

## Religious Intelligence.

## NEWS FROM THE CHURCHES.

BATISSE, N. B.—I baptised one sister in Christ, on Sabbath, Nov. 30th.

J. D. SKINNER.

THE QUINPOOL ROAD MISSION is taking steps to be organized into a church. There will be over 30 charter members. The Sunday-school numbers over 70. Mr. Webb is doing a good work.

SPRINGFIELD.—We had the pleasure, last Sabbath, of burying in baptism a brother who had for many years resisted God's grace. At the close of the service following we had the pleasure of welcoming him and his wife into the church.

DEC. 3. S. H. CORNWALL.

THE U. B. MINISTERS CONFERENCE met in room 85 German street. Members present: Revs. Messrs. Hickson, Hartley, Spencer, W. H. McMillan, Hartell, Gates, Ingram, Saunders. Rev. Mr. Mellick presided. Reports of work done and the results, so far as seen, are quite hopeful. Rev. Mr. Hartley read a paper on the Resurrection, which called up a very interesting discussion.

SECOND ST. MARTIN'S.—Our former pastor, Rev. R. M. Smith, now of Port Hawkesbury, C. B., having been granted a short vacation, spent a part of it with us, preaching twice on Lord's day, 16th ult., and baptizing three converts. It was indeed a time of refreshing to us, both to have a visit from our much esteemed friend, as well as the services rendered by him. Our pulpit is being supplied semi-monthly by the young men from the U. B. Seminary.

DARTMOUTH.—Our Y. P. S. C. E., which has entered with spirit upon the winter's work, enjoyed a treat last Friday evening, Nov. 29th, when the form of the hymns, address upon Bible study by Rev. H. F. Adams. Bro. Adams has received from the First Church, Halifax, a call characterised by such exceptional unanimity and enthusiasm that it seems probable he will accept. If he does, he will prove a great strength to us in the city and vicinity.

C. W. W.

PARSONAGE.—In compliance with a cordial invitation from the church in this growing town, I have just entered upon the duties of the pastorate. The field is an important one, and there are some indications of a spiritual revival. Quite a number of devoted brethren are laboring faithfully in the good cause, and a noble band of sisters are aiding with diligence and zeal in promoting the best interests of the church. We await results in faith and hope.

W. H. WARREN.

HARTFORD, Cumberland Co., N. S.—The Hartford branch of the Wallace church, after deciding to build a meeting-house, met in the school-house on Nov. 27 and appointed trustees, a building committee, and J. H. McKim treasurer. The above named branch has decided to build a church and has given a beautiful building site. We have set out a good hedge around it. The committee intends pushing the work forward as fast as possible. We want a house of worship very much, as we have worshipped over twenty years in our school-house. Any of the churches or friends that feel inclined to aid us will be helping a good cause. All contributions will be thankfully received and acknowledged by the treasurer.

NASHWAAG, York Co., N. S.—Since our last communication to the MESSENGER and Visitor of revival news, at Nashwaak Village, six more have been added by baptism to the Nashwaak church—making ten baptised up to the 23rd of November. Seven of the number are heads of families; there are several others anxiously seeking the Saviour. Bro. Young left here on the 25th. He is much esteemed by the pastor and people of this church for his earnest and untiring devotion to the cause of God. The pastor and family would thankfully acknowledge the kindness of the Nashwaak church and friends for the timely gift of a pure containing thirty-nine dollars. May the Lord bless them abundantly.

P. R. KNIGHT.

CANTERBURY STATION, York Co., N. B.—I came here by an invitation of the church to assist Bro. H. Warden, lic., as he has been holding meetings with the Second Canterbury church for three or four weeks, and with success. The church was very low and scattered, but having been called together matters were arranged very agreeably, and on Sabbath evening three candidates were received for baptism, and yesterday, Nov. 30, it was our privilege to bury three believers with Christ in baptism. We had a good day in this place. Others are anxious about their soul's salvation, wanderers are returning. Bro. Warden is an earnest, devoted worker, has rather superior gifts for singing, and is doing a good work here in this place. Brethren, pray for this field, Second Canterbury church.

DEC. 1. J. W. S. YOUNG.

