

BAPTIST MISSIONARY CONVENTION OF ONTARIO.

APPOINTMENTS OF THE SECRETARY.

I propose and expect, God willing, to visit the places hereinafter named, in the interests of our Home Missionary Convention, and will preach or deliver a Missionary address, on *week evenings* as the pastors or brethren may give notice.

If any changes are thought to be desirable in the following list, will those desiring such give me timely notice?

Simcoe	Sab.	Feb. 17th	a. m.
Victoria	"	"	p. m.
Tyrrell	Mon.	18th	7.30 p. m.
Villa Nova	Tues.	19th	"
Hartford	Wed.	20th	"
Boston	Thur.	21st	"
Burich	Frid.	22nd	"
Dundas	Sab.	23th	a. m. or p. m.
Orillia	Sab. M'ch	3rd	a. m. & p. m.
Orillia	Mon.	4th	p. m.
Lindsay	Tues.	5th	7.30 p. m.
Kinnouit	Wed.	6th	11 a. m.
Hoboycon	Thurs.	7th	7.30 p. m.
Scotch Line	Frid.	8th	7.30 p. m.
Fenelon Falls	Sab.	10th	11 a. m.
Somerville	"	10th	7.30 p. m.
Port Perry	Mon.	11th	7.30 p. m.
Whitby, 6th con.	Tues.	12th	7.30 p. m.
Whitby Town,	Wed.	13th	7.30 p. m.
Oshawa	Thurs.	14th	7.30 p. m.

THOS. L. DAVIDSON,

Sec. Bapt. Miss. Con. of Ont.

Guelph, Feb., 1878.

WOMANS BAPTIST FOREIGN MISSIONARY SOCIETY OF ONTARIO.

Received since Annual Meeting Oct. 18th, 1877.

Dundas W. M. C.	\$ 30
Yorkville	15
Unknown	11
Paisley	13
Paris	17
Stratford	1
Brantford	15
Thelford	6
Jarvis St.	33
Alexander St.	21
Port Hope	15
Guelph	17
Perth	10
Timpany's Grove	5

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Yorkville, Feb. 7th, 1878.

Religious Intelligence.

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ONTARIO AND QUEBEC.

Baptisms reported during the month at Alvinston, 2; Brampton; Brantford, *First Church*, 3; Burgoyne, 3; Canboro, 3, Collingwood, 7; Eversley, 1; Haldimand; Kincardine, 2; London, *Abolitionist*, 2; Malahide Unitarian, 5; Oxford, 2; Paisley, 12; Palmyra, 14; St. Thomas, 23; 2; Toronto, *College St.*, 6, *Jarvis St.*, 13; Townsend Centre, 8; Uxbridge; Villa Nova, 8; Welland, 6; and Wingham.

Pastoral Settlement. Bro. D. LAING, of the Canadian Literary Institute, has accepted a call to the pastorate of the *Fullarton* church.

Ordination. Bro. THOS. HOWLAND, pastor of the church in Fitzroy township, was publicly set apart for the work of the gospel ministry at a council of regular Baptist churches held on the 15th January.

Church Recognition. Brethren and sisters residing in *Melville*, county of Simcoe, to the number of six, having formed themselves into a regular Baptist church, were publicly recognized as such by a council from sister churches on the 15th of January. They expect shortly to add to their number 7 by baptism, and 19 by letter and experience.

Chapel Dedication. On Thursday, the 17th of January, the new Baptist chapel in *Waterford*, which cost about \$14,000, and is said to be the finest in the county of Norfolk, was dedicated to the worship of God with appropriate services.

Miscellaneous. Bro. THOS. WILLIAMSON is at present supplying the Baptist church in *Acton*. Correspondents will please address him there. Brethren GEORGE CHITTY NOES, JOHN HARRIS, JESSE GIBSON, and JOHN BARBER, of the *First Church*, Brantford, have received the license of that church to exercise their gifts in preaching the gospel.

The second of the regular monthly literary gatherings of the Young People's Association of Jarvis street church occurred on the evening of Thursday, 31st ult. The spacious parlor of the church having been uncomfortably crowded on the previous occasion, the school-hall was used this time. Though a very stormy night, a large number of members and friends assembled. The first Vice-President, Mr. John Vinton, occupied the chair. A most interesting original paper on "Self Culture" was read by Mrs. Castle. An essay, "The Life of Paul" was read by the President, and Mr. Burke read the MSS paper. A devotional song with taste by Misses Davis and Richards, and solos were given by Misses Castle, Dinns and Richards. The Pastor's address and several readings completed a programme of great profit and enjoyment to those present.—*Com.*

MARITIME PROVINCES.

