

New Baptist Church.

In compliance with the invitation of a number of brethren at Tidnish, N. S., a council, consisting of delegates from various churches, as given below, convened at Tidnish on Monday, Jan. 25, to advise the brethren in relation to the formation of a new Baptist church in that locality.

The following were present as representatives of their respective churches: Amherst—Dea. Geo. W. Christie and Bro. A. D. Taylor; Centreville—Bro. Wm. Fraser; Lindon—Bro. John Mills; Oxford—Rev. E. C. Corey and Bro. G. O. Smith; Port Elgin—Dea. Stephen Tremblin and Copp and Bro. David Polley; Point de Bute—Rev. A. H. Lavers, Dea. O. Tingley, Bro. Alfred Tingley and J. A. Dixon; Pugwash—Rev. C. Haverstock and Dea. S. M. Lowe; Sackville—Rev. W. H. Warren, Dea. Hiram Read, Bro. J. W. Sangster, M. D., and Edward Read. Rev. Isa. Wallace and Deacon Howard, with a number of others, were invited to seats. A letter from Rev. D. A. Steele was read, explaining his absence on account of the serious illness of his son, and the brethren were deeply moved by the sad intelligence.

The reasons which led the brethren to ask for the formation of a new church were clearly and fully presented by Dea. Rockwell and others, and after mature consideration it was decided that, in the opinion of the council, the proposed organization was desirable and necessary, and the brethren were advised to proceed in carrying out their plans. Thirty-two brethren and sisters, accordingly, having obtained their dismission from other churches, or having been recently baptized, covenanted together upon the basis of the New Hampshire confession of faith, to walk together in church fellowship, and to aid one another in the performance of the duties pertaining to the new organization.

Cordial recognition of the newly formed church was given by the council through the moderator, who, on behalf of the delegates, gave the hand of fellowship to the new church. Brethren Ephraim McKay, Chappel Brundage and Netus Chappel, having been selected by the brethren, were formally set apart to the diaconate, and appropriate addresses were made by Brethren Wallace, Corey and Lavers in the way of charges to deacons and church.

The Ordination.

Pursuant to a call from the newly-organized church at Tidnish a council was called to consider the advisability of setting apart to the gospel ministry Lic. Bro. J. A. Marple, whose labors in connection with those of Rev. Isaiah Wallace have been greatly blessed. The following churches were represented: Amherst—Dea. Geo. W. Christie and Bro. A. D. Taylor; Centreville—Dea. Wm. Taylor; Lindon—Dea. John Mills; Oxford—Rev. E. C. Corey, Dea. Geo. O. Smith; Port Elgin—Dea. Stephen Tremblin, C. Copp, D. Polley; Point de Bute—A. H. Lavers, Dea. Obed Tingley, Bro. A. Tingley, J. A. Dixon; Pugwash—Rev. C. H. Haverstock, Dea. S. M. Lowe; Sackville—Rev. W. H. Warren, M. A., Dr. Sangster, Dea. H. Read and Bro. Edward Read. Rev. Isaiah Wallace and a number of other persons were invited to seats in the council. Bro. Wallace was chosen moderator, and the writer secretary.

Bro. Marple then gave a very satisfactory account of his conversion, call to the ministry and views of Christian doctrine, and the council unanimously advised his ordination.

The following programme was successfully carried out in the evening, a very large congregation being present: Sermon, Rev. W. H. Warren; ordaining prayer, Rev. I. Wallace; charge to candidate and right hand of fellowship, Rev. C. Haverstock; charge to newly ordained deacons, Rev. E. C. Corey; charge to church, secretary of council, address, Rev. J. A. Marple; prayer and benediction, Rev. J. A. Marple. A deep interest was manifested in all these exercises, and it is a matter of rejoicing that the Lord is helping the efforts of his servants in Tidnish and other localities in Cumberland and Westmorland Counties.

Halifax Notes.

The Rev. H. F. Adams has signified his intention to resign his pastorate of the 1st church of Halifax, to take effect in the coming spring. He also states that some correspondence has taken place in regard to looking to the New England States for a settlement. Mr. Adams is an attractive preacher of the Gospel. He has had good congregations since he has been in Halifax.

The District Committee held its quarterly meeting in the rooms of the 1st church on Thursday last. The plan to raise \$1,000 for the Carey centenary was sanctioned. The Rev. Wm. Hall will present the subject to the church at St. Margaret's Bay. The Rev. J. W. Manning to Hammond's Plains, Sackville, &c. Rev. D. W. Crandall will look after the Jeddore field.

