

Religious Intelligence.

NEWS FROM THE CHURCHES.

PINE GROVE.—We read with pleasure Dr. Day's description, in his "Notes by the Way," of the dedication of the new meeting house at Pine Grove. But we will ask the Dr. to please pardon us while we make one correction, and add a little to what he said in reference to the dedication. Rev. R. D. Porter preached in the evening, instead of Rev. W. A. J. Blackney. After the evening sermon, addresses were delivered by Revs. W. A. J. Blackney, Prof. Kierstead, N. Vidito, J. L. M. Young, Frank Potter, Capt. Slocumb, and the pastor. It was a good day for the people at Pine Grove. With a clear, cool day, large congregations, excellent sermons, good music, and very liberal collections, how could it be otherwise? Since the opening of the new house the brethren have established a weekly prayer meeting, and organized a Sunday school. The brethren in this section of the church certainly deserve credit for erecting such a beautiful house of worship. But they owe much to their many kind friends, who have contributed so freely to aid them in accomplishing their purposes. We take the liberty to name at least two of those who refer to Mr. George Middlemass and Mr. J. M. Cropley, both formerly of Mount Hasty, Annapolis county, N. S. The former now resides in San Francisco, and the latter in Marble Head, Mass. When prospects were discouraging, Mr. Middlemass with \$100, and Mr. Cropley with \$200 cheered the drooping hearts of the building committee, and not only cheered them with these handsome donations, but with earnest desires for their prosperity in their undertaking. Mr. Cropley has since remembered a Sunday school. The brethren at Mount Hasty, who have caught the building spirit, and have therefore resolved to repair their somewhat dilapidated house of worship. We have been informed that he has also given the Baptist church at Digby \$100, to aid in liquidating the debt on their house, and that he has given largely to benevolent objects in the land where he now resides. The example which those gentlemen have thus set, in their liberal gifts to the churches in their native land, is a noble one, and worthy to be followed by other provincials who reside in foreign countries, and who have shared the bounties of Providence.

MONKTON.—The Monkton church are engaged in the enlargement of their house of worship. They propose to widen out the audience room so as to put an aisle and an additional row of seats on each side. The end of the house is likewise to be torn out, and room made for the choir, baptistry, dressing room, &c. The whole audience room is to be refitted with circular pews, and the basement excavated to make rooms for furnaces to heat the building throughout. The changes will add 400 to the seating capacity. The cost will be between \$6,000 and \$7,000.

VALLEY CHURCH, HILLSDALE, A. C.—We have nothing very special to report at present. There is not so much religious interest as we would like to see yet our prayer and conference meetings are generally interesting. We had a special service held after the conference in April and May. We are hoping for still greater blessings. Our Sabbath school is very interesting, and we hope for very good results.

3RD HILLSDALE.—This church has suffered severely during the past year by the removal of its pastor. We are now in the U. S. Yet those who remain are nobly struggling on, and trying to "hold the fort." There are some faithful ones who have the cause at heart, and are laboring earnestly for the advancement, and we have all eyes upon them for the same great object. The Sabbath school, under the leadership of Dea. J. W. Woodworth, is doing a good work, and we hope much of the good seed will fall into honest hearts, and in a short time show its fruits in the salvation of many of the scholars.

LUDLOW, N. C., N. B., July 15.—The work of grace, commenced here in Nov., 1886, has continued up to date; three were baptized and received into the fellowship of the Ludlow Baptist church on Sabbath, July 10th; making in all twenty-four since last November.

BLISSFIELD AND NEW SALEM.—These churches are enjoying a season of peace and prosperity. How happy are the people that are in such a state; yes, happy are the people whose God is the Lord.

CAMBRIDGE FIELD, N. B.—Bro. D. Price has begun his labors on this field. A recognition service was held on the first Sabbath in July, and participated in by brethren J. T. Eaton, J. McC. Black, and D. G. Parker. Bro. Price is making a strenuous effort to get the churches organized for work. The weekly offering system has been introduced with excellent prospects of good results. It is to be baptism at Graham next Lord's day.

