

to preach a pure gospel. But I am in the hands of God, whose I am and whom I am serving. His will, not mine be done.

I am glad this New Brunswick Convention is coming so near us. I shall be able to get to Hartland quite conveniently, if I am able to be around at all. Of course I have some doubts, for my disease tells me I am doomed either to continued weakness or it may be a sudden departure. The latter would be preferable to me, although I am resigned. I miss very much the kindly greeting of the brethren to which I grew accustomed when down river. They are not so plentiful in this upper half of the province and we don't see them so often. May God bless all my brethren in the Master's work.

#### CHIPMAN.

We are moving steadily along. A number of removals have weakened the old interest at Briggs' Corner but the congregations at other points continue good. With school houses and halls I am now supplying in all twelve stations in this field, extending from Newcastle in the west to Harcourt, Kent Co., in the east, a distance of over twenty miles. Our Sabbath schools form an interesting feature in the work and prove a great help.

W. E. M.

#### Eastern Association.

The manager of this paper was not at the Eastern N. B. Baptist Association, and as no report of it came to us we can only gather a few items from other papers. The first session began on Friday evening the 10th, and was given up by B. Y. P. U., Rev. J. W. Brown in the chair. After devotional exercises reports were given from several unions, after which an able address was given on the relations of the active membership to the associated members, by Rev. E. B. McLatchey. On Saturday morning the union met again, and elected their officers for ensuing year; only a few were present. The association proper began at 9½. The moderator of last year in the chair. An hour was spent in social conference, which was a refreshing service. The officers were then elected. Rev. M. Addison was chosen for moderator, and E. W. Emmers, Clerk; W. H. Smith (Lic.) Asst. Clerk; Bro. Asa Ferry, Treas. Visiting brethren were invited to seats. A report was read by J. N. Thorn on obituaries. The Rev. S. W. Kierstead being the only one of the ministers that had been removed by death during the year. The committee on arrangements made a partial report; and the session closed with prayer by Rev. E. C. Corey.

Saturday afternoon opened with prayer by pastor Hutchins; and letters from the churches were read by F. W. Emerson, H. H. Saunders, and J. E. Tiner. The report on Home Missions was then read by Rev. H. H. Saunders; and the different clauses were discussed. The small amounts contributed by the churches were depreciated by several of the speakers. (There is a cause for the shrinkage.)

At 4 p. m., after prayer by Dr. D. A. Steele of Amherst, Dr. Trotter preached an eloquent sermon on the utility of prayer. After prayer by Rev. John Williams, business was resumed, and nine brethren were appointed members of the Home Mission Board, three to retire each year for three years. This is a little different from the action of the other associations. (When the move was made eight years ago to have a separate convention for this province, exceptions were raised by some of the brethren that the boards could not serve two masters.) (Some of these brethren who are now on the Home Mission Board will have to serve three masters.)

Saturday evening session was opened by the usual devotional exercises; and Rev. D. Hutchinson and J. W. Kierstead were cordially welcomed into the association. The report on Foreign Missions was read by Rev. M. E. Fletcher, and laid on the table for discussion. This report was subsequently spoken to by Rev. H. H. Saunders, on Home Missions; and Rev. Dr. Manning on Foreign Missions. Rev. M. E. Fletcher offered prayer for these enterprises of the denomination, and the meeting closed.

Sunday morning the young people had a devotional service, and at 10 a. m. the associational sermon was preached by Rev. F. D. Davidson; at the same time an overflow meeting was held in

the Methodist church; preaching by Rev. B. H. Thomas. A service in the interest of Sunday school work was held at 3 p. m. Rev. B. H. Thomas, Dr. Trotter and D. Hutchinson being the speakers. Rev. D. Hutchinson preached to a packed house in the evening, and at the same time Rev. J. W. Keirstead and J. W. Brown held an open air meeting near by. After singing, Miss Clark, missionary elect, gave an address on the work she has set her heart upon doing for Jesus. Dr. Steele closed with prayer.

At 8 a. m. Monday a Sunday school session was held. Bro. J. J. Wallace was chosen president, brother Willis Newcomb sec'y-treas. Rev. M. E. Fletcher and Miss Lube Taylor were appointed vice-presidents. After a warm discussion upon the project of a separate Sunday school convention, a committee was appointed to report on the subject next year. The circular letter was read by Rev. J. E. Tiner, and was ordered to be printed. A digest of the statistics was read by the clerk. This showed a membership of 6991, an increase of 411 for the year. The baptisms were 213. Rev. J. Miles closed with prayer. Monday afternoon session opened with prayer, and the moderator made an appeal on behalf of the port Elgin church for 100 dollars to wipe a debt. 60 dollars was raised. The report on temperance by C. E. Knapp, was discussed and adopted.

Monday evening session was opened with prayer by Bro. F. G. Colpitts. The report on religious literature was read by Bro. Colpitts. The usual high commendation of the *Messenger and Visitor*, was in it; (to which we have no objections, for it is worthy of praise and patronage.) (But we think that this little sheet that goes into so many families where the other does not go, and cannot go should not be so intentionally ignored. Well brethren, boom your own enterprise as much as you please. We can get subscribers where you can not, and are doing it right along; and we are putting no stumbling blocks in your way either.) There were addresses made on temperance and education, and after singing, "God be with you till we meet again" the meeting closed. The association will meet next year with the church at Worcester. The hospitality and kind attentions of the people at Havlock are highly spoken of, and the scenery there is "beautiful for situation."

