

Halifax News.

MISSION CHAPEL OPENING.—CHURCH NOTES, ETC.

Under the auspices of the North Baptist church, there was a very interesting service held in the northern part of the city, on Sunday, the 15th inst. A Sunday-school hall was then opened for work and worship, with appropriate religious services—a description of which has been published already in your columns.

It is proposed to carry on the work in this mission chapel for the present by the members of the church and other friends who may be persuaded to help on the work. Besides the Sunday-school, there will be an evangelistic service every Sunday night, and a weekly prayer meeting. Other work will be undertaken as may be found practicable.

The Rev. W. E. Hall has entered upon his work as pastor of the Tabernacle. The people are heartily united in him, and the prospect of a long and harmonious pastorate is confidently expected. He has plenty of hard work to do, as he has already learned, but that is what he likes, as his appearance seems to show. City pastorate are no sinecures, as even Mr. Hall with his few weeks of experience will say.

Pastor Adams of the First church is as busy as he can be adjusting himself to his surroundings and getting hold of things. It will not be surprising if he finds his people a trifle conservative; but then there are worse elements in a church than conservatism. Spiritual death is much worse. In this old church there are great possibilities, and it remains to be seen whether Mr. Adams will be able to call them forth. He will try; and together the pastor and church will not only "lift up the standard" but they will also hold it up.

The new church of the Quinpool Road, of which Mr. Webb is the pastor, is making substantial progress. Quite a number have been added to its roll of membership since the organization. A flourishing Band of Hope is one feature of the work of this young church.

Great regret is expressed at the early departure of Bro. Williams from his Dartmouth home. He has been among us long enough to make his presence at our gatherings for Christian work something to be desired. The loss of Dartmouth will be St. Martin's gain. His attainments will find ample scope for development in the village, beautiful for situation, on the shores of the Bay of Fundy. Dr. Hopper ought to find in him a valuable helper. It is rumored that a member of the graduating class of Acadia is to supply the pulpit of this church, with a view to settlement. If the rumor is true, both the church and the brother are to be congratulated, for each is worthy of the other, as ought always to be the case.

The Cornwallis street church, under the leadership of Pastor Jordan, has had no special religious interest to chronicle for some time past. But Bro. Jordan is doing a quiet and effective work among his people that cannot be made to appear on paper. The pastor of this church fills a grave responsibility, for he is regarded, and rightly so, as the leader of all the colored churches in the province. The time will soon come when these brethren will have to arise and build, or else improve. They will need help from others to enable them to do so.

It will not be necessary to speak at length of the work of the North church. At the communion service in this month, the hand of fellowship was extended to five—two of them received by baptism and three by letter. There is no deep religious awakening in this church, nor indeed in the city. The regular work of the church is carried on as usual. A parlor concert, which was given by the pastor's wife to aid in the work of missions, was quite a success. Several other ladies are contemplating something similar at an early day.

Pastor Archibald, of Hammond's Plains and Sackville, Reese of Fall River and Hatfield of Jeddore, are the only other settled pastors in the county. The former has had some interest on one part of his field which has greatly cheered him in his toil. Bro. Reese contemplates removal. The field he occupies is not large enough to claim the whole of a pastor's time. It is so situated as not to be worked advantageously by the pastor of another church, and yet it would seem that union with Sackville and Hammond's Plains is the only thing practicable. With Pastor Archibald the brethren at Fall River will get their proportion of service and a little more. Bro. Hatfield is by himself, and has no brother minister to step in and cheer him by a word. From all that can be learned he is greatly appreciated by the people of his charge. The field is as attractive one in some respects. Its principal drawback is its isolation.

The churches around St. Margaret's Bay are still pastorless. If ever a people needed the stated ministry of the word these do. A good support can be given to a man on the East side of the Bay—and the field would not be an undesirable one by any means. The people are kind, helpful and appreciative. The right man would receive a hearty welcome and get his pay. And I believe the same can be said of the West side. The fact is, these fields must be occupied or else the labor of years will be gone.

