

But this is not the only result of the operation of the commercial principle upon the church. The congregation is rendered select and is made to consist of the rich, the refined and the fashionable; and there will be nothing consequently to offend the cultured tastes and sensibilities of the devout and spiritually minded worshippers, whose worldly means allow them to occupy and slumber in the comfortable and luxurious seats provided for the members of this favored and happy and religious community.

From Puyallup, Washington Territory.

The receipt of a bundle of the MESSENGER AND VISITOR, from New Westminster, B. C., prompts me to again address you after a silence of some years. So far from the field of your operations and knowing so little of its needs and capabilities, I can only fall back upon the old truism that in union there is strength, and congratulate you upon the marriage of the Messenger and the Visitor as a union of power and wish you success in your work for the Master.

Naturally you desire distant correspondents to write of the field in which they live. As I desire to write of the cause, our cause, I must take, so far as I am able, what is here termed the Sound Country. That is the country tributary to and dependent upon Puget Sound.

I have written before that churches here suffer from lack of the piety and zeal to be found in those of the east. This is, real spiritual mindedness is not so general here as there. But I must say that I think christians pay perhaps better than at the east, even if they don't pray quite so much. This is a distant country and it requires an effort to get here. The indolent lack both the courage and application necessary to come so far. A given population with given means will do more for a cause that instills their sympathies, through the force of character that would plant them here, therefore, I think we have rather more done in the way of church edifice building and decoration than the same numbers and means would produce in the east.

In this Puget Sound association there are about fourteen churches. These are not in a group but strung out in line. There are the churches in Victoria and New Westminster, then beginning with the lower sound there are on the Skagit River three or perhaps four, all small, supplied by two ministers. In the city of Seattle there are two. The first, the most important on the field, having a good house and, for a new country, a large membership.

The second church in the same place, though is active and doing a good work. That in Tacoma is of recent formation and quite small, has a neat little building and, from its location, the terminus of the Northern Pacific R.R., should come into prominence. On White River there still remains a church for some years though still few in number.

About eight years ago the Rev. Mr. Wecker came to Puyallup, then a dense forest, and found two or three Baptists, succeeded after a time in forming a church of seven members. By some means, nobody knows just how, he succeeded in getting up a church building and held the ground till between two or three years ago he resigned and Rev. M. C. Jones was called to the pastorate, since when, by baptism and letter the membership has reached about forty, only twenty five being resident. In connection with this place the Rev. M. C. Jones took in Centralia, which church has been increased about as we have here converted the "old barn" into the nearest church in the country and, the pastor says, is a live working church.

The same pastor was one day invited to preach in Chehalis, four miles from Centralia, the result of which is a continuance of the preaching once a month, a church of nearly or quite forty members, a good building paid for and dedicated some three months ago, and a band of zealous workers who are determined to hold the fort and spurn the entreatments of the enemy.

Over the whole field the cause has doubled in the past two years, obstacles are still in the way but, reasoning from the light of the past, prompted by a real love for souls and having confidence in the captain of our salvation we shall overcome them and smelt the fragrance of the Rose of Sharon in the land which, so long under the curse, has only brought forth thorns and briars.

Women's Home Mission Circle in Ontario.

One of the most enthusiastic meetings I have ever yet been permitted to attend, was held last Tuesday evening, in Jarvis Street church, Toronto, in the interest of missions. The home of its inception belongs to the Baptist churches of Ontario. In Ontario, as in the Mar time Provinces, the sisters have been rendering valuable aid to Foreign Missions through the agency of their Foreign Mission Circle. During the past year about \$3,000, or one fourth of the entire sum raised in Ontario and Quebec for Foreign Missions, has been obtained in this way. But it has occurred to them that they might assist Home Missions in a similar way, and to an equal extent. Accordingly they met, and talked, and prayed over the matter, and the result was the founding of a new society, to be known as the Home Mission Circle, with the recommendation that one be formed in each