#### ELDER G. W. SPRINGER.

Bro. Gilbert W. Springer was born at Jemseg September 11th, 1827, and here also his death occurred June 28, 1901. He was married in his 21st year to Miss Catherine Spence of Cumberland Bay, Queen Co., by whom he had seven children, three sons and four daughters. Three of the latter died while young, and one of the sons also departed a few years since at the age of twenty-five.

In his twenty third year he was converted, and in obedience to the Lord's command was baptized by Elder James Trimble, uniting with the Jemseg church. Not long after he was called to preach and soon many souls were given to his ministry. His ordination took place in Richmond Carleton Co., in 1858, where he was settled some two years. He afterwards labored much in special services at various places, often assisting pastors as occasion presented itself.

In connection with the late Rev. William Allan Corey he saw much blessing in revivals conducted in Kars, Springfield and other places. With Elder Macdonald of Cambridge too he labored much, in fact a life long partnership seems to have existed between these two brethren, so many were the revivals conducted jointly by these.

Mr. Springer also extended his labors at various times to Jerusalem, Greenwich Hill, Cumberland Bay, Range, Upper Gagetown, and many other localities, in which gracious revivals seasons were experienced and many were led to Christ. He was emphatically a soul winner. He loved to plead with lost sinners and help them to the Saviour. Nor were his efforts in vain. Many will meet him in glory, his spiritual children, who were led by his teaching appeals in their behalf to yield to the offers of mercy.

In 1878 Elder Springer lost his wife, and for two years his home was in a somewhat desolate condition. At the expiration of that time he was again united in marriage to Miss Melissa Day of Bellisle who has proved a most suitable companion

to our brother in his later years. A daughter by this marriage also survives to comfort the widowed mother.

Some seven years since Bro. Springer was laid up with slow fever, and since that that time he has been unable to preach regularly. It was, however, his delight to attend quarterly meetings and other gatherings in which he could meet his brethren of former years. These seasons were a source of much comfort to him, and his presence seemed ever an inspiration to all. At the last session of the New Brunswick Convention held in Waterborough he was present, participating in the exercises. He referred to it as likely to be his last visit among his brethren, and so it has proved. In company with Bro. Young he drove to Jemseg, meeting the delegates coming by the steamer on her arrival at the wharf. These two brethren on this trip enjoyed several visits in different homes together, their last earthly fellowship before the home-going. The death-call has quickly broken the sweetest ties of life and we now mourn the loss of two of the brightest evangelistic spirits our denomination possessed in this province. They rest from their labors and their works follow them.

The funeral of Father Springer took place on Monday, June 30th. It was the Sabbath of the Western Association then meeting a few miles away at Lower Newcastle. A touching message from him has been read just a little before the news of his death arrived, and many and deep were the feelings aroused by it. By arrangement Rev. A. B. Macdonald preached, conducting the service in the Jemseg house of worship. The theme, Paul's farewell, II Timothy, 7-8, was a most fitting one, and none could have proved more suited to the occasion than the lifelong companion and co-laborer of our departed brother. A large congregation, with evident devotion and respect, listened most attentively and gave abundant proof of the loss sustained by the church and community amid which the greater part of his life had been spent.

#### Married.

THORNE-GORDON.—At St. Andrews, N. B., on June 26th, by Rev. C. Currie, Israel Thorne to Julia Gordon, both of St. George, N. B.

KILLAM-KILLAM.—At the Parsonage, Havelock, N. B., July 17, by the pastor, Hiram A. Killam, of Salisbury, and Martha A. Killam, of Killam's Mills, all of Westmorland county.

MICHE-LOVELY.—At the residence of the bride's father, Tobique Narrows, Vic. county, N. B., July 15th, 1901, by S. D. Ervine, Geo. Micho, of Andover, to Miss Amanda Lovely, of Perth.

WARD-FOSTER.—At the home of the bride's parents, Upper Maugeville, June 26th by the Rev. W. R. Robinson, Bessie A. Foster & John L. Ward of Maugeville, Sunbury county.

BRADLEY-WEBB.—At the residence of the bride's father Gibson, on June 12th, by the Rev. W. R. Robinson, assisted by Rev. A. D. Paul. Annie Webb to Hiram Bradley of the same place.

MERRITHW-FLEMMING.—At the residence of Mr. George Flemming, St. Marys, N. B., July 2nd, by Rev. C. W. Sables, Edward F. Merrithw to Annie M. Flemming of Millville.

#### Died.

ESTABROOKS.—At Briggs' Corner, Chipman, on 13th inst., of heart failure, James Estabrooks, aged 77 years, leaving an aged mother, one daughter and two sisters to mourn his sudden removal. Brother Estabrooks was a firm believer in the sovereign grace of God and rejoiced in a hope of immortality. His mother, now in her 90th year, is the oldest surviving member of the Canning church, having been baptized in the fall of 1812 when ten years of age. She is yet quite smart and attended her son's funeral.

INGRAM.—At Glendine, Montana, July 11th, of consumption, in the 27th year of his age, Arthur E. son of Rev. A. E. Ingram of Colchester Co., N. S., and formerly pastor of Tabernacle church, St. John. We tender our dear brother and his companion our sincerest sympathy.

KNOX.—At Salmon Creek, Chipman, Queen's Co., on 26th inst., Isaac Knox, in the 61st year of his age, leaving a wife, five sons and two daughters to mourn his sudden decease. Our brother was a member of 2nd Chipman church and a respected citizen in the community in which he lived.

BAILEY.—At her home at Central Blissville, Sunbury Co., on the 16th inst., of cerebral hemorrhage, Eleanor, widow of the late Leulse E. Bailey, aged 65 years and seven months.