Baptisms reported during the month at Billtown, N.S., 18; Chester, N.S.; Deerfield, N.S., 15; Hantsport, N. S., 1; Jacksonton, N. B., 4; Lake George, N.S., 20; Norton, N.B., 4; Ohio, N.S., 45; Penobscuis, N.B., 8; Saint Martins, N.H., 10; Smith's Cove, N.S., 10.

Ordination. Mr. S. M. C. BLACK was ordained at Berwick, N.S., on the 3rd of January, and has settled as pastor of the second Cornwallis church.

Chapel Opening. A new Baptist church was dedicated at St. Martins, N.B., on the 27th of January.

Pastoral Changes. Rev. W. F. COREY has resigned the pastorate of the church in Hillsboro, N.B. Rev. JAMES WALKER, of Mascarene, is dead.

GREAT BRITAIN.

MR. SPURGEON's health is so far failed his agent that he has been compelled a second time to leave his sick and go to the south of France, where the climate had so salutary an effect on him before.

A CENTRAL AFRICAN MISSION.—The London *Freeman* gave in a recent number some interesting particulars with regard to a projected Mission of the English Baptists in Central Africa. The Rev. Mr. FERGUSON has presented a claim of sovereignty over the great Congo River—a claim which, if maintained, would present a serious hindrance to the introduction of the gospel there.

But the English Government have denied the claim with such emphasis that it is thought the Portuguese will be obliged to withdraw it. The region in dispute presents peculiar advantages for missionary operations, the great river offering a ready means of penetrating far into the interior, for the purpose of carrying the gospel to the dense populations described by Stanley as dwelling on this magnificent water-way. It is proposed to establish the missionary head-quarters at San Salvador, where it is thought the missionaries will be well received. Thence it is hoped they may be able to extend their operations to the banks of the Congo above the Yellah Falls, and onward to Nyangwe, some 1,400 miles up the Congo-Lalaha River. The *Freeman* adds that the enterprise has excited widespread interest. The expenses of the preliminary expedition to "spy out the land" have been guaranteed by a Bristol gentleman, and another large-hearted brother has already placed £1,000 in the hands of the treasurer of the Baptist Missionary Society for the permanent establishment of the Mission.—*Examiner and Chronicle.*

GERMANY.

THE LITTLE SEED which Mr. Oncken dropped into German soil something over forty years ago has borne a bountiful harvest to the glory of Christ. In 1824 seven persons were baptized in the river Elbe at dead of night, for fear of persecution. Now the membership of the German churches is more than 22,000, gathered into 110 societies. There are also 130 Baptist Sunday schools, with over 6,000 scholars. Two hundred missionaries and colporteurs are at work in this important field, and 1,263 preaching stations are maintained, at which the Word of Life is regularly made known.

AUSTRALIA.

REV. SAMUEL CHAPMAN, formerly co-pastor with Dr. Paterson of Honeysuckle Baptist Church, Glasgow, Scotland, having accepted a call to the Collins-st. Baptist church, Melbourne, arrived there with his family, safely in November last.

We learn from the *Freeman* that he received quite an ovation from the Christian people of Melbourne. A welcome-meeting in the Collins-st. Church was densely crowded. "Hearty, manly, and Christian was the welcome given to Mr. Chapman, and he already finds himself at home and amongst brethren whose loving co-operation he is fully assured of. The impression already made by him is most favorable, and we anticipate a glorious career for Mr. Chapman in Melbourne."

MR. THOMAS SPURGEON.—The Melbourne correspondent of the *Freeman* thus speaks of this promising young minister, son of the great London preacher: "The young gentleman has won hosts of friends, not only for his father's sake, but for his own. He has preached with much acceptance in our largest churches, seen much of the colony, put in an appearance at our Association meetings, and done an amount of handshaking which must have proved no small labor, and everywhere, by his unaffected modesty, genial disposition, and his kindly readiness to do service for the Master, he has won for himself the love, not of Baptists only, but of all good men in the colony. He speaks enthusiastically of his colonial experiences, and last week left us for Adelaide, South Australia, intending, after a brief sojourn there, to return en route to New South Wales."

UNITED STATES.

There are now more than 2,000,000 Baptists in the United States, of whom more than one-tenth of the whole number, 199,870, is in Georgia. Next follows Virginia with 176,287; then Kentucky, 156,749; and then New Carolina, 150,056. The fifth place in the column is occupied by New York, with 109,784. South