Home Missions.

SPECIAL BOARD MEETING.

A special meeting of the Home Mission Board was held on the 23rd inst. REPORTS

were received from Bro. I. Wallace, general missionary; L. A. Cooney, Rawdon and Maitland; W. G. Corey, Upper Newcastle, Queens Co., N. B.; and C. A. Collihan, Sable River.

GRANT.

To the Lower Stewiacke and Musquodoboit field \$125 for one year, from March 5, 1891. Rev. L. R. Skinner, pastor.

APPOINTMENTS.

1. Bro. Milton Addison, of U. B. Seminary, a mission to Newport, Hants Co., N. S.

2. Bro. H. S. Shaw, of Newton Theological Seminary, a mission to Musquodoboit, St. John Co., N. B., during the term of his vacation.

3. Bro. A. A. Shaw, of Acadia College, a mission in Carleton Co., as an assistant to Rev. A. H. Hayward, especially on the Aberdeen section, during the summer vacation.

4. Bro. M. C. Higgins, of Rochester Theological Seminary, is recommended to the Shelburne field for one year.

NOTICES.

Student Labor.—Will the churches that desire to have student labor during the summer vacation kindly write me as soon as possible? There are a large number of men willing to work during the vacation and we hope that some of the churches, whose pastors have to cover a large territory, will ask for students to assist them.

Fifty Years with the Baptist.—We have a few more copies of Dr. Bill's Baptist History. Any one sending me \$2.00 will receive a copy of the same. Here is a good chance to put \$2.00 into the home mission treasury and at the same time receive a book giving very interesting sketches of the "Fathers," and other valuable information concerning the denomination in these provinces.

Year Books.—I shall be glad to send a copy of Year Book of 1890 to any pastor or member of mission churches, on application.

Act of Incorporation for Baptist Churches of Nova Scotia.—I am prepared to send a copy of the above act, passed in 1878, to any one desiring a copy.

A. CONNOR, Cor. Sec'y.

Hebron, N. S., March 25.

W. B. M. U.

"Inasmuch as ye have done unto one of the least of these My brethren, ye have done it unto Me."

PRAYER TOPIC FOR APRIL.

That Visitation, with its workers, may share the blessing.

Programme for Missionary Exercise on Africa.

Singing: "From Greenland's Icy Mountains."

Responsive Reading: Supt.—Ps. 2: 8; School—Ps. 22: 37; Supt.—Ps. 67: 3; School—Isa. 45: 14; Supt.—Ps. 65: 1-2; School—Ps. 68: 31; Supt.—Ps. 87: 4-6; Supt.—Phil. 2: 9-11; School—Isa. 19: 11; Supt.—Ps. 72: 17; School—Rev. 5: 9.

Opening prayer.

Hymn.

Exercise by infant class (left to their teacher to select).

Recitation.

THE CONGO.

BY REV. S. D. PHILIPS, D. D.

Where rolls the Congo River,

In soft majestic flow,

Or where its waters quiver

In foaming falls below;

O'er all its fertile borders

Where millions live and die,

Oppressed by sin's disorders—

"Come, help us!" is the cry.

Shall commerce track the region,

And lead an eager train?

Shall traffic with its legion

Brave death itself for gain?

And shall the Lord's anointed,

Who know the truth and life,

To save the world appointed,

Be backward in the strife?

Awake! ye hosts of Zion!

Behold the favored hour;

Your Captain's word rely on—

His strength shall be your power.

Forth to the land before you,

His harbingers have gone,

And now, His banner o'er you

He calls, "Come on, come on!"

Give, saints, as God hath given,

And see as your reward

Dense pagan darkness rising,

And Christ received as Lord:

While you the work engage,

A continent in gloom

Shall burst the chains of ages,

And rise in light to bloom!

Map Lesson.

Collection.

A five minute paper on Livingstone.

Closing prayer.

Closing hymn: "All hail the power of Jesus' Name."

