

From the Churches.

HALIFAX.—The Rev. P. S. McGregor, of Yarmouth County, has accepted the position of Missionary for the County of Halifax and is expected to enter upon his work on the first of May.

DIGBY, N. S.—The meetings are yet full of interest. Will baptize again tomorrow. Deacon John Ross is conducting meetings nightly at Broad Cove with encouragement. B. H. THOMAS.

BEAR RIVER, N. S.—Baptized eight last Lord's day. Others are received. The Methodists are now having a good time. Several are seeking God. The whole village is shaken and only a few remain to reach. G. W. SCHURMAN.

WEST YARMOUTH CHURCH.—The rich blessing has come. The Lord has greatly refreshed us. We received fifteen for baptism. Others are coming. Many have been helped spiritually. Bro. A. F. Baker rendered us grand help. To the Lord be all the praise. C. P. WILSON.

HILLSBORO, N. B.—On Sunday, March 20, the pastor, W. Camp, baptized the following into the Hillsboro Baptist church: Thomas H. Curran, Arthur W. Rogers and Lena C. Steeves. This makes twenty-five which have been received into the church since the beginning of the new year. W. C.

SACKVILLE, N. B.—The good work still goes on here. Eleven were baptized on the 20th. Ten more are received for baptism. Seeking ones are finding the Lord each night. Fifty-five have now been buried with their Lord. We are expecting Brother H. McLean to assist us for a week with his gospel songs. H. E. DALRY.

VICTORIA BRANCH, LOWER GRANVILLE, N. S.—A gracious revival is in progress at Victoria Beach. Three promising young women were baptized on Tuesday, March 22, and in the evening about twenty-five persons arose for prayer. It has been a source of great pleasure to me to re-visit these scenes of my early ministry in this province and to rejoice over the conversion of young people whose parents I baptized many years ago. J. A. WALLACE.

NEW GLASGOW.—We were privileged last Sunday to receive into our membership Miss Jennie Haggart, from the Franklin Baptist church, Mass. Our work is progressing slowly, with no extra encouragements. Last year we raised for our local running expenses \$1,349.25. We are hoping this year to pay off at least \$200 of our large debt and to contribute more largely to the denominational work. A Mission Band has been formed and is preparing an Easter concert. G. P. RAYMOND.

SIBSON RIDGE, VICTORIA CO., N. B.—We are happy to report that the Lord is blessing us wonderfully at the present time. A grand wave of salvation has been sweeping over our community. Bro. Hayward, of Florenceville, came up and baptized fifteen candidates. He stayed with us a few days and was much appreciated by the people. We are still moving forward. Many more are coming to the light and have expressed their desire to follow Christ in the ordinance of baptism. Since coming on the field thirty-five have been added to the church at this place. The prospect looks brighter for our people in this vicinity than ever before. May the dear Lord still continue to lead the way. D. F. MILLIN.

SPRINGFIELD, ANNA CO., N. S.—We regret to report that our pastor, Rev. J. Webb, has resigned the pastorate of the Springfield, East Dalhousie and Albany churches, the same to come into effect on May 1. Brother Webb's resignation was, I think, a surprise to everyone on the field. We had hoped that he would be induced to reconsider the matter. However, we can but express our sincere regret at the separation when we consider the unanimity and good-will that universally exists between pastor and people. Brother Webb is an earnest worker, a faithful preacher of the gospel, a kind and sympathizing pastor, and cannot fail to be a blessing to any field wherever he may be called. E. H. S.

WEST END CHURCH, HALIFAX, N. S.—A week of special services was followed on Sunday last by the administration of the ordinance of baptism. One of the Sabbath School scholars, Elsie Blakeney, was the one who this followed her Master in His own appointed way. The church was filled to its utmost seating capacity at this

service, and not one but could have been deeply impressed with the blessed solemnity of the scene when our young sister was "buried with the Lord in baptism." Before the meeting closed Pastor Lawson gave the right hand of fellowship to four new members, (including the sister just mentioned), reminding them in impressive words of their duties and privileges. Altogether the service was one of the most happy and blessed seasons we have enjoyed for a long time. It seems a fresh proof that although the outlook so often seems dark, yet the work is the Lord's. In the morning the pastor preached a sermon especially to the children, telling them in plain simple language the "old, old story of Jesus and His love." Those who listened could not help but wish for more of just the same kind of preaching, and wondering if it would not help along the cause if greater attention were devoted to preaching the simple gospel, which is the power of salvation to all who believe. J. R. D.

THORNETOWN, N. B.—I know the many friends of the Baptist church at Thornetown will be pleased to know that though the winter has been a stormy one, yet we have experienced a time of refreshing from the presence of the Lord that will be remembered by many during life as the time of deliverance. The church has been strengthened, backsliders reclaimed and sinners converted. To God be all the glory. Bro. E. K. Ganong took charge of this church, as pastor, November 1, and on November 28 he baptized Walker Perry; December 4, Thomas Perry, Elijah Hunter, David Thorne, Anna M. Connell, Agnes Hetherington, Jane Perry; December 11, Cleveland Perry, Maggie Worden, Lillie K. Ridley, Bertha Starkey, Malcolm Dunham, Mabel Thorne, Mary H. Hetherington; December 18, George Gamblin, S. G. Dunham, Maggie D. Hetherington, Effie Panjacy, Alma Corcoran; on experience M. B. Dunham; December 26, George Hunter, Coleby Perry, Mrs. D. Corcoran; January 2, Bud Perry, Ethel Armstrong; February 6, Lora Starkey, Kate Starkey on experience, Mrs. Anna Starkey on experience, Mrs. M. A. Hetherington, W. H. Somerville and Elizabeth J. Somerville by letter, making twenty-six baptized, twenty-five of whom joined the church, and two on experience and three by letter, making thirty added to the church. J. T. HETHERINGTON, Clerk.