ROCKLAND, July 18.—The good work still goes on. Two were baptized at Rockland yesterday, at the close of our morning meeting, and five at Cold Stream, a section of the Rockland field. Bro. Tingley leaves us this week, to go to Butterfield Ridge, Kings county. He carries with him the good will of the people with whom he has associated during the past few weeks. Bro. Young still continues with us. We are hoping and praying for better blessings.

ELGIN.—Sunday, July 10th, it was our privilege to baptize into the fellowship of First Elgin Baptist church, Friday evening, July 22nd, the presence of the Master was richly enjoyed. A very interesting young man came forward, related his Christian experience, and expressed a desire to follow Christ's command in Christian baptism, and have a home in the Christian church. He was fully received.

PORTLAND.—Three persons were received into the fellowship of the Portland Baptist church yesterday, two by baptism and one by letter. We expect to baptize again next Sunday.

GAMBERLAW, N. S.—On Sunday, 24th inst., the following brethren were ordained Deacons of the Gamberlaw church, viz.: Robert Boudle, James R. Eden, John Graham, Robert K. Hor, Watson Munger. The sermon was by Prof. Kierstead. Rev. M. P. Freeman, pastor of the church, offered prayer and delivered an address appropriate to the occasion. The pastor is much interested in it as a community, and the affairs of the church are in a hopeful state.

ELGIN, A. C., July 19.—The Women's Missionary Meeting in connection with the N. B. Association was held in the

Methodist church, for which we tender thanks in behalf of our Union to Rev. T. N. Parker, Methodist, also to Rev. Mr. Carpenter, pastor of Elgin Baptist church, who so courteously made all necessary arrangements for us. A portion of Scripture was read and prayers were offered. The Misses Goddard, members of Elgin Aid Society, lent in singing, and Mrs. Robinson, their president, spoke kind words of welcome to visitors; then added a good report of their work of this year. Mrs. E. Tingley, of Backville, Mrs. Camp, of Hillsboro, Mrs. Parker, of Salisbury, Mrs. King and Mrs. Rufus Tingley, of Albert, Mrs. Emerson, of Dorchester, gave encouraging reports of home work. In looking over this large gathering of women, one could not but be impressed by the earnest and attentive faces; and while we missed some expected helpers, other newcomers were gladly welcomed. Mrs. T. Colpitts emphasized her helpful address by becoming a member of the local society. Many intelligent young women were present, and it may be just the one whom Mrs. Churchill wants at Bobbitt. If so, may we have spoken the right words to give the call. Our missionaries will be glad to know of the hearty expressions of sympathy with them personally, as well as interest in their work in Telugu. The earnest prayers offered for them, and special pleadings for the Holy Spirit's power in their work, brought them all very near to our hearts. May this meeting result in greater effort in the coming year. A. R. EMERSON, Secy.

PERSONALS.
Bro. Stephen March has been in St. John, spending a few days with relatives and friends. He has returned to his large field of labor.

Our readers will learn with deep regret that Bro. John March is seriously ill. Overwork is the cause. All will share our hope that he may soon be restored to health and the work he loves almost too well.

Bro. C. S. Stearns, of McMaster Hall, has settled with the church at Great Village. We wish him great success.

The Windsor church has given their pastor, Bro. H. Foshey, a vacation of two months. He intends to go to Ohio, to visit his brother. We hope he may enjoy his well deserved rest very much.

Dr. Corey, of Richmond, is on a visit to his friends, Havelock. He intends to remain over until after the Convention. Many of his friends will have the opportunity to see him then.

Bro. Howe's people have been making the tenth anniversary of his marriage a very pleasant occasion to him and Mrs. Howe. They had a social tea in the Pine Street parlour. There was an affectionate address to the pastor and his wife, and a suitable reply. Speeches were made by Revs. J. Vidito, J. S. Read and J. Taylor (Methodist), and by several others, and gifts were amounting to \$100 worth. Happy brother!