Missionary prayer meetings were held on Thursday last, with the fairville church in the morning, and with the Carleton church in the afternoon. The pastors of the churches in the city and some other of the brethren and sisters especially interested in missions were present. The importance of the subject would certainly have justified a much larger attendance, but the interests of our Foreign Mission were earnestly presented at a throne of grace, and gracious and profitable seasons were enjoyed. A mass missionary meeting is announced to take place in the Leinster street church on Tuesday evening of this week. Several of the pastors are to deliver addresses and the meeting is expected to be one of much interest. We learn that it is the intention to hold such a service quarterly in connection with some one of our churches in the city.

Quarterly Meeting.

York and Sunbury Counties' quarterly meeting was convened at North Keswick church, on 14th inst. The recent heavy rain prevented the Friday night session as appointed. On Saturday, a. m., a few gathered at 10 o'clock. The first session was occupied with devotional exercises, awaiting the arrival of other delegates. At 2 p. m. the meeting was organized by choosing Rev. J. H. Tupper, president, S. D. Irvine, clerk, pro tem. At 3 o'clock a very interesting conference meeting was held, led by Rev. J. H. Tupper, after which business was resumed. The evening session was devoted to the interest of missions. Rev. P. O. Reese preached a very suitable and impressive sermon from 3 John 8: 18; theme, "Love an appealing power." Addresses were given by Revs. Tupper, Knight, Ervine, Sunday, a. m., Rev. P. R. Knight, preached from 1 Cor. 1: 9; theme, "Our fellowship with Christ. It was full of practical truth that must be helpful to Christians. Afternoon, Rev. B. N. Nobles presented from John 7: 37. This was the quarterly sermon, full and sparkling with Gospel truth and invitation. May God bless it to the good of souls. In the evening, Rev. J. H. Tupper preached from 1 Chron. 4: 10, for about 30 minutes. He discoursed with his old-time earnestness. Though his strength is failing, his interest for Zion is unflagging. God bless him. A social season was enjoyed after which we adjourned to meet with the 1st Keswick church, on the 2nd Friday in June (viz. 12th) at 7 p. m. Rev. W. D. Manser was appointed to preach the opening sermon; Rev. F. D. Crawley the quarterly; Rev. J. W. S. Young his alternate; Rev. B. N. Nobles to preach a missionary sermon. It was resolved that our missionary meeting be held in future on Sunday, instead of Saturday. Collections taken for home missions amounting to \$16.35.

S. D. Irvine, Sec. Treas., pro tem.

Religious Intelligence.

NEWS FROM THE CHURCHES.

FREDERICTON.—Seven were baptized last Sunday, others will come to-morrow and on Easter Sunday. Special services will be held every afternoon and evening, except Saturday, during the week preceding Easter Sunday.

KEWICK, N. B.—We are enjoying a gracious outpouring of the spirit's power. We have tried to be faithful in discharging duty. Now the promise is being fulfilled. God says, he that goeth forth and weeps, bearing precious seed, shall doubtless come with rejoicing, bringing his sheaves with him. Last Sunday four rejoicing converts were buried with Christ in baptism. We continue the work this week, which seems to be broadening and deepening. Wanderers are returning, and sinners are coming to Jesus in every meeting. We expect to begin special meetings at Macquaque, when we get through here. Brethren, pray for us.

S. D. IRVINE.

ST. JOHN.—The Baptist Ministers' Union met in their rooms on the 30th March. Present: Revs. Messrs. Parsons, Ingram, Gates, Martell, Mellick, S. Welton, Hickson, B. Welton and J. H. Saunders. The reports of the pastors was of work done and some good results seen. Additions reported: 2 by baptism, 5 by letter. The Rev. J. P. Parsons, a resolution of sympathy with Rev. Mr. Ford, who is very ill at this time, was put on record, and the secretary was requested to advise Bro. Ford of this expression. Rev. Mr. Hickson was requested to present a short paper on the subject of Sanctification at our next meeting.

