

Individuals have undertaken to do so; still there are some unclaimed yet. Single spots can be furnished for about twenty-five dollars. We also need help in furnishing our kitchen, dining room, and office. Will not some good sisters who serve full-time respond to the cry of need, send us sets of dishes, knives, forks, table-cloths, &c.?

Are the Sons of Ministers Bad Boys?

Your reference to some of the Presidents of the United States as a refutation of the too commonly expressed saying, that the sons of ministers, as a class, are lower in the scale than others, and your pertinent remarks in that connection led me to send you the following names in further confirmation of your position.

Ministers have given to the pulpit the following sons—Jonathan Edwards, Arch. Whately, Robert Hall, Lightfoot Lowth, Stillington, the Wesleys, the Beechers and the four Spurgeons.

They have given to the ranks of the world's poets, such men as Young, Cowper, Montgomery, Heber, Tennyson and Lowell.

Among their contribution to intellectual philosophers are the following names—Dugald, Stewart, Oudward, Reid, Broan, Abercrombie and Bentham.

Shining in the literary heavens are the following sons of ministers—Swift, Lockhart, Macaulay, Stears, Thackeray, Hazlitt, Bancroft, Emerson, Holmes, Kingsley, Mot, Arnold, Sir Christopher Wren, the architect, was the son of a minister. Sir Joshua Reynolds, the artist, was the son of a minister. Lord Nelson, the hero, was the son of a minister. Agassiz, the scientist, was the son of a minister.

As the son of a farmer and a close observer of the conduct of sons in general, I unhesitatingly repudiate the saying that the sons of ministers are worse than the sons of other men. Nay, in my humble opinion they are very far superior, as a class, in morals, and not inferior in mind.

D. G. MACDONALD.

V.

No. five has been held in abeyance longer than was anticipated. The renowned Prof. Lolette, who teaches drama in "The Art of Never Forgetting," visited the city, and among his class of about seven hundred, the writer and his "better half" were found. This, of course gave extra work that needed immediate attention—and consequently newspaper correspondence was laid aside.

But now, as I shall never more forget anything I see, hear, or read, I can afford time to finish my short series to the MESSENGER AND VISITOR.

Just here let me congratulate the Board of Directors and all the friends of the N. B. Seminary on their good fortune in being able to place Bro. Simpson at the head of the educational, and Bro. Gordon at the head of the financial department. It would be difficult to find better men for these places, respectively. All now needed to meet the highest hopes of those who planned and paid and prayed, are the blessing of God and the hearty co-operation of both wings of the Baptist body in New Brunswick. Let Acadia's Jubilee Fund be completed and the N. B. Seminary fully endowed, and the educational facilities of the territory covered by the Baptist Convention and the F. C. Baptist Conference (two bodies which, by the way, should and must become one) will be second to none under the control of any denomination in the Lower Provinces. God speed the efforts made in all these directions.

In my last I promised to tell your readers who are interested in me, all I know about my returning to the Provinces. And what shall I say? It would be a rather unceremonious dismissal of the subject to say that I know nothing about it, and yet what more can I say?

For a regular course in systematic theology, of which I felt my need through all the years of my ministry, and which I ardently craved, I left the Provinces, and for no other reason.

The object of my leaving is being attained. Having, by the grace of God, been permitted to enter upon the course at Newton Centre, I shall (I trust) unless I am "plucked," complete it at McMaster Hall on April 1st. What then? The dear Master knows.

"One step I see before me, 'Till all I need to see."

Where He may lead I'll follow, My trust in Him repose; And every hour, in perfect peace, I'll sing, He knows, He knows."

My work in this city is exceedingly pleasant. I can get large congregations wherever I was publicly to proclaim the good news—whether on the street corner (street preaching is quite common here), or under a roof. The church I have the honor of serving is growing rapidly. Our cords are lengthening every week. I gave the hand of fellowship to seven last night. We have nearly doubled our membership since the 1st of March. We are all of one mind. They appreciate the old gospel. It

is their intention that I shall continue my work here. They spontaneously added one-sixth to my salary last week. Yet in view of all this, I have neither forgotten nor forsaken the Lower Provinces. I am in the hands of Him whose I am and whom I serve, and if in April next He points to P. E. Island, Cape Breton, or any other place, my feet shall run in the way of His pointing. I believe, in a Divine call to the place of one's ministry as well as to the work of the ministry.