Our readers will be deeply grieved to read of the death of Mrs. J. S. Brown, of Digby, as given us by her father. May the sorrowing parents and the bereaved young husband have the comfort and help from the tenderest friend.

NOTICES.
The Annual meeting of the Stock-holders of the Maritime Baptist Publishing Co. will be held in Charlottetown, P. E. I., on Friday, August 19th, at 8 p. m.

W. J. S.
P. S.—A Director's meeting will be held a half hour previous to the general meeting.

W. J. S.
All parties expecting to attend the Convention at Charlottetown must send forward their names before the 10th of August. State whether by Pictou or Summerside. Any persons neglecting to comply with the above request will forfeit all claim upon the committee of arrangements, and will not likely find entertainment within ten miles of the city. Address EDWARD WEITMAN, Box 587.

The next meeting of the Auxiliary Home Mission Board, of Hants Co., will be held with the Brochu church, on Tuesday, Aug 2nd, at 10.30 a. m.

J. W. BROWN, Secy.
Falmouth, 22nd July.
The W. M. A. S. are requested to send all their monies to the Treasurer as soon as possible as the Missionary Accounts close the 31st of July and no money received after that date can appear in this year's account.

S. J. MANTON, Treas.
Treas. of W. M. A. U.

Marriages.

TATE-HENDERSON.—On the 12th inst., at Penobscot, by the Rev. E. C. Corey, Mr. William Tate, to Miss Annie E. Henderson, both of Cardwell, K. C.

BETTS-STEWART.—At the residence of Mr. Nelson Betts, May 26th, 1887, by the Rev. Wm. M. Edwards, Mr. Jared Betts, of Blissfield, Northumberland Co., N. B., and Miss Sarah Stewart, of Nashuaque, York Co., N. B.

AMOS-LOYDS.—At the Baptist parsonage, by the Rev. Wm. M. Edwards, Mr. Howard Amos, and Miss Maggie C. Lyons, all of Ludlow, N. C.

MCKILL-DUTTON.—At her own home, Kewick, on the 8th inst., by the Rev. T. A. Blackadder, A. B. Mrs. Bethia Dutton, and Henry D. McKill, of the parish of Bright, York Co.

FARROW-SCHURMAN.—At the residence of the bride's father, Abram Schurman Esq., on the 13th inst., by Rev. I. J. Skinner, Mr. Artemus Farrow, and Miss Jane W. Schurman, all of Beloeque, P. E. Island.

HOPPER-WILSON.—On the 16th July, at the residence of the bride's mother, by the Rev. J. E. Fillmore, Mr. Amos Hopper, and Miss Annie Wilson, both of Coverdale, Albert Co.

RENEST-Lewis.—At Truro, July 19th, by Rev. John E. Goucher, Mr. Thomas J. Reneest, of Windsor, to Miss Maggie E. daughter of John Lewis Esq., Truro.

ROACH-HARLOW.—At the home of the bride's father, on the 19th inst., by the Rev. J. Murray, Mr. A. Mr. Arthur P. Roach, of Worcester, and Miss Laura only daughter of Mr. Albert Harlow, of North Brookfield, Quebec.

NEWCOMB-GATES.—At the Baptist parsonage, Kingsport Village, Kings County, N. S., July 21st, by the Rev. E. H. Brown, Edward M. Newcomb Esq., to Mrs. Rosanna Gates, both of Kings County, Nova Scotia.

ELKES-ELMER.—On Thursday, April 21, at the residence of the bride's father, by Rev. J. F. Kempton, Mr. Elton S. Elmer, to Miss Vanda Elmer, both of Chester Basin, Lunenburg Co., N. S.

HANES-GORDON.—On the 13th inst., a Scotch Settlement, by the Rev. T. A. Blackadder, A. B. Marie Hanes, and Franklin Gordon, of Springfield, York Co.

BLAKNEY-LEWIS.—At the Baptist parsonage, Salisbury, July 14th, by Rev. J. M. Parker, Mr. John Blakney, and Miss Elsie Lewis, all of parish of Salisbury, N. B.

