though of a quiet and retiring disposition, he enjoyed the blessings of religion, and had its comforts in his last hours. He was a brother of the late Dr. Theodore H. Rand, of fragrant memory. A widow, one daughter, and three sons survive, who have the sincere sympathies of a large circle of friends.

HETHERINGTON.—At his home, Johnston, Queens Co., N. S., February 16th, after protracted suffering Richard Hetherington, in the 72nd year of his age. Deceased is survived by his wife, three brothers and two sisters. For several years he resided at Salmon Creek, Chipman, but of late he has made his home on the Washademoak, near his birthplace. He was an honest and upright citizen, warmly attached to the temperance cause. He was a member of First Johnston church.

JONES.—At Springfield, March 27, 1904, our beloved brother James O. Jones, terminated his sufferings, and entered into the joy of his Lord. In 1862 he was baptized by W. A. Corey and joined the First Springfield Baptist church. To the superintendence of our Corner Sunday School, he paid punctual and vigorous attention. His end was glorious. No distressing fear was permitted to obscure his prospects. The last in my was entirely beneath his feet; and all was quietness and assurance. He stated he was remarkable happy in God. His removal was easy.

HILTZ.—At New Ross on March 1, Sydney Hiltz, died after a long and severe illness. For many years he had been a sufferer from pulmonary trouble. It was thought of late that he was improving in health but he contracted a severe cold, which developed into a fatal pneumonia. Previous to his return to Nova Scotia, Mr. Hiltz had lived in Newton, Mass., where he united with one of the Baptist churches. Subsequently he went to Atlanta, Georgia in search of health. He leaves a young wife and two sons by a former wife to mourn his loss. His last words were, "I am going to be with Jesus."

KEITH.—At Victoria Vale, Annapolis Co., N. S., March 8th, William A. Keith age 78 years, leaving a sorrowing communion, seven daughters and three sons and a large number of friends to mourn their loss. William A. K. was born at Havelock, Kings Co. N. B., a son of Josiah and Elizabeth Keith. He came to N. S. about forty years ago and settled in Victoria Vale where he built up a permanent home. He was an intelligent citizen and won the esteem of the people far and wide in these parts. The last two years he passed under great affliction but bore it with Christian patience. His remains were

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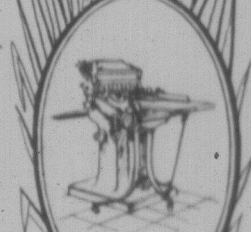
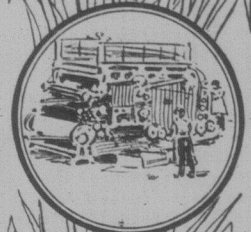
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interred in the Victoria Vale cemetery and an appropriate discourse, preached by the Rev. E. H. Howe, of the Upper Wilmot Baptist church.

SOMERVILLE.—At Matfield's Point, March 5th 1904, Capt. James Somerville aged 84 years. In the days of W. A. Corey, our brother professed faith in his Lord and Saviour, was baptized and united with the First Springfield Baptist church, of which he was a member until his death. A few days before his death, being asked if he expected to surmount his debility, he replied, "that he thought it was very uncertain" but he blessed God that he was not afraid to die. He endured great pain, but his pain at length abated; and no cloud darkened his skies. He sunk—but he was then like the sun, which appears largest at setting; From us, except in remembrance, he is gone—we trust to shine in the kingdom of his Father for ever.

KIERSTAD.—At St. John, April 11th, 1904, aged 38 years and six months, Eva beloved wife of Miles Kierstead and eldest daughter of Deacon Willem Kierstead, (Kiersteadville) She generally enjoyed a comfortable state of health and in appearance was as likely as any one in ten thousand to have seen a good old age; but God in his inscrutable wisdom, had otherwise determined; and her husband and six children have been unexpectedly called to experience the pangs of a bereavement, which to them was indescribably distressful. Their loss however has been her eternal gain. Her affliction was severe; but whenever she gave utterance to her feelings, it evidently appeared that she

was highly favoured of God. Her spirit breathed the most ardent piety, and was borne up in the anticipation of death, by strong confidence in God, and the blessed hope of eternal felicity. This providential dispensation loudly cries to us all, "Be ye also ready; for in such an hour as ye think not, the son of man cometh."

PORTER.—Another ransomed spirit has passed to the land of "unclouded days" Nancy Helen Porter, of Hebron, N. S., was born at Ohio, N. S. Sept. 27th, 1823. Consequently she was in the 81st year of her age. In December, 1845, she married Lemuel Crosby. As a result of this union, she had one daughter and four sons, three of whom survive her. Four years later she was baptized by the Rev. James Reid and shortly afterwards she was given the hand of fellowship into the Hebron Baptist church by the Rev. Harris Harding. In 1872 Mr. Crosby died. Four years later she was married a second time to Hezekiah Porter of Port Maitland, N. S. About five years ago Mr. Porter was taken, and although tenderly cared for in the old home, it became very evident, during the past few months, that her stay was short here. She fell asleep on Sunday afternoon of the 3rd inst. As a tribute to her memory, we can say "that a good mother and a consistent Christian, having passed the four score line, has gone home." To the two invalid sisters and brother, also to the surviving children we extend our heart sympathy. Appropriate services were held at the home and grave.