

68 responded. A thank-offering was taken amounting to about \$60. In addition to this a friend who has been identified with the work from the very first, and who has given generously of his means all them years offered \$50 towards purchasing new cushions for the seats.

W. CAMP.

Work in the Carleton church

St. JOHN, WIS., continues to be prosecuted with a measure of vigor. Besides interior improvements made early in the year, the central tower has been taken away and a new tower and spire built at corner with class-room additions for Sunday-school so affording the congregation a modern and convenient edifice. All the services of the church are of a most interesting and refreshing character and the finances are in a most healthy condition—upwards of \$1275 in cash having been raised during the year for church improvements alone. In the afternoon of Sunday, Nov. 3rd, the Sunday school had its annual Rally when addresses were made and reports of an encouraging character presented by the Superintendents and Secretaries of the various departments. In the evening the pastor preached the anniversary sermon.

B. N. NOBLES.

Nov. 5.

We have encouragements and discouragements to report. Discouragements in the removal of valuable

members, especially of Mr. and Mrs. J. H. Meredith. Mr. Meredith is a philanthropist as well as a born leader of men. What is our loss is gain to the church at Mellin, Wis. Encouragements in additions. Eighteen came out in the meeting held at Brockway, part of the field. Ten were baptized, some were not permitted, others unfortunately had to leave the place before they had a chance to unite with the church. This has not been the first time we have visited the baptismal waters since coming to this field. In the last eighteen months we have baptized five times and nineteen united. Seven more are to be received on experience the next meeting at Brockway. I wish to acknowledge the kindness of the people of Brockway, who on the night of Oct. 19th, gathered at the home of Deacon E. Smith, where a pleasant evening was spent and leaving the pastor better off by over \$25. May the Lord bless this dear people.

C. S. STEEVES.

The Studholm Baptist church recently held their 61st anniversary. A large number were present on this important occasion. Rev. W. Camp preached a Thanksgiving sermon suitable to the occasion. The church roll was called and 48 responded to their names. A thankoffering was taken amounting to \$37.52. A letter from Dr. Keirstead, now travelling in Europe, was received too late to be read at this meeting, but later in the presence of a large congregation Bro. Jacob I. Keirstead, brother of the Dr., read this fraternal greeting. The letter abounded in reminiscences and dealt with the religious atmosphere the Dr. breathed when a boy. Evidently deep and lasting impressions were made upon the mind of the lad which have gone with him all his life and have been one of the factors of his deeply religious life. Rev. E. K. Ganong being present made a stirring address. Rev. I. B. Colwell took part in the service. Mr. Colwell has just closed a series of evangelistic meetings in this place which have been the means of leading some

souls to Christ and strengthening the members of the church. He left with the good wishes of the community.

SALISBURY, N. B.

Received three more into fellowship of the 1st Salisbury Baptist church, two by baptism and one by letter. Hope to receive quite a number by letter in the near future.

Nov. 16.

J. E. TENER.

WINDSOR, CARLETON CO.

Recently God has been pleased to revive the work of grace in the hearts of His people at Windsor, Carleton Co. The Church has been strengthened and ten were baptized.

MAUGEVILLE, N. B.

We are now settled in the recently renovated parsonage. The people are not slow in keeping pace with their established record for generosity. The church is again assuming the aggressive attitude in her work for the Master. And hope that ere long will be able to report more fully on this phase of the work. I am yours in the Master's service.

Nov. 11th.

N. B. ROGERS.

Since last reporting five have been received by letter. Our house of worship at Lower Cape has recently been painted on the outside by W. E. Calloun, and now presents a much better appearance. A furnace has been put in the parsonage and it works nicely. Our general work is moving on smoothly, nothing special to report. Several have recently asked for our prayers.

F. D. DAVIDSON.

TEKKAL, INDIA.

We had the privilege of baptizing four believers yesterday two of them are Savars and two are Telugus. All of them come from the Christian community and are under fifteen years of age. One little fellow is scarcely ten years old. We baptized these young converts not because they could stand an examination in theology, but because we believed that they love the Lord Jesus and are entrusting the salvation of their souls to His mediation. While we rejoice in the conversion of these who came from Christian homes we are anxious to see converts direct from the Hindu community. Our message of life is well received. Pray that it may be the power of God unto salvation to many.

W. V. H.

We have on this field some cheering prospects and are enabled to take courage and proceed in the labor of love. I know our cause is the cause of God, and that it shall ultimately prevail in a greater or less degree, though perhaps by some more honored and happy instrument. Many trials of a specular kind have lately harassed us. Independent of the death of our little girl we have endured the severest affliction of life. While my wife and I were stricken down with diphtheria and placed on quarantine, another contagious disease broke out in the community. Smallpox appeared with fatal effect, resulting in the death of Deacon Lemuel Sprague. May all who love the gates of Zion pray that the Lord may accomplish his great and gracious purposes among us. May the Lord give us the spirit of ardent labor and of patient faith; for "neither is he that planteth anything, neither he that watereth, but God that giveth the increase."

WM. M. FIELD.

ALBERT MINES.

November 3rd was a day of special importance to the Baptists of Albert Mines; for on that day their new house of worship was dedicated. Ten years past it was felt that their old house ought to be repaired, or a new one built. To that end the women organized a sewing circle, and at the beginning of the present pastorate over four hundred dollars. In April the people decided to arise and build, with the result we have now one of the best churches in the Eastern Association. The opening services were of a high order. In the morning we listened to an able and eloquent sermon preached by Pastor Hutchinson. Pastor Davidson gave us a sermon in the afternoon that was very much appreciated, and in the evening Pastor Tener preached a sermon that will be remembered for a long time. The church cost \$2,500. The offerings of the day amounted to over \$250, leaving our entire indebtedness only \$380, which we will pay in the near future. We thank God and take courage.

PASTOR M. ADDISON.

Surrey, N. B. Nov. 16, 1901.

Concerning the Baptists, Their Present Status and Principles.

PART III.

ACCESSIBILITY OF GOD.

In this respect we have the aid of the ethical trend of thought in our effort to enter upon the opportunity before us, and bring the world to God.

(d) This is the age of democracy, of which one has said, that its magna charta is "the immediate accessibility of God." The social expression of the sacramentarian conception of Christianity is aristocracy; the social expression of the spiritual conception of Christianity is democracy. The immediate accessibility of God to the human soul is also the philosophical expression of the spiritual idea of religion, and is the heart and center of the practical side of religion as conceived by us, God and the soul, face to face in a spiritual experience with Jesus Christ, is the method of our effort to save the world.

In the very fundamental of our Christian organization we are thus in intimate touch with the idea, prevailing and to prevail in this century, of the true social organization. In all the practice of our theory, there is nothing arises to conflict with the social ideal of democracy, or with its political expression. Indeed history shows how greatly this religious idea has contributed to the political ideal; if, perhaps it is not the mother of the ideal. No form of spiritual ideal of Christianity has ever been a state religion; nor can be. No democracy, no republic can consistently maintain a state religion. The magna charta of democracy, as of Christianity, is the "immediate accessibility of God." The social and political sympathy with our essential Christian idea is a vast significance, and immeasurably widens our opportunity.

If now these statements are correct interpretations of the life and thought of the day, we see that our opportunity consists in the fact that the religious, the Biblical, the ethical, the political and the social tendencies are favorable to us. On the subjective side of opportunity we have the ability seen in the unparalleled successes of the past, and on the objective side the favorable trend of life and thought. These things, our ability and our opportunity, create obligations,