

Ontario Letter.

This is the month of storms in this part of the world. We always expect from four to six weeks of cloud, rain, snow, then Indian summer. We have had the cloud, the rain, the snow and the Indian summer, but so generally mixed and alternated, that we literally know not what a day or an hour might bring forth. At this present moment the rain "has the floor," or rather the sky and earth; and nature wears such an aspect as she must have worn when Thomas Hood wrote:

"No warmth, no cheerfulness, no healthful ease;
No comfortable feel in any member,
No shade, no shine, no butterflies, no bees;
No fruits, no flowers, no leaves, no birds,
November!"

A peculiar feature of this season has been that the most severe storms have come on Sunday. For six successive Sundays the congregations have felt the depression. The indifferent, the aged, the sickly, and the "fair weather Christians," were conspicuously absent, while the faithful ones held bravely to their duty. Some of these stormy days, however, are days of refreshing. The pastor's heart warms toward those who prove themselves his faithful allies. They are always the earnest and the devout of the people, and it often happens that a rainy Sunday is productive of much good.

CHURCH MATTERS

The First church, Guelph, has called Rev. W. Hartley, of the Allegheny Avenue church, Philadelphia. He has accepted.

Rev. H. F. Laflamme, of the Teignish, has been recently married to Miss Fitch, of the Maritime Province field.

Bloor St. church, Toronto, has called Rev. O. C. S. Wallace, of Lawrence, Mass., and he has accepted.

Over fifty years ago, one Rev. John Gilmour planted a Baptist church in the township of Smith, County of Peterboro, in the north-eastern part of Ontario, and became the founder of the Baptist cause in all the adjoining region. There has been built lately a memorial chapel alongside the first building, now half a century old, at a cost of \$3,000; and it was dedicated a few weeks ago free of debt.

Rev. A. E. De St. Dalmas has removed from Petrolia. He takes charge of two missions under the care of the First church, Brantford.

Rev. E. C. Hallan, of Dundas, for 30 years a missionary in India under the American Free Baptist Board, for several years past a Canadian pastor, returns to India under his former auspices. He will be supported by the First Baptist church, Buffalo, N. Y.

Quarterly Meeting.

The P. E. I. Baptist quarterly meeting, at the date advertised, convened with the church at East Point. Ministers present: Revs. M. Ross, J. C. Spurr, R. H. Bishop and J. A. Gordon. Rev. H. Bishop was re-elected president, and F. D. Davison, secretary. All the sessions were interesting and profitable. On Tuesday night, Rev. Mr. Spurr preached an able and suggestive sermon from Isa. 119: 124-125, and on Wednesday, in the absence of Bro. Davison, the undersigned preached from Acts 28: 31. These sermons were followed by earnest addresses by the brethren. The venerable Father Ross has been with us. His sermons and addresses have always been good, but as he advances in years they have a peculiar spiritual power and flavor of ripeness, which is not easily described.

A very intelligent man, having heard him preach in Charlottetown, remarked to me at the close, "Was that good?" I replied, "What was good? His answer was, 'Well—the man is good.' As there not a good deal in that, the man back of his words gave them power.

Bro. Bishop is firmly and deservedly entrenched in his people's confidence and affection, and his church is steadily growing in all that pertains to real strength. There is marked progress all along the line in Bro. Spurr's charge. The house of worship at Rustico has been repaired and reopened. Just a word here, a honor to him for his labors. The Cavendish church, P. E. I., so far as contributions towards denominational objects are concerned, is the banner church in the convention. Wolfville even must step down or else break her own grand record next year. Alberton and Alexandria fields are vacant, and all our fields are so large that it is hard for our pastors to leave home long enough to attend the quarterly meetings even. I am sure the pastors on this island do not eat the bread of idleness.