ST. MARY'S BAY.—It is eighteen months since I commenced my labors on this field. There were difficulties existing in both churches when I came, some of which I had no knowledge until I had been here for some weeks. These we have to contend with. We feel them much. The field is large, my regular meetings will almost average a meeting for every day in the month. It seems like a protracted meeting the year through. Yet God has given me strength to attend to all my appointments. A number have been baptized in two sections of my field. Prayer-meetings are better attended; at the Bay nearly double; preaching meetings well attended. The brethren at South Range have secured a site for their new meeting-house. They intend to build next summer. The church at Hill Grove is keeping up the finances. The sisters are working well. They have put a new roof on the meeting-house, and are raising funds to paint the house in the spring, and it will be done too. They say a spire must go on the house after it is painted. During my first year the church at the Bay raised nearly three hundred dollars for various objects, this over the four hundred paid to the minister; the sisters taking the lead in finance, outside of the salary especially. A new roof has been put on the meeting-house at the Bay and the parsonage; also, a new organ and communion set in the church at the Bay. We ensure that many of our members do not attend on the means of grace, so many sleeping in the day time. We are trying to preach Christ to them, hoping the word will be blessed, souls saved, the church revived. Pray for us.

W. J. BLAKENY.

MAGNAQUAG, York Co., N. B.—For our encouragement the good Master has said, "Go preach, and Lo I am with you always, even to the end of the world." "My word shall not return unto me void, it shall accomplish that which I please, and it shall prosper in the thing where I send it." Since coming to this place I have tried to be faithful in the discharge of all duties as a servant of God and the people. Although no special revival has come to us, still we have been cheered by the coming of souls to Christ. Sunday, the 23rd ult., we visited the baptismal waters and buried two believers with Christ, and welcomed them into the fellowship of Keswick church; also on the 30th, at Macart's quac, two more were baptized into the fellowship of this church. Others are moving Zionward.

S. D. ERVINE.

HAMMOND PLAINS, Halifax Co.—In accordance with a resolution passed at the last meeting of the Halifax district committee, pastor Manning of the North church, Bro. Geo. McDonald, Bro. E. Elsenor, and the writer, spent Tuesday, Dec. 2, with the church at Hammond's Plains. The morning was very cold, and the day grew rather colder as the hours passed; but the hearts of the people (by no means frozen at the start) grew warmer and warmer, until during the sermon by Bro. Manning, at the evening service, there was that strange hush that betokens the presence of the power-enduing Spirit. We held three services, morning, afternoon, and evening, and we trust that each did its work. This church has met with severe losses by death and removal during the past few years. It is now the great longing of both pastor and people that many from among the unconverted of the community may step into the places of those who have gone to their reward. To this end we all joined prayer and effort on Tuesday last.

The pastor, Bro. Archibald, had for weeks looked forward so expectantly to this day of meetings that it did seem hard that he should be prevented from being with us by serious sickness in his family. But as our hearts were lighted up in earnest prayer for him and his dear ones, we knew that they were safe in the keeping of unerring love. May the faithful band at Hammond's Plains be greatly blessed in the weeks and months that are to come.

DEC. 4. C. W. WILLIAMS.

PERSONAL.

The P. O. address of Rev. W. H. Warren, is Parsonage, N. S.

The Tabernacle church has extended a call to the Rev. W. E. Hall, and they are waiting for his decision.

The Rev. H. F. Adams has accepted a unanimous call to the pastorate of the First Baptist church at Halifax, and has entered upon his labors.

Rev. J. D. Skinner has resigned the charge of the churches at Point DeBute, Port Elgin and Bayville, a field in which he has done some hard and successful work, and is now open to an engagement elsewhere.

NOTICES.

The York and Sunbury Co. Quarterly Meeting convenes with us on Dec. 12th. We trust their coming will be for our good, and the general good of the cause in our quarterly session. Brethren, pray for us.

The new meeting-house in Sackville, N. B., will be opened on Sunday, Dec. 21st. There will be preaching—morning, 10.30, 3 and 7 p. m., local time, one half hour faster than standard. Any ministering brethren who can are invited to be present. As we do not think the Lord is especially honored with a consecrated debt, we made that that day to give Him the house free from all incumbrance. We hope all our own people and any others who have an interest in the cause of God among us will come and help.

WM. E. HALL.

GRATEFUL MENTION.—We acknowledge with gratitude the kindness of our Brooklyn friends. On the evening of Nov. 28th we were summoned to the hall, and after being greeted with smiling, happy faces and cordial welcomes, we listened to a sermon by Rev. J. D. Skinner, who was fairly loaded with such good things as minister to the comfort of a family. We rejoiced on our homeward way with trembling, glad to receive tokens of appreciation, and fearful lest our overladen carriage might collapse.

EDWARD E. LOCKE.

Quite a number of the church and congregation belonging to the Cambridge church, Kings Co., N. S., met at the parsonage on Friday evening, the 28th ult., to give their new pastor, Rev. Mr. Jenner, a sort of house-warming welcome. A very pleasant evening was enjoyed, and Mr. Jenner and family were left some \$55 the better for the visit. A number of the Presbyterian friends were present and generously aided in the donation.