of the churches. Eighteen of these Circles have already been formed, in as many churches, and it is believed that many other churches, or the sisters in them, will soon fall into line. In fact, throughout the Baptist ranks in Ontario there is at the present time a waking up in the matter of Home Missions. And this is as it should be. Hitherto in this Province the churches have contributed to Foreign Missions more than twice the amount that they have given Home. Not, indeed, that they have given too much to the former, but it would be difficult to show that the claims of Foreign Missions are to this extent relatively greater than those of Home. It clearly does not stay at home, it certainly begins there; and it is no exaggeration of the claims of Home Missions upon the benevolence of our churches, to say that for every dollar spent on the Foreign field, there should be at least an equal sum expended in assisting weak churches and planting new ones in the Home field. The proper thing, then, to do, is to give, not less to Foreign Missions, but more, very much more, to Home. Many leading Baptists are beginning to see the matter in this light in Ontario. It is only recently that Rev. Alexander Grant, one of the ablest and most popular preachers of the body, was asked to resign the pastorate of the Talbot Street church, London, to take the office of General Travelling Agent for Home Missions in Ontario and Quebec. So far he has been simply going over the ground and consulting with the ministers and leading laymen of the different Associations, whom he has called together for this purpose. But already his work is bearing fruit. He is of opinion that within five years from now, instead of \$5,000 a year, the Baptists of Ontario and Quebec will contribute \$20,000 to Home Missions alone. This at least is the ideal that he will endeavor to realize.

In the afternoon of the evening above referred to, the ladies of the eight Baptist churches of Toronto, or a strong representation from them, met in the parlor of the Jarvis Street church and discussed the whole Home Mission question, particularly as it was likely to be affected by their Home Mission Circles. Mrs. Dr. Castle occupied the chair, and extended a cordial welcome to the sisters from the other churches. This was followed by papers and addresses by Mrs. Newman and Mrs. Freeman, of Bloar Street, by Mrs. Rose, of Alexander Street, by Mrs. Humphrey, of Jarvis Street, and by others. Mrs. Newman that very day had secured eight life members to the Bloar Street Circle. At half past six the attendance was increased by three or four hundred, who all sat down to a tea which had been prepared by the ladies. This over, the company proceeded to the large Sunday School room where, swollen by other hundreds, they listened to one of the most magnificent missionary addresses, one by Rev. J. W. A. Stewart, of Hamilton, Secretary of the Foreign Mission Board, the other by Rev. Alexander Grant, the Home Mission Agent. It was my purpose, when I began to write, to give you readers an outline of these addresses, but my time and your space admonish me to stop now.

Acadia Seminary.

Donations received since last September for the museum of Acadia Seminary—Horns of ox, India Paper, picture, money, Japan Banners, branches, moths Capt. W. D. Robertson, Painting on mica, India, Mrs. B. V. Jones, Fossil Worm-tracks, Horien Bluff, Mrs. A. E. Caldwell, Mangrove, Walton, Rev. G. O. Gies, Amianthus, Montreal, Rev. G. B. Day, Preserved flying-fish, gar-fish, crab, shrimp and parasite from shark, Grace A. Porter. The library received the following volumes and amounts of money—"Cruise of the Betsey," "Life of Thomas Carlyle," Rev. Walter Barnes, \$1.75; Miss J. M. Hitchen, \$5; Miss E. T. Harding, \$5; from a friend. In addition to the above gifts, for which we are deeply grateful, the library will soon be increased by about thirty volumes, the result of the last entertainment of the Pierian Society.

MARY E. GRATES.

