Halifax Letter.

The Halifax Missionary Aid Societies' annual union meeting was held in the North church on Tuesday evening, the 29th of Jan. The Rev. A. C. Chute presided. The 2nd Psalm was read by Rev. E. M. Saunders and the Rev. W. E. Hall led in prayer.

Miss Carrie Gates, secretary of the Dartmouth society, read her report. Miss Emma Hume, sec.-treasurer of the society for five years had resigned and had been made a life member.

Mrs. W. E. Hall, presented the report of the society in the Tabernacle. Reference was made to a visit of Mrs. Churchill, which greatly refreshed the society, some of whose members saw Mrs. Churchill for the first time.

Miss Holloway read the report of the society of the First church. Mrs. A. C. Chute had been made a life member.

Miss Parsons submitted the report of the doings of the society in the North church. The membership is large. The society had affiliated with the Halifax division of the Council of Women. Addresses were delivered by Revs. E. M. Saunders, S. B. Kempton and W. E. Hall.

The meeting had been called for the previous week, but a violent storm made it necessary to postpone it. Other public meetings fell on the same evening. The attendance was not large. The spirit of the meeting was serious. Sympathy with missionaries on the field was the theme of Rev. E. M. Saunders' address, and home influence that of Rev. S. B. Kempton. The interest in mission work is not as intense as it should be. A revival is looked for and much needed. The closing prayer was offered by the Rev. D. G. McDonald.

The first church had its annual roll-call on Wednesday evening the 30th of January. The attendance was very large. The report of the pastor and deacons stated that two years ago the membership was 236; one year ago it was 249. During the year two had died and four had been dismissed, one excluded, fifteen by letter, net gain 43. There are 31 non-resident members. Conference and prayer meetings had been well attended. The monthly meeting of Sunday school teachers led by the pastor, had been well sustained. The Y. P. Union has had a prosperous year. The pastor conducts a class in the Christian Culture Course. A $1,000.00 had been paid on the church mortgage, leaving $9,000 of the $15,000.00 when the house was finished.

Mr. John Burgoyne, superintendent of the Sunday school submitted his annual report. The number of scholars 184. Last year the number was 160. The average attendance for the last three years had been 110, 112, 108. 60 new scholars had been secured in the year; but these did not do much more than make up the shrinkage. The teachers took note of absentees and reported to the pastor, who either visited them himself, or got some one to do it. 30 from the Sunday school had united with the church by baptism during the year; 34 being the whole number.

Mrs. Martha Uhlman who united with the church by statement in 1828 asked for her dismission to unite with the church at Windsor.

The pastor, deacons and church are working together harmoniously. The pastor suggested extra meetings, but no action was taken in the matter. Extra services are held in the North church.

The Women's Christian Temperance Union held their annual meeting in Argyle Hall on Thursday evening the 31st of January. There was a fair attendance of ladies and a few gentlemen. Mrs. S. E. Whiston, president, was in the chair. Miss Cunningham, secretary, presented the report for the year. While temperance is the main work, yet the Union has various other departments, charitable philanthropic and religious—supplying literature to lumbermen, flower mission, mother's meetings, feeding the hungry, etc. The teaching of temperance in Sunday and secular schools had engaged the attention of the union and the results were encouraging. Representatives of the W. C. T. U. had been received by the Countess of Aberdeen during her visit to Halifax last summer and the union had been affiliated with the Council of Women in Halifax. The Mayor of the city had been reminded by the union that a civic law, prohibiting boys of a certain age from smoking on the streets were violated. This had caused the policemen to take action. Vigorous efforts had been made to secure social purity. The Loyal Legion, superintended by Miss Clarke, had done a good work. 133 boarders had been accommodated at the coffee rooms; 150 poor families relieved; 38 children had been cared for, the youngest 4 and the eldest 16 years. Receipts for the year $7,694.65. The expenditure, $95.00 over the receipts. Mrs. Whiston was elected president. Addresses were given by Revs. Messrs. Gaudier, E. M. Saunders, and Mrs. Archibald, president of the Maritime W. C. T. U.

A Synagogue of the Jews is to be opened in Halifax. A Rabbi from abroad is to be present. Halifax Gentiles are to take part in the services or are advertized to do so.

A new building is to be erected for the Deaf and Dumb school, at a cost of $42,000.

The Roman Catholics who have a hospital on Barrington street, have resolved to be fully up to the times. They will build at a cost of $25,000. J. C. Dumaresq is architect. Com.

