

belong to them. May you and your church richly share in the blessing.

Is there no one looking towards the foreign field? What does it mean? Is the mission spirit dying out in the provinces, or is it moving in another direction? Something seems amiss.

I suppose you are beginning to have a taste of winter by this time. I am sorry to learn of the unfavorable season at home for the farmers. I wonder if their losses will affect the amount paid for tobacco half as much as that paid to extend Christ's kingdom in the world. I am teaching these heathens that God is punishing them for idolatry and other sins. Am I right? If so, is there another rule for those in Christian lands? But I must close this much delayed letter. Mrs. C. will send a sheet to Mrs. Stewart.

May you and all your many friends at home have a truly "Happy Christmas and New Year."

With Christian love to yourself and family and all the members of our Board and other enquiring friends.

G. CHURCHILL.

Home Missions.

BOARD MEETING.

The regular meeting of the Board was held on the 11th inst.

REPORTS.

were received from Gen. Missionaries Wallace and Hayward, and from Missionary pastors Murray, of Springfield; W. J. Bleakney, of East Dalhousie; Langille, of New Ross; J. E. Bleakney, of Milford and Greywood; Davison, of River John; Ervine, of Tobique; J. R. Skinner, of Lower Stewiacke; Vincent, of Campbellton; Bars, of Port Medway; Johnson, of Windsor Plains; D. Freeman, of Scott's Bay; Dykeman, of New Glasgow; Kidson, of Margaree; Rees, of Greenville; Porter, of Diligent River; Caldwell, of Yar. Co.; and Henderson, of St. Francis.

GRANTS.

1. To Bonora Church, Guysboro Co., N. S., \$75.00 to assist them in securing one fourth of Rev. J. J. Armstrong's time for one year from Jan. 1st, 1889.

2. To Pennfield Church, Charlotte Co., N. B., \$100 to assist in supporting their pastor for one year from Dec. 1, 1888.

3. To the Walton Church, Hants Co., N. S., \$50 to assist them to secure the services of Rev. A. Freeman as their pastor for one fourth of time for a year.

NEWS FROM THE FRONT.

Bro. Hayward has opened up a new and important station at Greenfield, Carleton Co. Nine baptisms during the month.

Bro. Wallace has assisted the church at Little South West, North Co., in making a good start towards the building of a meeting house, which they much needed.

Bro. A. T. Dykeman, of New Glasgow, reports progress in every department. Two have been baptized during quarter.

Bro. Murray, of Springfield, considers the outlook hopeful.

Bro. Rees, of Greenville group, is much encouraged by the fruits of labor that are beginning to appear. Wanderers are returning, and additions by baptisms are expected soon. A parsonage is being built at Greenville, which will be ready for use in the spring.

Bro. Henderson, of St. Francis, has been encouraged by hearing new voices in prayer, expects to see them and others taking their places among the Lord's people shortly. He has visited six lumber camps.

Bro. F. A. Kidson, of Margaree, Inverness Co., C. B., has been gladdened by seeing long standing difficulties removed, and the promise of a brighter day. Three have recently been baptized—more expected.

Bro. Ervine, of the Tobique field, has been made sad by the prevalence of sickness and death. Has attended nine funerals during past few weeks.

Bro. D. Freeman, of Scott's Bay field, King's reports a fair degree of interest at all the stations. Four baptisms.

NOTICE.

Being now free from pastoral ties, I shall be able to spend part of my time visiting fields needing personal attention. My P. O. address will be Hebron as heretofore, and letters requiring immediate attention will be reported to me and answered while from home. Receipt cards will be sent for all moneys as before. Better for all parties sending money to give their names (in confidence) if they do not wish it published, and then if they do not receive a card they will know that it has not reached its destination.

A. CONROY,

Cor. Sec'y H. M. Board.

Ordination at Quebec.