I have not turned my attention away from evangelistic work. More facilities in that direction are offered in connection with my present pastorate than in any previous one. The work may be styled evangelistic-pastoral in its character, and come nearer to my idea of church work than any heretofore enjoyed; yet when the Macedonian cry comes, as it does, from valued and faithful sowers of the seed to aid in gathering in the harvest, I find it hard to say no.

In conclusion, let me say that I have most satisfactory evidence of the leading of God's providence, as well as the help of His grace, in all my past wanderings. I, without hesitation, believe that I am here to-day because the Master wants me here, and I shall trust Him for directing wisdom and assisting grace in the future.

"All the way my Saviour leads me, What have I to ask besides? Can I doubt His tender care for me? Who thro' His life has been my guide? Heav'nly peace, divinely comfort, Here by faith in Him to dwell? For I know, whatever befall me, Jesus doeth all things well."

D. G. M.

314 Bathurst St., Toronto, Aug. 6.

Home Missions.

BOARD MEETING.

A special meeting of the Home Mission Board was held on the 6th inst., and the regular meeting on the 13th inst.

REPORTS

were received at these meetings from all the missionary pastors except two, who will seem to have overlooked the request to report all work to July 31.

GRANTS.

1. To the S. Andrews group, Char. Co., N. B., \$150 for one year, from August 1, 1888—Rev. C. W. Williams, pastor.

2. To the New Ross group, Lun. Co., N. S., \$25, to assist the Waverly church in making up their proportion of missionary's salary for three months—Stephen Laing, llo, missionary.

RECEIPTS

from August 10 to August 16:

Table with 2 columns: Item and Amount. Includes Convention Fund, North Temple \$8 \$9 00, Testaments sold, Per Rev. F. E. Boulton, Collection at Clementsport, etc.

Before reported.....\$1,351.76

Total.....\$7,197.77

A. COBURN, Cor. Sec'y.

Hebron, N. S., Aug. 16.

Acadia College Jubilee Fund.

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PAYMENTS

received since last report:

- Lewis S. Payson, Halifax, for 200 shares; T. E. Smith, Church St., Cornwallis, 10; Dea H. K. Eaton, Canard, 10; B. E. Rand, 10; Rev. R. Sanford, Bimbi, 40; A. Friend, St. John, 2; Dr. Dewitt, Halifax, 100; J. J. Wallace, Truro, 40; Miss Irene C. Spencer, Cove Bay, 10; I. M. G. Cunningham, Guysboro, 10; Mrs. I. M. G. Cunningham, ham, do, 10; Rev. A. E. Ingram, Pennfield, 10; from Oxford—Silas Goodwin, 1; Warren Goodwin, 1; Wm. Walker, 1; Mrs. W. Walker, 1; Charles Sutherland, San Francisco, 10; Miss Agnes Chipman, Hebron, 2; Charles L. Power, Yarmouth, 5; John Patten, Hebron, 10; S. F. Daniel, Paradise West, 4; Alonso Daniel, do, 1; Edward Bankman, Clements, 1; Mrs. E. Bankman, do, 1; C. S. Whitman, do, 2; from Clements—E. V. Potter, 1; Jos. Potter, 1; Howard Wright, 1; Mrs. R. Sanford, 2; Mrs. Wm. Spur, Clements West, 2; Dea Morris Adams, do, 2; John Potter, Smith's Cove, 2; Dr. Dyer, do, 2; Capt. Geo. Sullivan, do, 2; from Bar River—Dea Richard Clarke, 10; Rev. J. L. M. Young, 30; Dea Edw. Clarke, 4; Mrs. Edw. Clarke, 2; Miss Belle Clarke, 1; Dea Nelson Miller, 2; J. D. McCormick, 2; Dea H. H. Chute, 50; Mrs. H. H. Chute, 20; Mrs. Geo. Miller, 2; Miss Myrtle Miller, 1; Clarke Bros, 20; W. E. Reade, 2; from Base River—C. H. Havenstock, 10; Andrew Thompson, 2; Geo. A. Fallon, 2; Alvan Crowe, 2; Dea Somerville Fulton, 2; Charles Nelson, 4; Ferguson Davison, 4; Mrs. Charles P. Fulton, 1; Mrs. Isaac Fulton, 1; Francis Orwa, Upper Economy, 2; Dea Thos. Fulton, do, 2; David McLaughlin, do, 2; Mrs. Jane Fletcher, do, 1; Susan Murray, Centre Economy, 1; David P. Soley, Lower Economy, 40; A. J. Soley, do, 10; George McLaughlin, do, 2; Andrew Morrison, Five Islands, 1; Isaac Corbett, do, 2; John Taylor, do, 2; A. Friend, Truro, 2; Par. F. J. Bradshaw, Grand Mira, 1; Arthur Huntington, 1; Alfred Huntington, 1; Henry Huntington, 1; F. F. Hunting-