The Tabernacle has taken shape on its foundation, and while the carpenters are rearing the structure of earthly material, the church, with their pastor at their head, are holding special meetings for the purpose of the spiritual edification of the church. Other pastors are considering the matter of special services. A number of them will visit Hammond's Plains and hold some extra services. This was arranged for by the district meeting.

Four were received for baptism at Windsor on Friday last. Extra meetings have been held and the signs are hopeful.

RELIGIOUS INTELLIGENCE.

NEWS FROM THE CHURCHES.

LEINSTER STREET.—Two were baptized by Pastor Mellick at Leinster street church on Sunday last.

HEBRO.—Two candidates—husband and wife—were baptized last Sabbath. We expect others soon. F. H. BEALA, Feb. 1.

WOLFVILLE.—Rev. S. Weldon, of St. John, being here by invitation of the students, preached in the morning in the church, and in the evening in College Hall—both times to appreciative audiences.

GERMAIN STREET.—A deeply interesting sermon in reference to the late Charles Haddon Spurgeon was preached by the pastor in the morning. In the evening, after a short prayer and address, three worthy brethren were set apart to the diaconate, with appropriate accompanying exercises.

TABERNACLE CHURCH, ST. JOHN.—On Lord's Day last Rev. C. B. Welton preached in the morning, and Pastor Ingram in the evening gave the hand of fellowship to four new members and administered the Lord's Supper. The ordinance of baptism is to be administered next Lord's Day evening. The pastor's health is improving.

BROOKFIELD.—On Sabbath, Dec. 10th, after several weeks of extra work at Clifton, it was with great joy administered the ordinance of Christian baptism to six professed believers. These, with three received by letter, were welcomed into the fellowship of the Brookfield church. Again, on Jan. 3rd, another happy convert followed Jesus in the same manner. This is the first Christian baptism in this section of the country. A prayer meeting and Sunday-school are begun.

M. L. FIELDS.

EVERETT, MASS.—The church in Everett, Mass., of which Rev. G. B. Pius is pastor, dedicated its new house of worship with appropriate services on Thursday, January 28. Among other ministers who were present and took part in the services were: Dr. A. J. Gordon, of Boston; Rev. J. R. Stubbert, of South Framingham; and Rev. G. A. Cleveland, of Melrose. Only a small debt remains upon the building, which it is expected will soon be provided for.

YORK COUNTY.—As church notes, briefly stated, seems to be solicited by the MESSENGER AND VISITOR, I will contribute a few facts concerning the churches in this county. There are in York County nineteen Baptist churches, four settled ordained pastors and one licentiate, who have charge of eight of these churches, leaving eleven without pastoral care. A few of the pastorless churches keep up prayer and conference meetings, others seldom have a service unless visited by a minister. For a few Sabbaths the writer has been supplying the First Kingsclear and Prince William churches, and has been greeted with good congregations. Devout attention is given to the Word preached, and we hope is done; but we have to confess the cause is generally low. What few pastors we have are working faithfully, and we hope the showers of blessing will soon fall.

TRIVON, P. E. I.—On the first of this month we began our fourth year's service with this church. For three years we have had the pleasure of laboring with this warm-hearted, united and intelligent people. God has blessed our united efforts. Our three meeting houses have been repaired to the extent of about \$600. Another organ has been bought and paid for and placed in the meeting house at Westmorland. Our parsonage property has been improved. We have adopted the weekly offering system, and under it our finances are hopefully sustained. Forty-five persons have been added to our membership thirty-seven by baptism. Some are now awaiting the ordinance and others profess conversion, who no doubt will unite with us in the near future. This is only one side of the story. Six of our number have left us to join the church above, thirteen received letters to join churches elsewhere, and seven names were dropped from the roll. One discouraging feature of our work here is so many of our people moving to the other provinces and to the United States. It is no small matter simply to maintain our position against this tide. The work, however, of rescuing the young from the paths of folly and sin, and helping them to start right, wherever they cast their lot, is no unimportant work. It is as well as the churches they join, reap the result of the home work. This

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church has 175 members, with 46 non-residents. We start out on a new year much encouraged. We began extra services during the week of prayer, and have been continuing them ever since, though much interrupted by the stormy weather. Several have risen for prayers and some have found peace. This is the jubilee anniversary of this church, and we hope to celebrate it in June with a roll-call and under the most favorable conditions possible. We may have the service in conjunction with the association meeting here last July.