KIERSTAD-APPELBY.—At the residence of Mr. Isaac Watson, on the 14th inst., by Rev. Thos. Todd, Mr. Thos. V. Kierstead, of Sheffield, Sunbury Co., and Miss Emma M. Appelby, of Bloomfield, Kings County.

POTTER-PARISH.—At Halifax, July 16th, 1887, by the Rev. J. W. Manning, A. B., Rev. Frank Potter, pastor of the Lower Kings Baptist church, and Ellen Mary Sanford Parish, late of Essex, England.

MARY-ANDERSON.—On the 20th inst., by the Rev. W. H. Porter, M. A., at the residence of the bride's father, Rev. J. Wesley Mann, of Iona, to Miss Eulalie C. B., daughter of Mr. Isaac Anderson, of Birgit, Ontario.

Deaths.

PARKS.—At Port George, on the 2nd inst., sister Sarah A. Parks, with a firm trust in Jesus, departed this life in the 49th year of her age. She leaves a husband and seven children to mourn their loss.

DONLEY.—At Port George, on the 9th inst., Annie, the wife of Samuel Donley, passed away, in the 40th year of her age, to be with Jesus. She leaves two little children to mourn their loss.

ACHURST.—In Halifax, on the 2nd inst., William Achurst, in the 75th year of his age. Bro. Achurst was a native of Kent, England. Being naturally a musician, he served in the Army as bandman, and thus with his regiment he came to Halifax while still quite a young man. Shortly after his arrival here interested friends secured his discharge from the army and he entered upon commercial life. During his business career he met with reverses and losses, but one who was intimately acquainted with him for more than fifty years, thus testifies: "I never knew him to perform a dishonourable action." The public esteem in which he was held is evidenced by the fact that he was elected as alderman in the civic council, and that he was made at different times chairman of the board of works, of the board of firewardens, and of the board of school commissioners. He took a deep interest in everything pertaining to the young, educational matters particularly. He is also regarded as one of the founders of the public gardens, in which our citizens now take such delight. In 1833 Mr. Achurst was baptised and received into the fellowship of the transville street church, and under a pastoral charge of Rev. Dr. Crawley. For the greater part of half a century Bro. Achurst has been prominent in the church as a conductor of the choir, and he filled his place with marked efficiency and enthusiasm even to the last. At the monthly meeting following his death the church unanimously placed on record a resolution expressing appreciation of the many sterling qualities of our brother, and commending Sister Achurst and family to the loving care of our everliving and unfailing Friend. Our deceased brother was a man in whose company grace wrought good work. He possessed a strong and cheerful confidence in Christ his Saviour, and peacefully passed to his reward.

DAVIS.—At Port Hawkesbury, June 29th, Isabella M., wife of Capt. William Davis, in the 29th year of her age. Our sister Davis was a faithful follower of Christ, and a very consistent member of Hawkesbury Baptist Church.

JEFFERSON.—At Lake Pleasant, Springfield, on 27th June, Ida Jefferson, aged 16 years. She had no fears of death. Her trust in Christ was firm. She sleeps in Jesus. May God comfort the parents, brothers and sisters.

SMITH.—At Fryburg, Me., U. S., on 22nd May, Mrs. Lucy Smith, aged 49 years. The departed was a daughter of Mr. James Stoddard, of Springfield, N. S. Her trust was in Christ's righteousness. May God comfort the mourners.