The December Arena celebrated the opening of its third volume by appearing in a handsome new cover of pearl gray background, printed in deep blue and silver. The effect, while rich and striking, is in good taste and highly artistic. The table of contents will delight all intelligent readers. It is strong, thought-provoking and entertaining. Indeed of each issue of *The Arena* has seemed to surpass its predecessors, and the December number is no exception. The frontispiece is a remarkably fine portrait of Count Tolstoi taken from a photograph taken from a life size painting of the Count. It is a striking picture, and will be greatly prized by admirers of the great Russian author. The opening paper is on "The Christian Doctrine of Non-resistance," and embodies the views of Count Tolstoi and Rev. Adin Ballou, as set forth in an extensive correspondence carried on during this year by these two great modern apostles of the doctrine of non-resistance. It is a paper of great interest, and probably shows the real attitude of Count Tolstoi on this question more clearly and correctly than anything else he has written. Rev. Minot J. Saragoe contributes a delightful paper entitled "Then and Now," which will be enjoyed by every reader whether grave or gay, as it contains profound philosophy while it is written in a bright entertaining vein. Prof. Y. S. Shaler appears in a strong paper on "The Nature of the Negro." This is one of the most valuable essays on the race problem which has yet appeared, in that it gives us an insight into the nature and possibilities of the negro and

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the Afro-American. Professor Shaler is followed by a broad spirited and able paper by the Rev. Lyman Abbott, the well-known pastor of Plymouth church, on "What is Christianity?" A full-page portrait of Dr. Abbott accompanies his paper. A. C. Wheeler, better known in the dramatic world as Nym Crinkle, writes in a brilliant critical paper, of the late Dion Boucicault. Helen H. Gardner appears in a splendid contribution entitled "Thrown in with the City's Dead." It is a narrative of the manner in which New York treated her mentally, morally, and physically dead; a frightful picture, the portrayal of which should do good. A full-page photograph of Miss Gardner accompanies this essay. President E. B. Andrews, of Brown University, writes ably on "Patriotism and the Public Schools."

WILD CHERRY BALSAM.—The memory of Dr. Wistar is embalmed in the hearts of thousands whom his Balsam of Wild Cherry has saved during the past fifty years, cured of coughs, colds, consumption, or some other form of pulmonary disease.

Marriages.

SWALLOW-MERRY.—Nov. 3, at Springfield, by Rev. S. Langille, Zeos Swallow, of Springfield, to Celia Merry, of Aylsford, N. S.

MORSE-FITZRANDOLPH.—At Williamstown, Nov. 26, by Rev. J. T. Eaton, Alfred F. Morse, to Annie M., only daughter of John FitzRandolph, Esq., of Annapolis Co., N. S.

DOTY-HUTCHINS.—At the Baptist parsonage, Digby, Nov. 26, by Rev. W. H. Richan, George E. Doty, of Waymouth, to Hannah Hutchins, of Rosaway.

GUION-HERRITT.—In this city, on the 3rd inst., by Rev. W. J. Stewart, William Guion, of Norton, Kings Co., N. B., to Henrietta Herritt, of St. John, N. B.

KENNEY-TRAVIS.—At the residence of the bride's parents, Argyle Head, Nov. 25, by Rev. A. F. Browne, Edgar L. Kenney, to Josie Travis, all of Argyle Head.

HENNE-LEE.—At the residence of the bride's father, by Rev. E. E. Locke, Joseph Lee, of Hillsboro, to Lee, of Annapolis Co., to Pauline E. Lee, of the same place.

BISHOP-LOVELY.—At the Exchange Hotel, Woodstock, Nov. 26, by Rev. Thos. Todd, Samuel Bishop, of River DeBute, to Emma E. Lovely, of Bristol, all of Carleton Co.

INGLIS-HARRIS.—At Lawrencetown, Nov. 20, by Rev. J. T. Eaton, Robert P. Inglis, of Toronto, to Ada May, daughter of Frederick Harris, of Bridgeport, Annapolis Co., N. S.

DOUGHERTY.—At Mr. Alfred Lade's, the bride's brother, Springfield, by Rev. S. Langille, John Duff, of Toronto, (from Edinburgh, Scotland), to Maggie Lade, of Lawrencetown, N. S.

GOUGHES-WOODWORTH.—Nov. 24, at Albion, by Rev. S. Langille, T. Norman Goughes, of Albany Cross, Annapolis Co., to Sedelia Woodworth, of Ohio, Lunenburg Co., N. S.