It will be hard for the island to secure a man that will fill the place of our Kinley, who has gone to Paradise, N. S. The next quarterly meeting will convene with the church at St. Peter's Road on the third Tuesday of January, at 2:30 p.m. The undersigned (who has been appointed secretary pro tem) is to preach the quarterly sermon, Rev. A. E. Albany to be alternate.

Grande Ligne Mission.

Circulars have been sent to most of the churches in Nova Scotia, New Brunswick and P. E. I., and we understand collections have been recommended by your convention to be taken Sunday, December 7. We hope the offering will be a liberal one. We want to extend our work. Doors are opening to us, and we trust that you will make the way plain for us to enter therein by sending large contributions.

A. A. AYER,
Acting President.

Religious Intelligence.

NEWS FROM THE CHURCHES.

GOVERNOR, N. S.—Administered the ordinance of baptism again on the 15th inst. We expect to baptize again soon.

WILLARD P. ANDERSON.
GRAND LAKE.—Since last writing you I have baptized five more in addition to what had already been baptized and added to this church, and four at Chipman.

W. T. COREY.
NEWCASTLE, N. B.—The church here is still without pastor. Also Upper and Lower Blackville, Blisfield, Boistown, Little South West and Northeast. Two men are very much needed.

D. W. CRANDALL.
CHARLOTTETOWN.—From Rev. J. A. Gordon we learn that the work is prospering in Charlottetown. The new church is to be ready for occupancy about Christmas. It will cost when finished about \$12,000, toward which there have been received in donations some \$1,700, not nearly so much as was promised, but still a great help and sufficient to call forth the gratitude of the church. During the quarter ending Oct. 1, the Charlottetown people themselves have paid in cash \$2,000. As an illustration of how the people "lift," one young sister, a dressmaker, paid \$55 toward the building fund and her proportion toward other objects. The social meetings are interesting and a spirit of seriousness is manifested.

SACKVILLE.—Through the month of October we held a very pleasant and enjoyable series of evangelistic services. The little band of worthy disciples were greatly cheered and strengthened. Four were received by letter, and on Sabbath Nov. 2nd, three were baptized. Others were brought into fellowship with Jesus, who will probably soon come forward.

The Sabbath school work is full of hope. It is blessed to be sowing the good seed; but more precious is it to be sowing the sheaves. O for great revivals this year all over our land. The most important field for the display of God's grace seems to us to be among our Academies and our Colleges. There four hundred and more of our sons and our daughters are training and being trained for the highest stations. May the prayer of faith come out of all their homes for such a work of the Holy Spirit as will multiply missionaries and pastors and consecrated men for all the professions of our advancing country.

E. N. A.

CHARLOTTE CO.—News from the churches is generally read with a good degree of interest, and a few lines from the churches of Charlotte Co. may not be amiss. Rev. F. S. Todd, our pastor, has been with us nearly three years. He has charge of four churches. His field of labor is very large, and his work abundant. Large additions have been made to the churches during his pastorate. The parsonage on the Oak Bay, Rolling Dam, and St. Stephen Ledge Baptist church edifices, have undergone very extensive repairs. Also a very neat new place of worship erected at Bartlett's Mill. All are in very neat and modern style, with good organs in each house, reflecting much credit to the people's generosity. Mention may be made of generous donations from Wm. Todd and C. H. Clerk, Esq., of St. Stephen; also Rev. R. Hunt presented a large number of beautiful hymn books. These churches have extended a perfectly unanimous invitation to our pastor to remain with them another year.

CONV.
SPRINGFIELD, Annapolis Co., N. S.—The friends of the cause of Christ will be pleased to hear a few words from this church. Springfield, New Albany, and East Dalhousie are enjoying the ministrations of the Rev. S. Langille, who became their pastor in September, and if we might be permitted to use our judgment we would say that he is the right man in the right place. He is a talented preacher, an indefatigable worker, and fully consecrated to the work of the Master. Since his coming the church has been revived, congregations increased and a general awakening along the line of Christian work. Last week special services were held at East Dalhousie and as a result two young ladies were baptized on the 16th and received into the church at that place. A large number gathered to witness the ordinance, among whom were many Roman Catholics, and we hope that some good impressions may have been made upon their minds. May these churches witness many such scenes as this during the coming winter. Brethren, pray for that heaven's richest blessings may rest upon pastor and people.