MORSE.—A. Williamston, Annapolis Co., N. S., on April 21st, 1887, Deacon Asa T. Morse, aged 68 years, passed away, very suddenly, of inflammation of the lungs. Deacon Morse was baptised in March, 1836, by the Rev. N. Vidito, and united with Wilmet Baptist church. For many years he was a faithful member of this church. His fidelity to his Master's cause is best illustrated by the following words of a brother deacon to the writer: "From the day that Bro. Morse joined the church he was always found at his post." Bro. Morse was for several years a deacon of the Wilmet church, of which he was a member from 1836 until 1878, when he severed his connection with that church, and united with the Lawrence town and Valley West church, where he was at once elected deacon, which office he continued to hold in that church until his death. Bro. Morse was an ardent lover of his Master and his Master's cause. The cause of missions was very dear to him, and he was always ready so far as he had the ability to forward this branch of Christian work, both with his money and his prayers. In him our educational institutions always found a willing supporter. At his house the servant of God was always welcome. In his prayers his pastor was always remembered. Bro. Morse's chief aim in life was to glorify God and to further the Redeemer's kingdom, hence his death is a great loss to the church of which he was a member, and his worth as a Christian will long be remembered and cherished. He died as he lived—trusting in Jesus. He leaves a widow and five sons and a large circle of relatives and friends to mourn the loss of a faithful Christian husband, father and friend. The funeral services were held on Sabbath, April 24th, when Rev. E. D. Porter preached a very appropriate sermon to a very large audience from the words, "Help, Lord, for the godly man ceaseth; for the faithful fail from among the children of men."

WINCHESTER.—At Smith's Cove, N. S., March 10th, Elgar, son of James B. Winchester, in the 22nd year of his age. We lament that he had not received his Master more faithfully, yet he died blessing his parents for their goodness, and trusting fully in the blood of his Redeemer.

WINCHESTER.—At Smith's Cove, May 24th, after a year's sickness, Captain Alfred, son of Captain Charles Winchester, aged 37 years. For a long time Captain of the Bear River and St. John packet, he gained the implicit confidence and esteem of all for whom he did business. Faithful also in the dearest relations of life he has entered the harbor of eternal rest, wife, parents, brothers, sisters and church members, who deeply mourn his departure, are still sailing for the same blessed haven.

TERRELL.—At Lansdowne, Digby co., N. S., June 25th, William Terrell.

GAVEL.—At Smith's Cove, June 26th, preceded by a short sickness, Mrs. Cynthia A. Gavel, beloved wife of John F. Gavel, 58 years. She has gone to be with her Saviour, whom she loved so much. One of the most active and devoted members of the 2nd Hillsburgh church. She will be sadly missed in the large circle of her relatives, in her own pleasant home, and in the church of Jesus Christ.

MCLON.—At Calthness, Charlotte Co., July 14th, Wm. Wesley McLeod, aged 11 years, youngest son of Mr. Wallace McLeod.

STEPHENSON.—At Woodstock, 12th inst., Mamie S., aged 6 years, 6 days, only child of Samuel R. and Mary A. Stephenson. "Safe in the arms of Jesus."

AYER.—At Hopewell Cape, July 12th, of Paralysis, James M. Ayer, aged 65 years, leaving a large circle of relatives and friends to mourn their loss. May God, by his grace and love, sustain the sorrowing family.

COLE.—June 27th, at Mapleton, Elgin, A. C., Editha, Henry T. Cole, in the 4th year of his age.

GRAVER.—July 10th, at Elgin, A. C., of general debility, Mansfield Graves, aged 69 years.

KILLAM.—July 10th, at Elgin, A. C., of cancer, George Killam, aged 76 years.

WEARY.—Mrs. Jane Weary, African, widow of the late Joseph Weary, passed to her eternal reward on June 30th, aged 78 years. Many years ago this good Christian woman professed faith in Jesus, and united with the Baptist church. From that time onward she has sought to honor Jesus. She greatly loved the church, and for her welfare she prayed and labored, and gave as God prospered her. The Bible and MESSENGER AND VISITOR were her daily companions. But when the time came she gladly gave up all her interests here, and peacefully entered into rest.

CROSS.—Mrs. Urie Cross, who had been one of the first Baptists in Lunenburg, calmly passed away on the morning of June 8th, aged 81 years. Our sister had strong confidence in him who had been her God in youth that he would not leave her in old age.

WEAVER.—At Blackville, N. C., on the 10th inst., Frederick Weaver, aged 85 years. He was baptised by the late Dr. Blackney in his 55th year. He lived a pious and exemplary christian life, and died trusting in Christ.