HAWES-MITTON.—At the residence of the bride's father, Turtle Creek, Albert Co., on Dec. 3, by Rev. W. Camp, Whitfield Hawks, of Albert, to Frances, youngest daughter of Richard Mitton.

TRUWORTHY-CHRISTIE.—Nov. 12, at the residence of the bride's father, Scotch Settlement, by Rev. S. D. Ervin, John Truworthy, of Dedham, Maine, to Mary L. Christie, of Scotch Settlement, York Co., N. B.

CRAIG-LEVICK.—On Nov. 27, at Marlboro, New Jersey, by Rev. Joseph E. Bowen, Ernest F. Craig (formerly of Whitfield Ridge, N. B., now of Glasboro, N. J.), to Mary D. Levick, of Finley Station, N. J.

Deaths.

DICKSON.—At Sonora, Oct. 14, Annie, daughter of John and Drusilla Dickson, in the ninth year of her age.

GRAY.—At Cumberland Bay Creek, Nov. 21, Bertha, aged 11 years, daughter of William and Isabel Grant.

BROWN.—At Newtonville, Kings Co., N. S., Nov. 24, Amelia, wife of the late Wm. H. Brown, aged 71 years.

HUTCHINS.—In the Asylum, Nov. 11, Naomi, aged 19 years, wife of Mathew Hutchins, of Cumberland Bay.

McLEAN.—At Lower Cumberland Bay, Nov. 13, Amy B., only daughter of Wm. G. and Matilda McLean, aged 17 years.

LEVINE.—In Hillsboro, Nov. 23, youngest daughter of brother and sister J. Lander, in her sixth year. "He shall gather the lambs in His arms, and carry them in His bosom."

FINLEY.—At Springfield, Nov. 30, Neta E. Finley, aged 2 years and 2 months. By this sad death our dear brother and sister have lost their first and only child. But they are comforted as David of old with the assurance that they shall go to her though she shall not come back to them.

OWELL.—At Newtonville, Nov. 27, Hibbert Caldwell, in the 74th year of his age. He suffered long, but with patience and submission; and gave to the last a noble testimony to the value of the gospel in sustaining the soul in the greatest trials, and its power to support in the hour of death.

MERRY.—At Albany, Annapolis Co., Oct. 5, after a short illness, Bro. James Merry, aged 83 years. Bro. Merry was baptized and received into the Albany church upwards of 50 years ago, and remained a member of that church until God took him. A large number of relatives and friends are left to mourn their loss.

MARCH.—At Bridgewater, N. S., Nov. 24, Fannie Haale, beloved daughter of Dr. Harry A. and Dotte E. March, aged

2 years and 6 months. The parents and friends of the departed little one have the sincere sympathy of the large and growing community in this severe affliction. May they realize the presence and support of the Divine Comforter.

MORRELL.—At Springfield, Nov. 24, of inflammation of the lungs, Pamela J. Morrell, aged 28 years. Our sister was a member of the 1st Baptist church here and had lived a faithful consistent life; she leaves many friends throughout the community to mourn over her sudden departure, and saddest among all are her father and mother, and eleven brothers and sisters. May the God of all comfort comfort them.

HUME.—At Chester, Aug. 26, Mr. James Hume, of East Chester, Lunenburg Co., in the 80th year of his age. Bro. Hume had been a consistent member of the church for over fifty years. He willingly submitted to the Divine will, and died trusting in Jesus Christ. He leaves an aged widow, five sons, and two daughters to mourn their loss. Useful in life, happy in death. Doubtless our departed brother knows now, as he could not know in life, the meaning of these words, "To die is gain."

ANDREA.—In Surrey, Oct. 21, after a lingering illness, Mrs. John Andrea, in the 78th year of her age. This dear sister was for many years a member of the 1st Hillsboro Baptist church. For many years she was a great sufferer, and the last six or seven years was confined to her bed with chronic rheumatism. Though constantly suffering, she was ever cheerful, and maintained firm trust in her Saviour. By her patient suffering she proclaimed the power of God's grace to help His children in times of deepest affliction. In her death our church sustains a great loss.

STODARD.—Suddenly, at Falkland Ridge, Annapolis Co., Sept. 12, Augusta, beloved wife of Jacob Stodard, aged 32 years. Sister Stodard was baptized by Rev. F. P. Murray in 1865, at the age of 12 years, and was admitted a member of Springfield church, of which she proved a worthy member until her death. She leaves a husband, three daughters, a good Christian mother and many others to mourn their loss. We miss her, but our loss is her gain. She prayed much for the conversion of her children, and God blessed her by letting her see, just before her death, the last one (the eldest) giving herself to Christ. Thus, happy in the conversion of her children, strong in faith and trust, she passed away to be at rest.

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