C.
AMHERST SHORE.—I wish to say that at Amherst Shore, on the 12th of October, I had the pleasure of baptizing six more happy converts, three of them heads of families, and very much pleased with my visit there. I found a kind, warm-hearted, faithful working little band of Christians. Oh how much that county needs a live Baptist minister. I am now at Nashvaak Village with three ladies who are a gracious work of grace going on. Those who have been for many years in the background, whose voices have not been heard in prayer or exhortation, have again come to the front and have become a great power in the church now for good. Others have been led to accept Christ as their Saviour, and four happy ones were baptized on the 9th, and three of them heads of families, and yet there are more to follow. Bro. Knight has a very large range of country to work over, but at this season of the year many men and young are in the woods. Pray for us.

J. W. S. YOUNG.
NOV. 13.
JENNERS is at present overshadowed with a cloud of bereavement. A few weeks ago five young men in the prime of life, viz: William H. Arnold, Seth Arnold, Alvin Mitchell, Henry W. Arnold and William Falkner, sailed from here on board the schr. J. W. Arnold, bound for Antioch. While crossing the Gulf of St. Lawrence they encountered a terrific storm. The vessel, not able to stand the tempest, was lost, and all on board found a watery grave. This sad intelligence has cast a gloom over the entire community, and much sympathy is felt for the mourning ones. May the God of all grace comfort and fill the vacancy that He has made in so many lives. All except the last named were members of the East Jenners Baptist church, and all leave parents and friends who mourn their loss. Wm. H. Arnold,

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captain of the ill-fated schooner, was the only married man on board. He leaves a sorrowing widow and one child, besides parents and friends, who feel their loss keenly. They do not sorrow for the loss having no hope, but look forward to the time when the sea shall give up her dead and they get their loved ones back in the hereafter.

B. U. HARTFIELD.

UNION BAPTIST MINISTERIAL CONVENTION met in the Baptist Room, 85 Germain street, at 10 o'clock. President Rev. Mellick in the chair. Members present: Revs. Welton, Martell, Gates, Spencer, Hartley, Hickson, Ingram, Saunders, Black, Ford, Capp. Reports of work in the various churches was encouraging. Rev. Bro. Capp reported two baptisms at Coburg street church. The subject of the Resurrection was continued, and interesting papers presented by Brethren Gates, Hickson and Martell.

JACKSONVILLE, CARLTON CO.—We are now fully entered upon pastoral work in this community. Some necessary repairs have been put on the parsonage, and it is now very comfortable and homelike. The people here and in Jacksonville also have given us a cordial welcome, and by their uniform kindness and ready cooperation have made our work easy. We have unmistakable evidence of an increasing interest all along the line of action. The late pastor here had thoroughly entrenched himself in the hearts of the people. We desire to live, and love, and labor, that we, like him, shall be missed when we lay down our mortalty and enter upon the higher service. With beautiful houses of worship—and a faithful people to work with—we are expecting great things from God. Will our great-neighborhood remember us at the mercy throne.

Nov. 21.