The note from the publishers of the Year Book, and the editorial remarks in the MESSENGER AND VISITOR of March 15th call for some additional words. I feel warranted in saying that the delay in publishing was not due to delay in furnishing manuscripts to the printer, from the dates at which I sent the copy to St. John and from the letters I received on this subject, which were in agreement with my statement. My manuscripts were, for the most part, furnished to the publishers through Mr. Bartlett, secretary to committee of publication, with whom my correspondence was conducted. Beginning with the minutes of convention, sent Sept. 3 and 4, all the copy of the matter which appears in the Year Book page 105 was sent before Sept. 10th; the manuscripts of the next 35 pages of the book, with large portions of the remaining pages, were sent in September; other manuscripts were sent in October, with directions that publication should not be delayed for additional matter. The balance of the copy was forwarded Nov. 1st and Nov. 12th, when I wrote that I had nothing more to contribute and desired the book to appear as soon as possible. I sent nothing after that. I was unable to furnish the last portion of the copy earlier because the records of an association were not sent me until two months of correspondence by telegraph and letter had expired. But even then it was some three months before the book was published.

As to the editorial remarks in the MESSENGER AND VISITOR, may say that I have made no request to the editor to refrain from strictures; that the statistics of the churches were forwarded as furnished by the clerks of the associations, who probably did the best they could with the letters from the churches; that I asked for the proof to be sent me and received only one sheet, which I immediately corrected and returned; that while there are some mistakes, I think the book will be found generally trustworthy. The experience of the past will be of advantage to those who may have the management of this business so that we may hope for more satisfaction in the future.

E. M. KEIRSTEAD.

Religious Intelligence.

NEWS FROM THE CHURCHES.

BEAR RIVER.—God is still blessing us. The work is quiet, but continues. Seventeen were baptized yesterday and thirteen others are received for baptism, but did not present themselves yesterday.

W. S. HALL.

CHARLOTTETOWN.—The following cheering news comes to us from our church in Charlottetown. Church never more prosperous; congregations larger than ever; baptism Sunday 9th, outlook hopeful.

CHESAPEAKE.—Ten have recently been baptized by Pastor Randall at Chesapeake, Va. Co. The church is much revived.

BROOKFIELD, COLCHESTER.—Bro. Isaiah Wallace has spent some two or three weeks in all laboring with the different sections of the church and some encouragement has been experienced. Three have professed a change of heart and avowed baptism, and one has been received by letter. The church members have been stimulated, and new renewed zeal, and are anxious to secure a pastor. This they greatly need.

TANOCOK ISLAND.—I have spent two months here and I hope with profit both to the writer and people. I found here on this island quite a large church, a membership of one hundred and fifty-one. I have three preaching stations, Big Tanocok and Little Tanocok, and Blanford. Since I came here I have held 36 meetings, attended two funerals, and there will be baptism here as soon as a change can be made.

CHESAPEAKE.—Bro. C. B. DODGE, with 15 teachers and Secretary and Treasurer. The interest manifested is good. Pray for us. Yours in Christ.

C. B. DODGE.

TORONTO.—Dr. Newman refers to the Baptist churches in Toronto as follows in the *Examiner* of March 11th: "The Toronto churches are steadily advancing. Dr. Thomas, of Jarvis street church, baptizes nearly every month, and presides most ably and effectively to meetings of instruction. His success in Toronto is in every way highly gratifying. Probably no pastor in the city, of any denomination, is more universally beloved by his people and respected by the Christian community. The Alexander street church continues quietly to do its work under pastor Denovan, one of the ablest preachers and writers among us. The prosperity of the Bloar street church is all that could be desired. Baptisms occur about twice a month, and conversions are occurring every week. The evening congregations frequently fill the audience-room. The prayer-meetings are largely attended, and are full of interest. The Dover Court Road church has outgrown the building which has heretofore sufficed. This is to be enlarged at once, and it is hoped that the way will be opened to build a suitable audience-room in a year or two. There is no more interesting interior than in this city than this. The Beverly street church, Rev. John Trotter, pastor, must build immediately, or lose a grand opportunity for work. Further progress under present circumstances is thought to be out of the question." The progress of our denomination in Toronto is remarkable. About half a life time ago there was but one church, and that not strong.

