

News of the Churches.

BADDECK.—Since Student Braithwaite left to resume his studies, this church has had a share of its pastor's services. Two members were received on profession before our young brother left, and more are expected to unite with the church. The revival movement which we took steps to promote, and in which we all heartily co-operated, resulted in the awakening of some and conversion of others. Over forty united with the church of their parents, the Presbyterian. The morning and afternoon daily meetings were held in our own church as being most central and convenient. The union ladies' prayer meetings have been held there weekly. Applications have been made for the use of the church for the general young men's prayer meeting, and also for the meetings of the Y. M. C. A. All of these associations here are the result of the Vans revival. The young men, when converted, banded together, and made a crusade against the rum traffic, which was so shamelessly and illegally doing its deadly work in the village. Our young brother was elected one of the committee to beard the rumselling lions in their dens, while a prayer meeting was being conducted in the church for their success. Although they did not at first feel sanguine as to the accomplishment of their end, the suppression of the traffic, good was done and prospects are now more encouraging. Legal means were taken, one dealer absconded through fright; another was imprisoned and stock seized, he has left for parts unknown; and still another, who was once let off with "costs," is summoned a second time within a few weeks. An unsuccessful attempt was made to blow up the residence and family of the chosen prosecutor by gunpower on the night one of the prosecuted took his departure. You may say, "Does this come properly under the head of News of the Churches?" Perhaps not, any way I believe it is the result of church work, and at least, under God, is a measure of our mission work in this neighbourhood. A member of our own church is president of the Y. M. C. A., and the leading magistrate in connection with these prosecutions, while at his back is our deacon, who has for years fought the rum demon in the central town of Baddeck.—J. S.

FROME.—A donation party met at the parsonage the other evening, consisting of a large number of friends of Frome and Iona. An abundant supply of articles was donated for both stable and house. A very pleasant evening was spent. Rev. Wm. Claris gave a short address. We also had the pleasure of having Mr. Stewart, of Toronto, with us; he gave us a glowing account of the progress of Rev. A. F. McGregor's church in that place. These addresses, interspersed with music and some dainties provided

by the ladies, brought to a close a very pleasant evening. The Mutual Improvement Society have their meetings fortnightly now. Debates and essay writing are taking the lead at present. Mr. Claris is doing a faithful work in this place. The time is not far away, we hope, when the seed sown will spring forth and bring an abundant harvest.

GRANBY.—A very successful bazaar was held in the town hall on the 9th inst., in connection with this church, under the auspices of the "Willing Workers," a band composed of young ladies. A large number of people assembled, both in the afternoon to purchase, and in the evening to the entertainment. The weather was all that could be desired; and the proceeds amounted to over \$100. One very pleasing feature was a table for Foreign Missions, under the control of the little children; this alone netted some \$15. Many of the friends here feel keenly the sad loss of Mrs. Currie, our missionary's wife, in Africa. May the young brother be sustained by our Heavenly Father in his deep affliction! At the South Ridge, a new building has been erected, which is to combine the two offices of church and schoolhouse. It is larger, and in every way better adapted to its purposes, than the old building. It was formally opened by the pastor on Thanksgiving Day by religious services, a social being held in the evening, at which there was a crowd, despite bad roads and weather. The friends here "have a mind to work."

LANARK.—This church very kindly gave its pastor a vacation of two months, which were profitably spent in a trip to England and Scotland. Mr. Day returned recruited in health, and thus better fitted for his work. The church building has been thoroughly renovated both inside and out. The steeple has been covered with galvanized iron: the exterior of the building painted. In the inside the walls have been frescoed and otherwise ornamented. New lamps have also been obtained, a feature of the improvements which will perhaps be most appreciated, as before the church was badly lighted. New carpets and a communion table have also been furnished. Altogether the church presents a bright and tasteful appearance, and reflects great credit upon the ladies who have worked nobly to accomplish this end.

MILTON, N. S.—It is with much pleasure that I send this brief report of a "Ten Days' Mission" we have been conducting. Our intention at the first was only to hold seven meetings, but finding the friends were desirous for them to be continued, we gladly acceded to their request. The attendance at all the meetings was excellent, and the interest displayed convinced us beyond a doubt that God's Spirit was at work. The outcome of this special movement is manifest in the renewed quickening and fuller consecration of the members of the church. One and all