LAWRENCETON and VALLEY WEST.—I thought perhaps a few words from this church might be interesting to some of the readers of your valuable paper. Although we cannot report large additions to our church, yet we believe there is good progress being made all along the line of church work. Two have been baptized since my last communication, and I believe that many more will be born into the kingdom of Christ during the coming winter. The congregations are large, and manifest a deep interest in the preaching service; the prayer meetings are well sustained; and we have three very interesting Sabbath schools. This encouraging and prosperous state of affairs are largely due to the earnest and devoted work of our pastor, Bro. J. F. Eaton. He has the sympathy and support of the whole church in his work. It was chiefly through the efforts of the pastor and his devoted wife that the church is in possession of such a beautiful parsonage, situated in the centre of the village of Lawrenceton, and it is a result two young ladies were baptized on the 16th and received into the church at that place. A large number gathered to witness the ordinance, among whom were many Roman Catholics, and we hope that some good impressions may have been made upon their minds. May these churches witness many such scenes as this during the coming winter. Brethren, pray for that heaven's richest blessings may rest upon pastor and people.

C.
THE LUNenburg CO. DISTRICT MEETING convened at Foster Settlement, on Nov. 7. In the absence of the chairman of the district, Bro. Simpson, the prayer meeting was asked to preside. There were present, Pastors Williams, Corey, and Raymond, together with several of the brethren of the surrounding community. There being such a small gathering of the ministers, very short notice was devoted to the business of the meeting, and the effect that our meetings hereafter be held on Tuesdays. Encouraging reports were received from the different pastors present, and also from laymen of Foster Settlement, speaking of their high appreciation of the labors of their pastor. In the evening, which proved very rainy and dark, a goodly number of people assembled in the neat little church to hear addresses of denominational interest. Some of the people had come and even walked a distance of four miles through rain and mud. The meeting was addressed by Pastors Williams and Corey, on education and Christian benevolence. A collection of over eight dollars was taken for Convention Fund. If all our churches do as this section of Bro. Raymond's is promising to do this year, our denominational funds will be largely increased. We were much pleased with the hospitality of the good people of Foster Settlement, and are only sorry that not more of our pastors were present to share the kindness so long held in abeyance for the participants in the district meetings. The next meeting is to be held in Bridgewater on the third Tuesday in January. The programme arranged for that occasion is as follows: Address on Home Missions, by Pastor Brown; Foreign Missions, by Pastor March; education, by Pastor Raymond; Christian benevolence, by Pastor McNeil; paper on close communion, by Pastor Williams; paper on his own choosing, by Pastor Whitman.

PERSONAL.
We learn from the Bridford Times that Rev. G. B. Titus has resigned the pastorate of the Baptist church, at Saco, Me., to accept the call of the Baptist church, at Everett, Mass. His duties as

pastor of the Everett church begin next Sunday. The Times says of Mr. Titus: In severing his relationship with the church he incurs upon the parish a loss that cannot easily be recovered. He is a man of ability, scholarship and exalted character, a thoughtful, able preacher, a faithful pastor who has done a good work among the people and is highly esteemed in the community.

NOTICES.

Carleton, Victoria, and Madawaska Counties Baptist Quarterly meeting will be held with the West Florenceville Baptist church on the second Friday in December; preaching at 7 p.m. The executive committee of the S.S. Convention and all interested in Sunday-school work are requested to meet in the Baptist church edifice at 2 p.m.

Woodstock, Nov. 25. Tnos. Tonn.
The Ministerial Conference of Digby Co. will hold its next session in the eastern section at New Tuscot, commencing on Tuesday, Dec. 2nd, at 2 p.m. The first meeting will be for social worship, led by Pastor Blakeney. In the evening our denominational work will be presented as follows: Foreign Missions, Bro. Read; Home Missions, Bro. Blakeney; Education, Bro. Simpson. On Wednesday, at 9:30 will be held a meeting for business, reports, and prayer. In the afternoon at two o'clock, there will be a Bible reading, conducted by Pastor Richan, followed by a discussion of "Methods of Bible Study," opened by Pastor Rowe. In the evening one of the brethren will preach.

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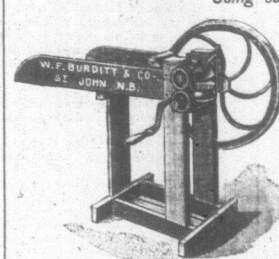
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