ANTIGONISH, N. S.—A very pleasant and genuine surprise awaited the pastor and his wife on Thursday evening the 17th inst. Some of the friends had found out that it was the anniversary of our marriage. The sewing circle met at the parsonage in the p. m. In the evening the circle was increased by a number of the members of the church and congregation. Still the pastor and wife were wholly unaware of their plans, which they had managed to keep very secret. After the evening had partly passed, we were all summoned to the parlor, and Mrs. Forrest, in a few well chosen words, presented us with a very handsome banquet lamp. As soon as this presentation was over, Mrs. J. M. Brough, on behalf of the Missionary Aid Society, came forward, and in an appreciative address, put into the hands of Mrs. Robinson a Certificate of Life Membership in the W. B. M. U. We feel very grateful for these evidences of appreciation and esteem. Our prayer is that we may so labor and live among this kind people that Christ's Kingdom will be strengthened and His name magnified. W. H. ROBINSON.

MAIN ST. BAPTIST CHURCH.—Evangelist Martin is yet troubled with hoarseness which hinders him from much singing, although on Sunday he gave us three straight talks to crowded houses, the vestry as well as main audience room being well filled. The topic of afternoon service being, three schools of St. John, the Secular and Sunday Schools vs. the Schools of Crime. This subject was handled without gloves, the speaker showing that the teaching of the better Schools was soon neutralized by such influence as was found in the saloon, and appealing to Christian people to come up strongly against the curse and drive it from the land forever. The choir of this service consisted of Sunday School scholars which together with the congregation rendered excellent music. Rev. G. R. White of Fairville performed the ordinance of baptism at the close of the service. Again in the evening Bro. Martin spoke eloquently his subject being, Lies and those seeking refuge behind them. The music also being a feature of this service. A short and interesting prayer and praise service was conducted at the close. The services will continue on Tuesday, Wednesday, Thursday, and Friday evening of this week. A. W. G.

ELGIN ST.—There was an interesting service held in connection with this church on Sabbath, the 6th inst. It was in connection with the re-dedication of the church building to the service of God. Quite extensive repairs

had been made upon the inside of the house. New windows of stained glass have taken the place of the old ones; there have been some changes made in the arrangement of the pews; the pulpit platform has been lowered; the ceiling is of wood, hereafter there will be no falling plaster; the walls are nicely tinted, and the old-fashioned stoves have given place to the modern furnace. The whole house presents an attractive appearance and reflects great credit upon the members of the church and congregation. The cost of these improvements was about \$750. The services connected with the re-opening of the house of worship were conducted by the Revs. John Hughes and J. W. Manning. Mr. Hughes preached the sermon of re-dedication from the words "This is none other than the house of God, and this is the gate of heaven," as found in Gen. 28:17. The discourse was instructive and helpful as showing what the church is for and what it should be to those who gather within its walls for worship. The dedicatory prayer was offered by Rev. J. W. Manning. In the afternoon this brother preached a stimulating sermon from Luke 15:22. The evening service was conducted by Rev. J. Hughes, who preached from Matt. 17:18, from which Jesus was held up before the people as the only hope of a lost world. Worth seeing, worth receiving, worth believing, and so worth serving. Mr. Manning closed the service with an earnest appeal to all present to accept the Lord Jesus as their personal Saviour. The exercises throughout the day were very interesting and enjoyable. Large congregations greeted the preachers at each of the three services, notwithstanding the storm of the previous day which made the roads very heavy. The 1st Elgin church is pastorless at present. The field is an inviting one. The people are appreciative. They like good preaching. They want an earnest, loving pastor, who is wise and prudent. A good man is greatly needed, and if he and the people can unite there is no reason why a long and useful pastorate should not result. The Forest Glen church, about seven miles distant, co-operates with this church in the support of a pastor. It is such a field that any man might gladly take hold of and work for his Master. Com.

Recognition Service.

On Friday evening a large congregation gathered at the Tabernacle, Halifax, to witness the induction of the Rev. W. E. Bates. A good program had been arranged. Singers of note in the city were present to assist the choir of the Tabernacle in the musical part of the services. There were solos, duets, quartettes, anthems and other music. It was in abundance and of a good quality. Rev. G. A. Lawson, as chairman, presided with tact and dignity. To his praise be it said, the chairman's remarks were brief, a good example in a program of twenty items. The church, and its various organizations presented Mr. Bates with well written, hearty addresses of welcome. Dr. Kempton extended the right hand of fellowship to the new pastor on behalf of the Baptists of the city. The denomination's welcome was given by Rev. Dr. Saunders, the minister received a very thorough charge from Rev. Z. L. Fash. Rev. A. Chute, unavoidably absent, did not give the charge to the church, but Principal Forrest who had been selected to speak for the Presbyterians, tackled on to his address, a very serious and sound charge to the church. The Rev. A. Hockin spoke

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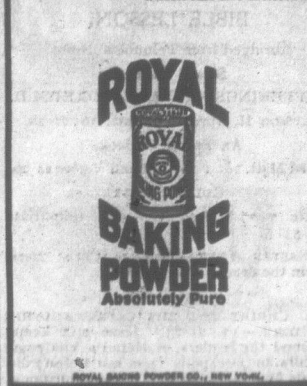


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