

"Can we not wait longer? Maybe she has been delayed," said Mrs. Rossman, in tones of disappointment.

"We will wait a little while, but not long; the air is full of dampness and I fear you will take cold."

They resumed their walk up and down the path, and there came to them faint sounds across the river—the sounds of martial music, fife, drum, cornet mingled with voices singing:

"Like a mighty army
Moves the Church of God;
Brothers, we are treading
Where the saints have trod!"

"Our Salvationist friends" Mr. Leonard observed, "May God bless their efforts."

The music died away and all was still, until presently the silence was broken by the sound of feet hurrying across the bridge a little farther down.

Mrs. Rossman grasped her companion's arm in sudden excitement.

"Listen! Somebody is running this way! Perhaps it may be the person we are expecting."

"We will wait and see," was the calm reply.

Nearer and nearer came the flying feet.

The moon had risen by this time, and its light, slanting up from the horizon, brought into distinctness the figure of a young man—a mere lad—running headlong.

He showed no intention of slackening his pace, however, as he drew near, and it was not until the minister boldly blocked the way, calling out meanwhile, "What is the matter, my friend?" that he came to an abrupt pause.

"I am going for an ambulance, sir, and the doctor! There's been a row over in one of the Blackthorne Tenements! Mag Smith's got on a drunk and killed her young one!"—and without waiting to give further explanations, the lad took to his heels again and was soon out of sight.

To be Continued.

Church Organization.

Pursuant to a call from Rev. J. A. Marple and Rev. W. A. McNeil and also from a number of Baptists of Graves Settlement. A council convened at the above mentioned place on Dec. 3, 1902. The council organized by the appointment of Rev. N. H. McNeil chairman, and Rev. J. W. Brown Sec'y. After a devotional service, Evangelist Marple being called upon stated the object of the meeting giving the names of twenty believers—nine of whom had recently been baptized by Bro. Marple—who wished to be organized into a church. The chairman then read the articles of Faith, and the Covenant, to which these twenty assented. The chairman then declared them to be a Baptist church, and a part of the Baptist Denomination of the Maritime Provinces. The secretary then upon request of the chairman extended to them the hand of fellowship, in the name of the Baptist Denomination.

The church then proceeded to elect officers as follows:—Clerk, Wilfred Gray, Hillsgrove; West. Co.; Deacons, Wilfred Gray, C. Davies; Treasurer, M. Cain.

A formal service was to have been held in the evening at which the deacons were to have been ordained, but as a wild storm raged in the evening, this part of the programme was not carried out.

J. W. BROWN, Sec'y.

Feb. 25.

Religious News.

Since the advent of Pastor LEINSTER STREET. Christopher Burnett last May, great reason has been afforded for encouragement. The congregations have considerably increased at all the services.

A men's Baraca Bible Class was organized last September which is doing good work among young men. A few months ago the church decided to adopt congregational singing which procedure has been amply justified by the heartiness of this exercise of worship. The New Baptist Hymnal "Sursum Corda" introduced at the beginning of the year is giving great satisfaction to all lovers of choice hymnology and church music. On Sunday March 1st, the hand of fellowship was given to eight new members, five of whom had been baptized during February. No special meetings have been held but the power of God has been manifested in the usual ones and the prospects are hopeful for more baptisms shortly.

The regular services of the GERMAIN STREET church are being well attended and full of interest. Two were baptized on March 1st.

Since the first of January we have baptized seven, and restored two. One has been excluded. One station school opened with good prospects. There are now to boarders and 18 day scholars on the roll.

W. V. HIGGINS.

It was my privilege to administer the ordinance of baptism to one believer in Jesus, on the 15th of February, and another on the 22nd of the same month. Four received the right hand of fellowship into the church last Sunday evening. Others will join shortly.

A. T. DYKEMAN.

Our field is large in one way but small in another way. Large in extent of square miles, but small in numbers. There are in all about 35 straight Baptist families on the field, which are striving heroically to support three churches. The burden is quite heavy, and the pastor does all he can to help bear it. We are not without encouragement, praise God.

C. CURRIE.

A good word comes from MILLTOWN, M. E. This field where pastor Lavers recently of St. George has settled. The congregations are most excellent. The appreciation of the pastor's work is genuine and hearty, already there has been an increase in salary. The appreciative spirit is shown in generous donations, and the pastor's heart is greatly cheered by these indications of love and esteem. Here the outlook for an ingathering is promising.

OAK BAY.

The work on this field is progressing. The pastor is abundant in labors. Congregations are good, and the outlook for harvest is promising. The other sections of the group, Rolling Dam and Bartlett's Mills are making steady progress. Owing to the scattered condition of the people in the former the service are not so well attended in stormy weather. The outlook for the Ledge Duffern is not so hopeful. The Baptist people are moving from the place. We would like a visit from Evangelist Hayward in the near future.

During the months of winter MONCTON, N. B. the presence of God has been manifested in our services. The word preached from the pulpit and taught in the Sunday school has been blessed to

the conversion of souls. On Sunday morning March 1st Pastor Hutchinson had occasion to again visit the baptistry. Five young believers were baptized into the likeness of the Saviour's death. A week ago the registered attendance of our Sunday school was four hundred and eighty-three. We are looking for others to follow Christ in the near future.

The work here is showing IST HILLSBORO. signs of progress and there is much of an encouraging nature in connection with the church. Some change has been made in the method of raising funds, both for local and denominational objects, and it is hoped that this will prove beneficial, as the church has not had any definite method by which this has been done. We expect to revise our church book and seek to ascertain what our actual strength is, and then make a great effort to bring our resident forces into active, real union with the church and with Christ. The great need among us is enthusiastic, earnest interest in the cause of Christ by the rank and file of the church. There is some substantial gain in this direction, which is cause for gratitude. There are a goodly number also interested in the matter of personal salvation. The first year of work with this church has closed, and it has been a year of preparation, a pleasant and we hope a profitable year in the work of Christ. The uniform kindness and appreciation of the people tend to make our stay one of very great pleasure. One evening recently a few of the good sisters called and on behalf of the people presented me with a beautiful fur coat. This, and other tokens of good will are much appreciated and tend to unite us more closely in the great work of building the kingdom of God in our community.

J. R. G.

J. C. Bleakney who had charge of the Tobique field while making a visit, fell into the cellar of the house and struck on his head. The injury was of such a serious nature that it was thought at first the end was near. His son-in-law, Dr. Baker of Woodstock, went up to see him and found him able to be removed. He was brought down to Woodstock on the 6th inst. Brother Bleakney will have the sincere sympathy of his brethren in this affliction and a strong desire for his speedy recovery.

We very much regret that sickness prevented our having the last issue of this paper mailed in due time. It should have been mailed on the 26th Feb. instead of 4th of March. We hope this kind of delay with the paper will not occur again; and that our subscribers will forgive the disappointment. Mishaps come to pass sometimes with most everything we have to do with in this world. We are very thankful to those subscribers who have sent in their renewals for the paper, and for the kind words that accompanied their remittances, and we hope that others will soon do likewise, especially those who are in arrears. You can tell by the date given on your paper how much is now due for it. For instance, Jan. 1901 means that payment was made to that date, or that you began taking it at that date; and that now there is one dollar due for it, and we wish to say that it is too late now to stop the paper in this year, two months having gone by; it must run this year out now, or pay 25 cents first of July and stop then. If any one is not getting their paper regularly they will oblige us if they will let us know. The manager of the paper is laid up with asthma, and can not go round and call upon subscribers for payments. But the health funds to keep the paper going. Please forward your payments and save him from embarrassment.