ton, 1; H. Huntington, 1; H. Huntington, 1; M. Huntington, 1; James Severance, 1; F. J. Bradshaw, 2; Mrs. Lockhart Dimock, N. W. view, 4; Rev. C. Henderson, 10, and friend J. Hebron, —7824. Before reported, 11,996; Total, 12,779 shares.

A. COBURN, Sec'y. Job. Com.

Religious Intelligence.

NEWS FROM THE CHURCHES.

CHIPMAN.—Baptism at Chipman on July 29th. W. G. G. REV.

ALMA.—One was baptized into the Alma church Aug. 5th.

OAK BAY, CHAR. CO.—The good work still continues at Bartlett's Mills. It was my happy privilege to baptize five happy converts on the 12th inst. Bro. F. C. Wright, a very earnest worker in the Master's cause, was with me on that day.

Aug. 14th. F. S. TOWN.

CLEMENS.—It was my privilege to visit Rev. N. Archibald's field last Lord's day, and to observe with his people at Waldie the Lord's Supper at the close of the morning service, and to baptize into the fellowship of the church at Clementvale an interesting young person, in the afternoon. The congregation at the latter service was very large. I was sorry to find our esteemed Brother Archibald greatly afflicted with Sciatica. His sufferings have been very severe. It is hoped he is now gradually recovering. His people, great to their credit, have showed the utmost sympathy for their beloved minister during his prostration. Overwork is supposed to be the cause of the present prostration. Brother Archibald has had nine preaching stations, and about as many Sabbath-schools under his care. He has been abundant in labors, and the church has made rapid growth under his ministry. I was present at a meeting of the whole church on Friday last when it was unanimously resolved to divide the territory hitherto occupied by the Clements church into two fields of labor, and incipient steps were accordingly taken.

ISA WALLACE.

Granville Ferry, Aug. 15.

PERSONAL.

The Billwits church have granted Bro. Beale a vacation of six weeks. We wish him a very pleasant time, and hope he may be refreshed for his work. Let us hear from other churches doing the same.

Bro. Leban, agent of the Grand Ligne Mission, is on a visit to the Maritime Provinces. We commend him to our people.

NOTICES

The Senate of Acadia College will meet in the library on Tuesday, the 28th inst., at 9 o'clock, a. m. A full attendance is requested. W. H. WATSON, Sec'y.

Bridgetown, N. S., Aug. 9.

Notice is hereby given that the annual meeting of the stock holders of the Maritime Baptist Publishing Co. will be held in the vestry of the Baptist Church, Wolfville, Nova Scotia, on Friday evening, August 24, at 8 o'clock.

There will be a meeting of the Board of Governors of Acadia College, Friday, Aug. 24th, in College library, at 10 a. m. T. A. HIGGINS, Sec'y.

The next annual meeting of the Baptist Convention of the Maritime Provinces will be held at Wolfville, N. S., commencing Saturday, August 25th, 1888, at ten o'clock, a. m. The first session will be held in Assembly Hall, of Acadia College. Forms for returns have been sent to the churches. Additional copies can be supplied if necessary. Pastors and clerks are hereby requested to see that their returns are duly forwarded, whether delegates are appointed or not. E. M. KILBESTAD, Sec'y.