OWEN.—Suddenly, June 12th, at the residence of Mr. Burton, Eastern Upper Sackville, Georgiana Letitia Owen, aged 46, only surviving daughter of the late Owen C. Owen Esq., formerly of Sydney Cape Breton.

MCNAB.—July 1st, at Eastern Upper Sackville, Mary Isabel, only daughter of the late Andrew McNab, of Halifax, and step-daughter of W. G. Ouley, in 27th year of her age.

(Cape Breton paper, please copy)
BROWN.—On the 23rd inst., at St. John, N. B., a lingering illness of consumption, Martha, widow of the late Robert L. Brown, and daughter of the late Richard Justice, aged 50 years, leaving four daughters to mourn their loss.

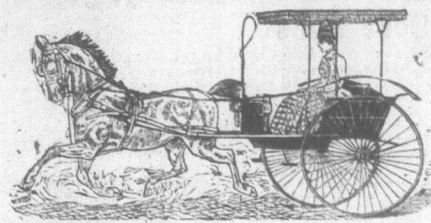
BROWN.—Our many friends will be sorry to hear of our very great sorrow in the death of our dear daughter, Sadie A., the beloved young wife of Rev. J. S. Brown, pastor of the Baptist church of this place. After a long and weary sickness she passed on quietly and peacefully to the "better land" at 9.30 o'clock on Sabbath morning, July 24th, aged 30 years. In early life she accepted Christ as her Saviour, and his services as her life work. In the family, church, Sabbath school, and in all secular and social pursuits and duties, she was a faithful and efficient worker. She entered upon her married life a little over eight months before her death with great prospects of usefulness in the church; nor do we think her work is limited or lapsed because of this (to us) sad event. Such a daughter and wife and Christian worker is one of Jehovah's best gifts; and shall we not bless his name with thankfulness for it? Many of our little plans are in the dust, shattered and broken, our prospects are blighted by our limited vision of a christian's life; but we remember "eye hath not seen nor ear heard," the grandest and best things of "life eternal," among these the tollings and the funeral. This, revealed to us by the Spirit, and right along the line of common sense, is of unlimited value to us in these dark passages of our pilgrimage.

WEBSTER.—A very sad accident, which resulted in death, occurred at Cambridge, Kings Co., N. S., on Sunday, July 2nd. Charles Webster, son of Brother and Sister John Webster, was working in the new saw mill, he and his brother-in-law, Mr. Knowlton, had built this spring, when in an unguarded moment, his left arm was caught between one of the belts and the shaft and took him with his feet greatly bruised, and he was so internally injured that death took him out of his sufferings in two hours after the accident. The event was a crushing blow to his dear parents Sister Webster does not have very good health, and the loss of her son has afflicted her very much. Sunday was a sad day throughout the neighborhood. Monday afternoon he was buried. Hundreds of people came together from miles around to pay him his last respects. He was very thoughtful of his mother. Bro. E. O. Read, Berwick, had the pastor, conducted the service, which was very solemn. "What I do, thou knowest not now; but thou shalt know hereafter." Fathers and mothers who have boys, pray for Brother and Sister Webster.

PREVOST.—At Upper Blackville, on June 23rd, Mrs. James Prevost, aged 22 years, died of consumption, leaving a husband and two young children to mourn their loss. She had not made a public profession of religion, but gave evidence of the new birth before she died.

OLD ELSPETH.—Old Elspeth was asked on her death bed, had she no fear at all in crossing Jordan. "No," she made answer, "what should I be feared for when I see Him who is the Life and the Resurrection on the other shore? His word drives away the mist. 'I'm just like a barn that's been awa in the dride pickin' flowers and while chasin' butt'ers o' an' awn, when the sun's fa'w, I'll gae to live hame.' 'Ye a wee bit turnip to cross'; but, mas, there's the berrin' stone o' His promise—'as I'm f'et on them, I'll see ye o' an' aw'—"

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Reserve held	695,601 36	831,667 24	135,565 88	19.4
Surplus	38,892 6			