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Sussex, (Grand Ligne, $6.22, N W M $4.69, Ac. Un. $1.20, D W $14.17)—$26.28. First St. George collection, F M $15.71, York and Sunbury quarterly meeting F M $5.63; a member of Forest Glen church, West Co. F M $5.00; Thos. Casey, F M $2.00; Penobsquis church, (H M $2.00, F M $2.00, M Rand A $1.00, Gr. Lig. $1.20)—$6.20. Abram Young, F M $2.00; St. George Upper Falls collection, F M $2.40; B Y P U Prince William, F M $2.50; Upper Newcastle church, F M $6.65; first Elgin church, (H M $4.76, Sunday school, H M $2.49)—$7.25. Dorchester church, F M $5.00; First Coverdale church, quarterly meet. collection D W $5.32; Florenceville church, D W $9.00; Florenceville East church, D W $1.00; Ledge Dufferin S. S. class Little Workers, F M $1.50. Total, $103.44. Before reported, $1352.07. Total to February 1st, $1455,51.

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At Sharon, Mass., Jan. 29, to the wife of Rev. A. T. Kempton, a son.

MARRIAGES.

SOLLOWS-SABEAN.—At the parsonage, Weymouth, N. S., Jan. 27th, by Rev. H. A. Giffin, Walter Sollows, of Freeport, to Annie Sabean of Weymouth.

SPRAGG-JONES.—At the residence of the bride's father, Jan. 23rd, by Rev. Jas. A. Porter, Daniel Spragg, to Bessie Jones, both of Springfield, Kings, Co., N. B.

SOMERVILLE-KING.—At Belyea Cove, Jan. 23, by Rev. J. D. Wetmore, George H. Somerville, of Wickham, Queens Co., to Flora J. King, of Springfield, Kings Co.

SIBLEY-SIMS.—At Smith's Cove, Jan. 31st, by Rev. J. T. Eaton, David Thomas Sibley, of Marshalltown, to Lucretia, daughter of Joseph Sims, of Lower Granville.

CORNWALL-GROSS.—At the residence of the bride's parents, by Rev. M. Gross, assisted by Rev. W. Camp, Rev. S. H. Cornwall, to Amelia Gross, both of Hillsborough.

WEATHERLY-McGREGOR.—At Charlottetown, P. E. I., Dec. 11th, 1894, by Rev. C. W. Corey, Jacob Weatherly, of Pownal, to Catherine McGregor, of Alexandra.

KINNIE-LEWIS.—At the Baptist parsonage, Surrey, Albert Co. N. B., on Jan. 25th, by Rev. S. H. Cornwall, George E. Kinnie, to Rebecca J. Lewis, both of the parish of Hillsboro, Albert Co.

THURBER-SWEENEY.—At the Baptist church, Tusket, Jan. 26, by Rev. T. M. Munro, Albert W. Thurber, of Freeport, Digby Co., to Bertha Sweeney, of Brazill Lake, Yarmouth, Co.

STEEVES-STEEVES.—At the residence of Simon J. Steeves, Dawson, Albert Co., Jan 20, by Rev. I. B. Colwell, Michael C. Steeves, of Dawson, to Bessie A. Steeves, of Prosser Brook, Albert Co.

DIBBLEE-YOUNG.—At the residence of the officiating clergyman, Woodstock, on the 30th ult., by Rev. Thos. Todd, James Dibblee, of Canterbury, Co. of York, to Ella I. Young, of Woodstock.

SWEENEY-BLAUVELT.—At the Baptist church, Tusket, on the 25th of January, by Rev. T. M. Munro, Alonzo Sweeney, of Brazil Lake, Yarmouth Co. to Maud Blauvelt, of Tusket, Yarmouth Co.

STEEVES-ROBINSON.—At the residence of the bride's father, Fairfield, Co. of St. John, Jan. 30th, by Rev. G. M. W. Carey, D. D., Caleb J. Steeves, to Mamie B., only daughter of John Robinson, Esq.

DUXBERRY-DOBSON.—At the residence of the bride's father, Jacob Dobson, Esq., of Jolicure, Westmorland Co. N. B., Dec. 26th, 1894, by Rev. A. H. Lavers, James E. Duxberry, of Amherst, N. S., to Lizzie Dobson, of Jolicure.

DEATHS.

TREEN.—At Amherst, Dec. 26, 1894, Jane M., wife of Stephen Treen, aged 74 years.

JOHNSON.—At Lockeport, N. S., Jan. 24th, Frederick Terrance Johnson, infant son of Wynne and Maud Johnson, aged 15 weeks.

STRANG.—On Dec. 17th, at Watertown, Mass., Miss Hattie I. Strang, daughter of the late Rev. John R. and C. E. Strang, formerly of N. B., aged 27 years. "To live was Christ."