E. A. ALLABY.

LOWER ECONOMY.—The last Sabbath in January Bro. Champion and I exchanged pulpits. In the morning I preached at Five Islands, and at 3 p. m. at Lower Economy. Here I had the privilege of baptizing two young converts—a son and daughter of Lister Huntly, of Economy Point, who travelled about seven miles through the raging storm in order that they might get to Christ. This was the first time the church used their new baptistry, and found it a very great convenience, especially on account of the great storm. In the evening I gave the hand of fellowship to four new members of the First Hillside church. Truly our hearts rejoiced today as we welcomed these sixteen into the fellowship of the church: To God be all the glory. I feel greatly encouraged and strengthened in the work here by having Rev. M. Gross with me, who is ever ready in every good word and work. Brethren, pray for us, that the Spirit may continue to be poured upon us. S. H. COHENWALL.

GRATEFUL MENTION.

Rev. E. A. Allaby of Trvon, P. E. I., wishes to express his thanks to his friends who recently paid himself and family a donation visit, leaving them richer to the amount of about \$30. Bro. A. says: My lot is cast among a kind people and this is but one of many similar acts.

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A number of the members of church and congregation of the 1st Elgin Baptist church, met at the parsonage some time ago, and after spending a pleasant evening presented the pastor with cash and goods amounting to about \$41. We feel grateful to the friends for the timely aid. We need not only the financial aid but the sympathy. Our afflictions seem to call for sympathy. Mrs. Keirstead being laid up entirely for about eight months with rheumatism. But the same God who gives us spiritual blessings can supply our temporal wants. S. W. KIEBSTEAD.

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WATERVILLE, N. S.—At Waterville, Hants Co., N. S., Sunday, Jan. 17, a beautiful baptism was witnessed by a large number of people. Five happy believers in Christ were brought to baptism and received into the fellowship of the Waterville Baptist church. May the good Lord continue His blessing and cause many more to decide soon to follow Him in all His appointed ways. A. WHITMAN.

MUSQUASH.—This large field has been destitute of pastoral care or preaching since Licentiate Shaw left in August last. Prayer-meetings and Sunday-schools are kept up at South Musquash and Chance Harbor. The election for repeal of Sec. Act will be held on the 9th of February. I am happy to be able to say that the Baptists are a unit in favor of the act. C.

GREENFIELD, QUEENS CO., N. S.—Since last writing two have been baptized at Chelsea, and as we are permitted to meet with the brethren the interest still holds good. Lately we have been much hindered by bad weather and a grippé. I have been housed by it for the past ten days. The people still remember us kindly. Christmas and New Year's came bringing from Chelsea a nice robe for ourleigh and beautiful hose for the child the prayer and conference of late have been very interesting.

DORCHESTER.—A brother writing from Dorchester informs us that an invitation has been extended to Rev. Isaiah Wallace to spend a few weeks in that place in evangelistic labors. We sincerely hope that it may be possible for Bro. Wallace to comply with this invitation. We should have great hope that much good might be the result. Our correspondent speaks of the prosperity of the Sunday-school at Dorchester, and says that the prayer and conference of late have been very interesting.

GUYSBORO, N. S.—We have been holding special services since the week of prayer with the church in this town. God, who is ever faithful to His promises, has heard and answered the supplications of His children. The church has been much revived, and souls have been born from above. On last Lord's Day, I administered the ordinance of New Testament baptism to a number of young persons from the Sabbath-school classes and received them into the church. While merry drops around us are falling, yet for the showers we plead.

WILLARD P. ANDERSON.

Rev. Alex. McArthur, though still quite ill, has somewhat improved since last week, and it is hoped the improvement will prove permanent.

Rev. John Rowe informs us that he has removed to Roseville, Yarmouth Co., and wishes all correspondence addressed to him at that place.

We are pleased to know that Rev. A. E. Ingram is able to be about again and to resume his work at the Tabernacle church, where there has been of late a very encouraging condition of things.

Both the manager of the Book Room and the book-keeper have been for some days laid aside by a grippé. Friends and customers will please accept this as an apology for any delay that may have occurred in replying to communications.

Rev. C. H. Day, M. A., who, for some two months past, has been preaching for the Baptist brethren of Quebec, has accepted a call to the pastorate of the church. Mr. Day is a son of Dr. Day of this province. He has been at much pains and expense to qualify himself for his work. We are pleased to know that he has made a good impression in Quebec and trust that his work there may be accompanied with rich blessings.

Acadia Notes.

The students of the college Y. M. C. A. have been holding some extra services, and a good degree of interest has been manifested. The daily papers will have already noticed the sudden death of Mr. Robert, brother of Professor Roberts, of Windsor, on Sunday the young gentleman conducted services for Canon Brook, at the Episcopal church here. He had not been in robust health since an attack of a grippé, some months ago, and perhaps the exertion was too great. He was taken ill on Monday, and, early on Thursday morning, passed away. Professor Roberts arrived on Wednesday. The people of Wolfville sympathize deeply with the bereaved friends.

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