SEABOARD.—The Lord is still blessing his people here and the number of believers are gradually increasing. The 8th of March three were baptized by Rev. E. C. Corey, others are looking Zionward. The membership has increased within the last year from 14 to 51. The ladies of the church held a sociable on the 20th.

S. E. MILLER.

Kewick.—Mercy drops are falling upon Kewick. The union services held by pastors Blackadar and Reid are moving a blessing. God is hearing prayer and owning the labors of his servants. Wanderers are coming back to their father's house and sinners are being hopefully converted to God. To Him belongs the Glory. Pray for us.

T. A. B.

TANOCOK.—Though the general mass meetings are closed, the good influences exerted will long continue. All christians who attend these meetings have evidently become more interested in active christian work, and experienced more of the real joy of salvation than ever before, and more Bible reading.

The children of the Sunday and day schools have been publicly addressed as never before, and many of them have become active little christians, and must wield a good influence in the future. Probably, four hundred, or more, have been hopefully converted in Truro alone, and have, or will, join the different churches many of these are young men, in the prime of life, and some are from among the boldest sinners.

There has been a falling off of the liquor-sellers' customers and receipts, and there will be an increase in other branches of trade, and greater joy in the homes of the people.

The good influence, in Truro, is extending into the surrounding country and will be favourably felt for years to come. The work has been a quiet, yet intelligent one, the language plain and largely scriptural—much heart work and deep earnest, faithful service.

The railway men have largely shared in this work, and surely, the travelling public will feel none the less safe to have christian temperance men guiding the "iron steed."

At a regular weekly meeting on Sunday last, with a full hall, only twelve employees were present, who had not declared for the Master, and all of these were enabled, at last meeting, to give up their will to the Master and henceforth engage in His service.

Closing thanksgiving, Tuesday, 17th, will long be remembered in this town. From 9.30 a. m. till 5 p. m., the interest was untiring; the noon hour, to such an extent, being largely silent prayer. The last hour was one of christian consecration, a solemn, yet delightful hour. Rev. Dr. McCollough's large church was packed; meeting, "as was thanksgiving, prayer, praise and addresses."

By request, special prayer was offered for Halifax city. Mr. Mickel said, "the Lord can do a greater work in Halifax than He has done in Truro." Then an earnest, general prayer followed, that such might be the case. At this time a telegram was received and read, asking the evangelist to spend a week in the city. This incident, the "Macedonia message," seemed an indication for good.

Acadia Mines, Onslow, Belmont, Brookfield, Seaboard Valley, Johnson's Crossing, Bass River, Economy, Clifton, and other places, are also sharing in the revival influences. All moves on quietly. The people, generally, are well-informed and well-trained, and so make all the more consistent christians when conversion comes.

W. J. G.

PERSONAL.
The Rev. T. M. Munro, of Salisbury, wishes to acknowledge with thanks a donation, a pure gift, from the members of his church, amounting to \$50. This brother is still open to receive correspondence from any church desiring a pastor.

Rev. J. L. M. Young called at our office last week on his way home for a few days from New Theological Seminary, where he is spending a year in study.

The Rev. James Scott has been remembered by the people of his charge in Canoe, in the substantial manner of a donation amounting to \$40. This is but one of many occasions, he says, on which these people have given tokens of their kindness.

We learn from the Religious Herald that Dr. C. H. Corey, President of Richmond College, "looks worn and weary," being well as could be expected under the circumstances, although it may be necessary for him to spend a few weeks in Florida. Dr. Corey now possesses three pairs of D. D.'s, a pair each from Richmond College, Texas University and Toronto Baptist College.

Mr. Spurgeon is now at his customary resting place, Mentone, in the South of France; he hopes to return in time to be at the Tabernacle on the first Sabbath in April. Mr. Spurgeon has already greatly benefited by the rest and change, and has held several services at the Mission-room at the Villa les Grottes.

The next Albert County Baptist Quarterly Meeting will be held with the 2nd Coveville Church, at Stony Creek, commencing on Tuesday, the 17th of April, at 2 p. m. in conference the Quarterly Meeting to be preached by Rev. E. H. Howe, alternate Rev. E. Hopper.

