

The Main Street Baptist pulpit was very acceptable occupied on Sunday last by Rev. J. A. Ford, of Eastport, Me.

TOBIQUE VALLEY. I send a few lines concerning my first visit to the Tobique. In company with Bro. Young I set out, reaching Tobique in the latter part of March. We found the cause somewhat low, there having been only one meeting since last November. The souls for whom Christ died were starving for spiritual food. We held meetings all the week and three times on the Lord's day, the people seemed very anxious for the word, not having heard the gospel for so long. I never was received by any people more kindly and I feel strongly impressed that the Tobique is the place for me.

After evening meeting the people requested me to return. I left appointment for Sunday 15th again. Although at present in need of a grant from the Board I think that before long, by careful work, the field would become self sustaining. To bring this to a successful issue will be my chief aim. I look upon the Tobique as a very important part of the Master's Vineyard and I believe that a great work is to be done here for our Lord and Master.

I feel a strong desire to go also to the Upper Tobique and I ask the sympathy and prayers of the Brethren that the Master's will may be done in all we undertake. CHARLES STERLING.

Since coming here I have **TEMPERANCE VALE,** been so busy that I have not been able to think of much else. For two weeks I held special meetings at Temperance Vale, during which harmony was restored and the members of the church were aroused to greater activity. Owing to bad roads and also being called away to another part of the field I was obliged to discontinue the meetings which I trust had proved a great benefit to all. I hope in a few weeks to get down to systematic work. C. W. SABLES.

Acknowledgement.

The Valley church and congregation, Surrey, N. B., paid their pastor and family a donation visit on April 2nd. A goodly number met and spent a happy time. The ladies served a luncheon and a pleasant time was spent by some especially. All left, without being the worse for their coming together. Bro. Nicholson presented the pastor with \$31, mostly in cash, in behalf of those present and some who were not present, but had sent their donation. May God bless them for their kindness and make us more grateful. JOHN MILES.

From Hamilton, N. Y.

After a silence of about three years permit me through the columns of the *Messenger and Visitor* to say a few words concerning Colgate Theological Seminary from which the writer expects to graduate in June. God in his providence has appointed me as instructors in this school who, not only look well to the spiritual welfare of the student, but give the best of attention to his intellectual and financial needs. No student who enters this school need ever fear the lack of either of these. Besides having the advantage of the school it has been my privilege to supply the pulpit of several churches. In these churches is manifest the same interest in the welfare of the student of Colgate Seminary. My present charge at Brisbin, N. Y., has been a blessing both spiritually and financially. As a sign of God's approval the church, during the last two weeks has been greatly revived, twenty-seven have publicly acknowledged Christ as their personal Saviour. More to follow. Young men who are looking forward to a Theological training could not do better than come to Colgate.

Hamilton, N. Y.

O. E. STEEVES.
—M. & P.

The Home Mission Board.

The regular monthly session of the Board was held in Brussels Street church, May 8th. Vice-

President Hughes in the chair.

Communications were presented from St. Andrews urging that a missionary be permanently stationed there. A grant of \$100 was voted and correspondence is to be opened with a view of settling a pastor. An encouraging revival has been awakened and seven had been baptized, several others are also received. Bro. Stackhouse reported successful work still going on at the Tabernacle, and referred to the proposed action of the congregation to secure a better church accommodation. Touching this matter the following resolution was passed by the Board: "Resolved that this Home Mission Board express its sympathy with the Tabernacle church in its effort to secure a more convenient and attractive edifice and commend their case to the liberality of the denomination at large."

Reports were presented from Queensbury and Temperance Vale, Newcastle, North Co., Pennfield and Beaver Harbor, Doaktown and Ludlow, Cardigan and New Maryland, St. Andrews and Bayside, Germantown and Andover.

Several students have applied for summer work and the churches are requested to send applications for supplies to the secretary in order that no time may be lost in settling men at once. The treasurer reported the funds nearly all paid out, and as there is not sufficient to meet claims now due the churches are urged to come to the help of the board by a prompt remittance at an early date.

Will our brethren kindly remember this? Several of these brethren now living on insufficient salaries sorely need the amounts due them and it seems hard to let the work suffer, and the workman as well, while abundant means lie within our reach. Let us have a hearty response and close our Home Mission record this year without debt.

W. E. McINTYRE.

Secretary.

Mother's Influence.

A young lady in the highest ranks of society was the only child of rich and intellectual parents. They gave her in abundance every bodily and mental pleasure. She was taught to love the world and to make the most of it. She lived for time, and neglected eternity. But the hour of sickness came. She had a fearful illness. Her beauty all departed; her power to enjoy life was gone; all her parents' hopes for her worldly success fled. The minister of the parish came to visit her. He spoke of death and eternity, and urged her to repentance and to seek the Lord. She had never had such words spoken to her before, and she trembled. In her dying hour she called for some of her fine clothes. When they were brought, she looked up to her mother and said, "These have ruined me. You taught me to be gay and to enjoy the vanities of life, but you never taught me of God and the next life. You never taught me to pray, and now it is too late. Mother, you have ruined me." She died a few minutes afterwards.

Love of Mother.

FRANK M. GOODCHILD.