BUSBY'S ST., ST. JOHN.—Last Sunday was the 41st anniversary of the Brussels St. church. At 10 a. m. the church assembled for prayer. At 11 o'clock the pastor preached a practical sermon from the passage in 1 Sam. 7: 12: "Hitherto has the Lord helped us." After the sermon five persons were baptized, making 29 persons that have been received into the church during the year. In the afternoon the pastor reviewed the Sunday school, and in the evening preached a sermon on Eph. 2: 1-10. From the text in Deut. 32: 31, "For their rock is not as our Rock, our enemies themselves being judges." An offering was then made for missions, and the services of the day closed with a short prayer meeting, at which several spoke for prayer.

ST. STEPHEN, N. B.—We are glad to be able to join the lists of churches reporting invigilant interests. Verily God is in our midst by His Holy Spirit. The hearts of parents and Sunday-school teachers rejoice together in the conversion of children and scholars for whom they have long prayed and labored. Not less than 17 persons have repented and turned to God during the past five weeks. Last Sabbath evening, before a congregation that crowded the church, nine followed their Lord in baptism—a most interesting group. More are waiting to follow. We praise the Lord for his goodness. Unusual interest prevails in all departments of our church work. We have a band of judicious and faithful workers. The average attendance at the Sabbath-school for the past three months has been about 175. Large congregations listen attentively to the gospel, as it is proclaimed from Sabbath to Sabbath. Bro. J. W. S. Young, passing through town on his way to Penfield, dropped into our social service on Wednesday evening of last week. We prevailed upon him to remain and preach for us on the Sabbath; this he did, and was cordially received by the people. He continued his journey to Penfield to-day. Our sympathy and prayers follow him in his loved work.

W. C. GOUCHER.

PORTLAND.—The Portland church was filled to its fullest seating capacity last Thursday evening, on the occasion of the celebration of the forty-ninth anniversary of its organization. On the platform were several of the city pastors and others, while some who were expected to be present and take part in the exercises of the evening were unavoidably absent. Pastor Walton presided. Rev. James Spencer read the scripture and offered prayer; Rev. H. C. Mellick delivered an address on "Society in the Church"; Rev. J. H. Saunders spoke on the functions of the Church; and Rev. G.

O. Gates on the Church Member and the Church. The choir was assisted by members of the choir of some of the other churches and rendered excellent and appropriate music during the evening. An interesting part of the programme occurred near the close, when the pastor, on behalf of the Portland church and congregation, in a few happy remarks, presented to Mr. C. B. Pidgeon a handsome cabinet as a token of appreciation of his valuable services as chorister. To this Mr. Pidgeon replied in a few appropriate words. A collection was taken amounting to over \$130. After the benediction had been pronounced the large congregation was treated to light refreshments, kindly prepared by the ladies of the church. The Portland church was organized in 1842 with 40 members, and its present edifice was dedicated in 1846. During its history it has had twelve pastors and over 1,000 persons have been received into its communion. Its present membership is 447, larger, we believe than that of any other Baptist church in the city.

TUKE.—Three candidates were baptized into the Tuke church this afternoon at Riverview. The meetings will be continued next week.

HILGROVE, Digby County.—God is reviving His work here. We are in the midst of a gracious work of grace. Wanderers are coming back to the church. Sinners are coming to Christ. Many have given themselves to Christ, and many more are seeking the Saviour. I have seldom witnessed such a display of God's power. We are looking for greater things from God.

W. J. BLACKBURN.

CORNWALLIS ST., HALIFAX.—The column "News from the Churches" in the Messenger and Visitor, continues to bring good tidings to your many readers, and fills our hearts with joy. Nothing is more encouraging to the weary pastor and self-sacrificing church than to recognize the fact that the Great Head of the church is watching our Zion with diligent care, and that our labors will not be in vain in Him. United effort for the Lord will insure the blessing from heaven.