MICHAEL GROSS, Sec. Treas.

W. M. A. Society.

Rev. Mr. Churchill and Mrs. Churchill have been visiting New Glasgow. On Sunday the 8th of March, Mr. Churchill preached for the little Baptist church there in the morning, and in the afternoon Mr. and Mrs. C. spoke to the children in S. School.

The sisters were invited by Mrs. C. to meet with her at the parlour on Monday afternoon for a woman's meeting, at the close of which these present were organized into a Woman's Mission Aid Society. Mrs. McGregor was elected President, and Mrs. Morrow, Secretary and Treasurer.

In the evening a more public meeting was held, and our missionary friends were urged to repeat their visit.

M. R. SELDEN, Sec'y for N. S.

Foreign Mission Receipts.

MARCH 27th to 24th.
First Springfield church, per Rev. W. E. McIntyre, \$ 2.50

Second Springfield church, per Rev. W. E. McIntyre, 2.50

Rev. D. Cranall, 1.00

O. Jones, Moncton, 50.00

N. S. Convention Fund, Rev. G. E. Day, D. M. (\$120) 119.70

G. C. Stevens, Mass Town, N. S., 22.00

Onslow Church, East, 5.30

Onslow Church, West, per S. Clarke 13.00

Milton (Quebec) S. S., per J. B. Freeman, for support of native teacher, 50.00

Cow Bay church, per Rev. J. C. Spurr, 5.00

Blair Fulton, Truro, N. S., 5.00

N. S. Convention Fund, Rev. G. E. Day, M. D., 11.00

New Glasgow church, 5.00

E. C. Simonsen, Tusket, per Rev. C. Goodspeed, 5.00

Mr. John Halliday, Tusket, per Rev. C. Goodspeed, 5.00

1st Hillsboro church, per W. J. Stewart 16.00

Leinster St. ch., " 6.00

Brussels St. ch., " 5.00

Miss Clark's Class, Charlottetown 2.00

Mrs. Selby, Capt. Boston, 4.00

Portland ch., 4.00

Granville Street church, per Rev. E. M. Saunders, D.D., 110.00

Mamie Chaloner, Digby, 1.00

Mrs. E. Anderson, Sackville, per Rev. S. C. Corey, 10.00

Truro church, per Rev. J. E. Goucher 100.00

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JAMES MARSH,

Treas. F. M. Board.

St. John, N. B., Mar. 24, 1885.

Convention Funds Received.

Milton Church, Yar., instalment, \$35.00

Kempt, Hants., 7.25

Mrs. Harriet M. Lane, Pugwash, for Home Missions, 1.00

Onslow East, for Home Missions, 7.25

Yarmouth, N. S., \$40.50

March 16, 1885. G. E. DAY.

P. S.—In the acknowledgement published last week, "Beaver River" not "Bear River," should be credited with \$5.00, and Rev. J. I. DeWolf with \$5.00 for Home Missions. G. E. D.

Marriages.

At Freeport, on the 12th inst., by the Rev. R. H. Bishop, Mr. Harris W. Moore of Freeport to Miss Eva. Francis Chute of Bridgetown, Annapolis Co.

In Boston March 11th by Rev. J. W. Hamilton, John E. Dunsmuir of Boston, and Willie B. Nelly, of Nova Scotia.

On the 13th inst., at the residence of the

bride's father, by the Rev. R. Mutch, T. Westa Barnes, to Georgia A. Titus, both of Upham, Kings Co., N. B.

On Mar. 19th, at the residence of the father of the bride, by Rev. S. B. Kempson, assisted by Rev. Dr. Armstrong, Aubrey M. son of Charles H. Borden, Esq., of Canard, to Ella L. daughter of John W. Morgeson, Esq., Kentville.