A mother gave herself soul and body, night and day to the care of her child, doing for it tasks that are thoroughly distasteful, watching over it in sickness, guiding it when it is well, and she finds more joy in that slavery to her child than she could in all the pleasures that the world runs after. I heard a man speak in prayer-meeting not long ago of the delight he felt in caring for his mother in her old age. She died of a lingering disease. Many weeks he watched by her bedside. He gave himself up to care for her. And when at last she died he said again and again, "Oh it is such joy to me that I was able to be by her side and do what I could for her in her last days." When I was in college there was a student there, who was kept at school by his mother's hard earnings. She took in washing. She wore threadbare clothes. She had very plain fare on her table. I sat in the hall when that son was graduated, the leader of his class. As he delivered his commencement oration, that mother sat in the crowd drinking in every word that he spoke. And when he

finished, and the people applauded with many rounds of applause, she sat with tears of joy streaming down her cheeks, the happiest person in the room. All other things that men deem good and desirable would have failed to bring to her heart a fraction of the joy that she found in having poured out her own life as a sacrifice that her boy might have a good start in life.

Died.

KEITH—Mrs. E. A. Keith fell gently asleep in the Lord at her home in Havrelock, on the 4th inst, after a somewhat protracted illness, which she bore with Christian fortitude and resignation to the Divine will. Sister Keith was a lady of sterling Christian character, and a useful member of the Baptist Church. She was esteemed very highly in the whole community and her departure will be deeply felt by all her friends. Her husband died eleven years ago. She leaves in sorrow, an aged mother and a kind hearted brother, Captain William Founds, and a sister, Mrs. B. R. Keith, of California, a dear daughter, and three sons, Dr. Harry Keith of Kingston, Walter S. Keith of Greenwood City, B. C., and Ross A. Keith now studying dentistry at Philadelphia. May this sad event be sanctified to the spiritual good of all the bereaved ones.

TITUS—Ms. Elizabeth Titus, relict of the late John Titus, passed quietly from this life to the happy home on high, on April 15th, at her home on Brussels Street, St. John, aged 90 years. She retained her faculties to the last and departed serenely as the setting sun. She leaves four daughters to mourn the loss of a wise and pure minded mother; and the Brussels Street Church loses in her one of its oldest and most highly esteemed members.

WARRING—We tender our sympathy to Pastor and Mrs. Warring who have been visited with loss of their only child. The Master came down into his garden to gather lilies and made his own selection.

YOUNG—At Lowell, Mass., April 14th, J. Alfred Young, aged 40 years. The deceased was run over by a locomotive while at work. Both limbs were cut off just below the body, yet he lived nearly three hours, speaking to the last to those about him. He formerly resided at Ironbound Cove, Chipman, N. B. A sorrowing wife and three children are left to mourn his sudden taking off. His remains were brought to New Brunswick and interred at Little River, Sunbury Co. Truly in the midst of life we are in death.

BARTON—At the Range, Grand Lake, on the 27th inst., after patient suffering, Rebecca, wife of the late Richard Barton, aged 79 years. She was a member of Second Grand Lake Church, and lived a consistent life. Three sons and two daughters, with a large circle of relatives and friends remain to mourn her departure. She had a good hope and longed to get home where suffering would be unknown.

BAILEY—At Salmon Bay, Queens Co., on the 27th inst., Sarah M., wife of Charles E. Bailey, aged 71 years, leaving a husband, three sons and five daughters to survive her. She was reconciled to God's will and died trusting in Jesus.

SPYERS—At Spicers Cove, Queens Co., on the 28th inst., of heart failure, induced by a broken limb, John Spicers, aged 57 years, leaving four brothers.

LIVINGSTONE—At Hillsboro, Albert Co., April 21st, Luella, relict of the late Hector Livingstone, aged 78 years. Our aged sister had been in failing health for some time, and being attacked with inflammation of the lungs, she soon succumbed to that disease. In her death a familiar figure is removed from this village, and she will be greatly missed. We have good reason to believe that she has joined the company of the glorified. She leaves one son and several grand-children to mourn her departure.

BERRY—At Moncton, April 25th, Humphrey P. Berry, aged 34 years. This dear brother had been for some years a consistent member of the First Moncton Baptist Church. He was greatly esteemed by his many friends, who feel that in his early death they have sustained a heavy loss. But for him to die was gain. His remains were brought from Moncton, and interred in the Salem burial ground, by the side of his wife, who had predeceased him two years ago. In life they were lovely and pleasant, and now in death they are not divided. Two children, a girl and boy survive them.

DROST—At Linton, Sunbury Co., on the 6th inst., of inflammation of the brain, Hazen Burns, infant son of James and Martha Drost, aged three months. Of such is the kingdom of God.

Married.

HABBITT-COWPERTHWITE—At Gibson, on the 25th ult., by Rev. J. B. Champion, Deacon T. E. Habbitt to Mrs. Mary E. Cowperthwaite, both of Gibson, York Co.

RANDALL-NELSON—In Amherst, May 2nd, by Rev. Welcome E. Bates, Elisha Randall and Almira Nelson, both of Sackville, N. B.

REID-LOCKHART—At the Baptist parsonage, Centreville, Carleton Co., April 12th, by Rev. E. P. Calder, Elmer S. Reid, of Digby, Carleton Co., to Mary M. Lockhart of Knoxford, Carleton Co.

RITTER-PRIOR—At the Baptist parsonage, Centreville, Carleton Co., on the 1st, by Rev. E. P. Calder, Frederick A. Ritter of Digby, Carleton Co., to Olive M. Prior of Good's Corner, Carleton Co.