Wolfville, N. S., Aug. 5, '88.

BAPTIST BOOK AND TRACT SOCIETY.

The Directors of the Baptist Book and Tract Society will have a meeting at Wolfville on Saturday, Aug. 25, at 9 a. m. The Annual Meeting of the Society will be held on Monday, Aug. 27, at 9 a. m.

Delegates wishing to attend the Eastern Association held at Canoe, will note the following arrangements: All delegates by paying one full fare on the Inter-colonial (including Eastern Extension), Cape Breton route, and "Rimouski," which places between Mulgrave and Canoe, can return free, on presentation of a certificate of attendance. Delegates who come by the Guysboro' Coach will have to pay one fare and a half. The "Rimouski" leaves Mulgrave on the arrival of the train, twice a week for Canoe, Monday and Friday afternoons, and returns Tuesday and Saturday mornings in time for the train. The fare is \$1.75. We will not be able to hold our first session until Saturday morning, the 8th of September. Delegates who wish entertainment while here will be kind enough to forward their names to Mr. R. C. WILKINSON, at nine o'clock, September 1st. Those who intend to come with private teams, will please mention it.

H. B. SMITH.

The Executive Board of the W. B. M. U. will hold its business meeting on Saturday, Aug. 25th, at 10 o'clock, in Wolfville. The business meeting of the Union will be held at half-past two of the same day. The mass meeting will be held on Monday, 27th, at half past two o'clock p. m.

M. E. MARCH, Cor. Sec'y W. B. M. U.

Travelling Arrangements

TO AND FROM CONVENTION.

Delegates to Convention will please note: The Inter-colonial (including Eastern Extension), Grand Southern, Elgin, Peticodiac and Havelock, Spring Hill and Parroboro, and P. E. Island Railways will return delegates who have paid one full first-class fare, free, on presentation of certificate.

The New Brunswick Railway will issue tickets from stations to be named next week—for one fare, good for return.

The steamers of P. E. Island Navigation Co., Secret. of Bay of Fundy, Boats of Union Line of St. John River, return delegates free on presentation of certificate.

Western Counties Railway, will grant return tickets to all attending Convention, between all stations and Annapolis, at one and one-third fare. Parties must buy a

first class ticket to Annapolis, going, and will be returned for one third fare, on presentation of certificate on Steamer Evageline, and at ticket office in Digby. Good to 31st of August.

Steamer Evangeline, will issue 50 first class return tickets, from Digby to Annapolis, at one fare, which will be good for return only on presentation of certificate of attendance from secretary of Convention.

St. John and Minas Basin Route, Messrs. E. Churchill and Sons' Steamers will return parties having paid a first class fare going, free, on presentation of certificate of attendance.

Steamer Arcadia, will issue return tickets from Lunenburg to Halifax at \$2.00 to all parties going to Convention.

CHANGE OF ARRANGEMENT FOR DELEGATES TRAVELLING OVER WINDOR AND ANAPOLIS RAILWAY.

Return tickets will be sold at all stations, to Wolfville a one and one-third fare, thus saving the trouble of securing certificate at Convention for reduced rates. Tickets can be bought from 24th to 28th, inclusive, good till 31st inst. Be sure and ask for a return ticket to Wolfville.

The boats of Bras D'Or Steam Navigation Company will return free parties who have paid a first class fare going to Convention, on presentation of certificate of attendance, on presentation of certificate of attendance from Secretary of Convention.

For the Committee, J. A. GORDON.

Marriages.

JOHNSON-FITCH.—At Marlboro, Mass., Dec. 20th, 1887, by Rev. F. A. Newton Merton A. Johnson, of Westboro, Mass., son of the late Adam Johnson, of Lower Truro, to Miss Emma A. Fitch.

DEBHAM-McCORQUINDALE.—At Fredericton, Aug. 16th, by Rev. F. D. Crawley, Mr. W. O. Dunham, of the Post Office Department, Carleton Place, to Miss Miss McCORQUINDALE, of Fredericton.