In addition to our regular weekly meetings, we have held one extra meeting a week, with more or less regularity, since the week of prayer. These meetings have been seasons of great power, the church has been greatly revived, and wanderers have been restored to the fold. On Sunday evening, March 22, it was my happy privilege to baptize two believers into the fellowship of the church. Thus the good work goes on; others are seeking the Lord, and we hope that they shall be able to rejoice in the freedom of the Spirit.

A. W. J.

QUEBEC.—The Lord is letting showers of blessings fall upon His Zion in this quaint old city. The religious life of this people here of late has been rising, and earnest prayers have ascended to God for a revival. God, who is always true to His word, and who has said, "Ask and ye shall receive," has verified His promise to us; and we are rejoicing in the salvation of souls and in their obedience to His ordinance. Yesterday was a good day with us. At the close of the evening service five believers obeyed their Lord in baptism. One of the number was a divinity student in the Presbyterian college here. He expects to continue his studies at Acadia. He hopes to obtain an appointment under your Home Mission Board for the summer, and resume his studies at Wolfville in the fall. Another of the candidates is a prominent temperance worker and editor of the Christian Templar, a twenty four page magazine. He purposes using his talents in a public manner for his Master. Two of the number were children of Deacon LeMaistre, who, we are sorry to say, is about moving with his family from Quebec to Pictou, N. S. Bro. LeMaistre, his wife and three children are members of the church here, and will be a great help in keeping up the Baptist mission started last summer in Pictou town. The other candidate is the head of a large family, all of whom, we hope, will soon follow his example. Rev. Wm. Meikle, the evangelist, is conducting evangelistic services in this city now. These services commenced on Wednesday, and there are already indications of good being done. We are looking for a great outpouring of the Holy Spirit in our midst. Those baptized last evening were received before Bro. Meikle's arrival. More anon.

March 23. A. T. DYKMAN.

PERSONAL.

We regret to learn that Rev. J. A. Ford of the Carleton church is laid aside with a severe attack of la grippe.

It will be seen by our Halifax correspondents that Rev. C. W. Williams has accepted a call to the St. Martin's church. Mr. Williams has won for himself an excellent report as preacher and as pastor. We shall expect to hear that he will be considered at St. Martin's the right man in the right place.

NOTICES.

The 34th session of the Albert Co. Quarterly Meeting will be held with the Valley church on the second Tuesday in April at 2 o'clock p. m.

The Lunenburg Co. district meeting will hold its next session with the Baptist church at Lunenburg, on April 7, beginning at 10 a. m. C. W. COREY.

The third session of the district meeting of the St. Martin's group of churches will meet with the church at Penebiquis, on Thursday, April 16th, at 7 o'clock p. m. It is very desirable that each church in the group be represented by pastor and delegates—delegates especially from the churches not having any pastor. T. A. BLACKBURN, Sec'y Treas.

The April meeting of Hants Co. Auxiliary Mission Board, will be held (D. V.) with the church at Brooklyn, Kings Co., N. S., on Monday 6th, commencing at 10 a. m. Also, meetings in the afternoon and evening. All churches in the district are requested to send delegates, as business of special importance is to come before the meeting. The change from Tuesday to Monday has been made on account of the probability of there being an election in Hants Co. on the 7th.

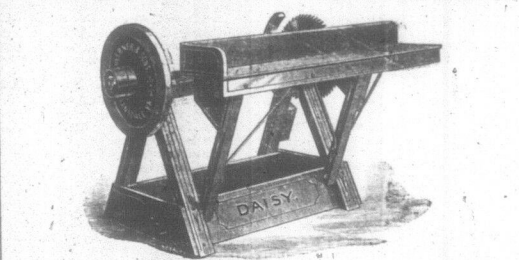
By order of the Board.

R. H. CROOK, Sec'y.

ACKNOWLEDGMENT.—I wish to gratefully acknowledge the receipt of five dollars from Mrs. B. G. Fowles, of Hampton, Kings Co., for the benefit of the Batterton Bridge Baptist church, of which Sister Fowles is a member.

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