In the Fairville Baptist church, on the 18th inst., by the Rev. W. J. Stewart, Rev. Wellington Camp, pastor of the Fairville church, to May F. Long, of Fairville, N. B.

At the residence of the bride's father, Weldford, by the Rev. M. Normandy, on the 16th of March, Mr. John Edward Leard, to Miss Elizabeth McIntosh, both of Weldford, Kent County, N. B.

Deaths.

At Gasperaux, on the 15th inst., after a lingering illness, Mrs. Ezra Lyman, in hope of eternal life.

At Seal Harbor, Guysboro Co., on March 9th of consumption, Maggie A. Fawn, aged 22. Sister Fanning was baptized last summer by Rev. I. Wallace, and united with the Seal Harbor church. In her sickness she was an example of patience and christian resignation. She leaves a widowed mother, sisters and brothers to mourn their loss.

D. McLean.

At Streets Ridge, Cum. Co. N.S., on 12th inst., Mr. William Montrose, a member of Wallace River church, much beloved and respected, aged 64 years.

Entered into rest at Woodstock, on the 13th inst. Palmer Woodworth, aged 63 years, leaving a wife and four children to mourn the loss of a christian husband and father. "Blessed are the dead who die in the Lord."

(Fredericton papers please copy.)

At McKensie Corner, South Richmond, Carleton Co., on Thursday, March 5th, Bena Evelyn, daughter of Mary E. and Burnham D. Hoyt, aged 1 year and 10 months.

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George A. Dumphy, after a short, but severe illness, passed to the better land, in the triumph of faith March 11th, from his earthly home in Douglas York Co., aged 46. He leaves behind to mourn, a sorrowful wife, seven children, an aged father, four brothers, one sister, and a great number of relations and friends. Their loss is his eternal gain. At the age of 20, in the very strength of his youth, Bro. Dumphy, fully enlisted in the army of Jesus, was baptized by Father Harris, and united with the second baptist church in Kewick. During all these years he has loved the church and earnestly prayed for her prosperity. The church and the community will greatly miss this man of God.—Com.

At Debec, Carleton Co., on the morning of Monday, March 9th, Deborah, wife of James Henderson Esq., in the 73 year of her age, leaving a large family of sons and daughters to mourn their loss. Sister Henderson was brought to know Christ as her saviour nearly fifty years ago, was the first to be baptized by immersion in South Richmond, and one of the first to join the South Richmond Baptist church. She ever adorned her profession by a well ordered life and godly conversation. Her life was truly lived with Christ in God. Her end was perfect peace. The funeral services were conducted by the writer, the pastor of the South Richmond Baptist church, assisted by the Rev. Kenneth McKay, Presbyterian, and the Rev. I. Heine, Methodist minister.

KILLED BY THE FALLING OF A TREE.

The subject of this brief narrative was a man quite extensively known and highly respected by all who had the pleasure of his acquaintance. Deacon John Payant, when quite a young man, came from Falmouth, Hants Co., N. S., and settled at Black River Kings County, where, by diligence and perseverance as a farmer, made himself a comfortable home, and

accumulated considerable property. He was somewhat afflicted in his family, which consisted of ten children in all, four of those deaf mutes. This he felt to be an affliction, but rejoiced that he had good reason to believe the whole family were christians.

In early life he connected himself with the second Horton Baptist church, and after a few years was chosen and ordained one of its deacons, which office he continued to fill with good acceptance until the time of his death, which occurred on Friday the 13th inst., in the 76th year of his age, in the following manner.

He and his two sons, (deaf mutes) went to the woods on Friday last to make timber. The father set the young men at work chopping down a tree, while he was engaged trimming one up that was already down, the tree fell in the opposite direction from which they expected, striking the father on the head, killed him instantly.

The deceased was a kind husband, a loving father, a good citizen, and an earnest christian; he loved his Bible and Saviour, and made a good use of both, he could always find time to say something on religion, on the street, in the field, at your home, no matter where, religion was uppermost in his mind, and to him the most delightful theme for conversation.

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