CHESELY-BALCOM.—At Lawrence town, Annap. County, N. S., Aug. 13, by Rev. J. T. Eaton, Geo. E. Chesley, Esq., of Middleton, to Mrs. L. A. M. Balcom, daughter of the late E. M. Marshall, Esq., of Digby, N. S.

LIBBY-BALCOM.—At the residence of the bride's uncle, Geo. H. Chase, Esq., on the 23rd ult., by Rev. W. G. Corey, Mr. George Libbey, of Sanbury Co., to Miss Malinda A. Bailey, of Canning, Queens Co., N. B.

DICKINSON-WRIGHT.—At the residence of the officiating minister, Woodstock, on the 18th inst., by the Rev. Thomas Todd, Mr. Amos Dickinson and Miss Leina Wright, both of the Parish of Canterbury, York Co.

Deaths.

MARSH.—On July 6th, in her 18th year, Ellen, daughter of Bro. and Sister Henry Marsh, Back River, after a long and troublesome illness. Our young sister experienced religion more than six years ago, during the pastorate of Bro. Bleakney, by whom she was baptized, and for whom she was a minister of principle, and she clung to it till the end. She spent the six years of her Christian life to honor her Master, whom she loved so well. She was buried on Sunday, the 8th, when a large concourse of people came together to pay their last tribute of respect. Sermons preached by pastor from these words: "The man is not dead, but sleepeth." "May the Lord comfort Bro. and Sister Marsh in their great sorrow." D. P.

BLAKENEY.—At Stillwater, Minn., Friday, August 3, of nervous prostration, Almira M., wife of D. A. Blakeney, and youngest daughter of Daniel and Elmira Foster, aged 27 years and 10 months, leaving her husband and two daughters aged 9 and 4 years and a large circle of friends to mourn their loss. Her loss is deeply felt in the First Baptist church, of which she was a consistent member and faithful worker.

JOHNSON.—At Manserville, Subury Co., N. B., on Aug. 2nd, Sister Johnson, widow of the late Geo. N. Johnson, passed the boundary line of suffering, as it is now with the Saviour she loved so dearly and served so faithfully while on earth. The call was sudden; she fell only a few hours, but soon got up. She professed faith in Christ recently, and was baptized by my predecessor, Bro. Webb. She made a straight record since then. The house she left is a sad one. Fatherless and motherless children stood by the side of their mother weeping as if their hearts would break. The duty of officiating at the funeral was one of the saddest experiences of my life. May the God of all comfort send his consoling angel to bind up the broken and bleeding hearts of the orphans. Sermon preached by the writer from Job 14:1, 2.

JOHNS.—In Liver, Aug. 14, at the home of her father, Dea. Cornwall Anderson, of the East Baptist church, of which she was a devoted member. Mrs. Mary E. Johns, formerly of Lower Gravelly, N. S., aged 42 years and one month. Mrs. Johns for several months suffered from consumption. During her long sickness she was very patient, and in all her hours of distress she confidently put her trust in Jesus. Her promise was fulfilled to her, "Lo, I am with you always," as she neared the eternal home. She was an excellent housewife, a devoted, true loving and consistent Christian, she had few equals. Ever kind and unselfish, she endeared herself to all. Her last hours, like her whole life, were full of faith and trust in God, and she peacefully fell asleep in Jesus. Her loss will be deeply felt, especially by her own family, to whom her cherished memory will be a perpetual blessing. Her father and mother deeply mourn the loss of a beloved daughter; but they find comfort in the hope that she has found in His presence fullness of joy.

ELMAN.—At Ottawab, May 17, Mrs. Caroline E. Elman, aged 78 years. She leaves two sons and three daughters to mourn their loss.

HANES.—On the 25th July, of consumption, at the residence of Rev. Henry Hanes, DeLina Hanes, in the 16th year of her age, grand daughter of Rev. Henry Hanes. She died trusting in Jesus that he would receive her spirit.

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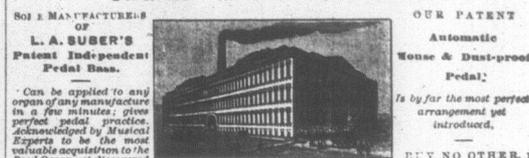
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