DILLMAN.—At Dawson Settlement, Jan. 25th, of consumption, Mrs. Daniel Dillman, in the 32nd year of her age, leaving a husband, three small children and numerous relatives to mourn their loss. She died with a strong hope in Jesus.

TUPPER.—At Charleston, Queens Co., N. S., on Jan. 25th, Elizabeth, widow of the late Bartlett Tupper, of Milton, aged 77 years. The end was as a peaceful slumber, and was indeed, we believe, that "peaceful rest whose waking is supremely blest."

PURDY.—At Lansdowne, on the 15th inst, Mrs. Sophia Purdy passed away peacefully to be with her Lord. For many years our sister has been a consistent member of the 1st Hillsburg church. A husband and several sons and daughters remain to mourn.

CUNNINGHAM.—At Riverside, Cal., Jan. 24th, Maria, widow of George Cunningham, formerly of Antigonish and Canso. Sister C. was one of the unselfish kind, whom the Lord will reward. She died at the hotel Rowell, where she passed her last years with her daughter Mrs. E. J. Davis.

McMILLIN.—At Lewis Head, on the 22nd inst., Elizabeth McMillin, in the 73rd year of her age. Our sister leaves a son and two daughters with a very large circle of friends to mourn their loss. Our sister was wonderfully sustained by Divine Grace and could sing to the last "It is well with my soul."

CLARKE.—On the evening of January 25th, Harry, aged 9 years, son of Mr. and Mrs. Wallace Clarke, of Bear River. He was a most promising child but the Lord wanted him for heaven. May the heart-broken parents be comforted and sustained by the God of all consolation. "What I do thou knowest not now but thou shalt know hereafter."

SYMOND.—At the home of her daughter, Mrs. N. H. Crosby, Brazil, Mrs. Symond, peacefully passed into rest on Monday, Jan. 14th. For some years she had been troubled somewhat with her heart, but it was after only a short illness that the Messenger came. This is the first from our number in the New Year, we know not who shall be the second. "Be ye also ready."

McDERMID.—At North East Margaree, on January 14th, after a protracted illness which she bore with Christian fortitude, Euphemia McDermid, in the sixty-second year of her age. Our sister united with the Baptist church in Margaree during the great revival under the pastorate of Rev. Mr. Foster. Amidst the last suffering she was enabled to put all her trust in Christ and felt that He would be with her through the Jordan of death.

WILSON.—Suddenly, of heart disease, in this city, on Jan. 20th, Lauretta, wife of Capt. Jacob Wilson, aged 56 years. Faithful and devoted in all the relations of life; she was the well beloved wife, mother and friend. Her body was taken to the Narrows, Q. C., where in early youth she was converted and baptized, and where she spent the greater part of her life. A great congregation of kindred and friends lovingly laid it in the grave to await "the bright immortal morning.

STABLEFORD.—At her father's residende, Sussex, on Jan. 6th, sister Lizzie Stableford, passed to her rest. She was the only surviving daughter of Bro. A. Stableford, an esteemed member of the Sussex church, who has in the past fourteen months been called to follow three of his children to the last resting place, and in his great sorrow has the sympathy of the church and many friends outside the church. Sister Lizzie Stableford was converted and united with the Sussex church in the Spring of 1890, since which time she has lived a humble trustful christian life, and so has departed to be with Christ.

READ.—At her mother's home on Friday, Dec. 7th, 1894, Emma, beloved daughter of sister Sarah and the late Hanford Read, Esq., of Port Elgin, and granddaughter of Deacon John and Mary Read of Baie Verte, N. B., in the 26th year of her age. At 14 years of age our young sister obtained a hope in her Redeemer and upon a profession of her faith was baptized by Rev. D. G. McDonald, who at the time was assisting Bro. J. A. Ford in special services at Port Elgin, and it can be truly said that the interest of her Master's kingdom lay very near her heart—her consistency as a christian, her resignation to her heavenly Father's will and her beautiful composure in the hour and article of death, all testify to the genuiness of her faith. For many long years our sister was the subject of much bodily pain and weakness, but whenever she could do so she attended religious services and taught her class in the Sabbath School. At last her end came. All the skill of attending physicians, or the care of one of the most devoted of mothers, or the kind attention of dear friends could not stay the hand of death and calmly, peacefully "she fell asleep in Jesus." Her funeral took place on Sabbath, December 9th, and was largely attended. Rev. Mr. Hardman, Presbyterian, assisting the pastor in the solemn services. Much sympathy is felt for the widowed mother and her family in this affliction.

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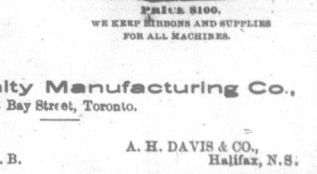

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