In response to a call from the Baptist Church at Quebec city, a council of delegates met on January 29th in the school room of the church to examine, a. d. if deemed wise, to ordain Bro. W. B. Hutchinson, B. A., pastor-elect of the church, to the ministry. At 3.45 p. m. the meeting was called to order by the appointment of Rev. A. G. Upham, of Montreal, to the chair. Rev. E. K. Cressey led in prayer, after which the council organized by the election of Rev. A. G. Upham as Moderator, and Rev. James A. K. Walker, of Kingston, as Clerk. The following delegates were found to compose the council: Montreal, First Baptist Church, Rev. E. K. Cressey;

Olivet Baptist Church, Rev. A. G. Upham, Deacon J. W. Lester and Brother J. R. Dick; Beebe Plain, Rev. J. S. Chase; Coaticook, Pastor J. Cashman; Kingston, Rev. James A. K. Walker and Deacon Hiram A. Calvin; Quebec, Rev. E. J. Stobo, Deacons W. A. Marsh, R. Stanley, P. T. LeMaistre, A. Bowen, J. E. Woodley and Brother R. Terhune. The council as thus composed was accepted by the Quebec brethren, and proceeded to examine the candidate as to—1st, his Christian experience; 2nd, Call to the ministry; 3rd, Views of Bible doctrine. This occupied about three hours, and it was quite evident throughout that our brother had exercised a keen mind in a wide field of research and was thus enabled to give clear, thoughtful and forcible statements on all questions submitted, while his loyal devotion to Jesus Christ and to His Word was more impressive perhaps than anything else.

Upon enquiry, it appeared that the candidate was a member of the church calling the council.

Having expressed itself unanimously, as fully satisfied on all the points presented for its consideration, the council resolved to publicly ordain the candidate with prayer and the laying on of hands. In the evening a large and appreciative congregation crowded the church to the doors, and the following service was carried out: Invocation and announcement of hymn by pastor J. Cashman; reading of the Scripture and prayer by Rev. James A. K. Walker; sermon by Rev. A. G. Upham; ordination prayer by Rev. G. S. Chase; hand of fellowship by Rev. E. J. Stobo; charge to the candidate by Rev. E. K. Cressey; charge to the church by Rev. T. Lafluer; benediction by Rev. W. B. Hutchinson.

Thus ended an exceedingly pleasant and profitable service; the first ordination service ever held in connection with the Quebec church.

It may be stated that Bro. Hutchinson is a graduate of Acadia College, and that he has devoted two years to theological study. He gives promise of becoming a workman that needeth not to be ashamed, and our Quebec brethren are to be congratulated on securing him as their pastor, while from the kind and considerate way in which the delegates were treated by the church it is easy to predict a happy and prosperous work for the pastor and people in that city—a city of darkness and superstition.

JAMES A. K. WALKER, Clerk.

A. G. UPHAM, Moderator.

Jottings from St. Martin's Seminary.

As nothing has this time been said about the Seminary and its work, a few lines have been thought not out of place.

Shortly after the opening, the benevolent members of the St. Martin's Baptist church gave a reception to the faculty and students, which was gratefully and heartily participated in by all. Speeches were made by Rev. Dr. Bill, the principal, and the superintendent, which were humorous and enlivening in their nature. There are ten new students this term, and the classes are in full blast. We are now down to hard work again.

The building is very comfortable, as coal is now being burned in the furnaces. The faculty are vigorous, and earnest in their endeavors to make the school a success; and with the present attendance, considering that there are thirty miles of road to drive in order to get here, it is not unreasonable to believe that next year the Board of Directors will have to complete the upper story so as to be able to accommodate the incoming students.

STUDENT.

Religious Intelligence.

NEWS FROM THE CHURCHES.

HEBRON.—Two were baptized Feb. 10th, by Bro. Coburn, one of whom was his daughter Annie. At the close of the morning service, the hand of fellowship was given to the pastor by Bro. Coburn, after which the pastor in turn welcomed the newly baptized with a brother who came to us by letter.

LOCKPORT, N. S.—The special services beginning with the Week of Prayer, conducted by Pastor Nobles, have been very interesting, the attendance throughout being large and the labors of the brethren full. The Spirit has been manifest in reviving the faith of many, and convicting and convincing of sin, and conquering others for Christ. On the 3rd inst.—a beautiful Sabbath morning—six willing converts were led into the baptismal waters, and by a burial therein, certified their allegiance to the Master. Others are expressing a desire to follow Jesus, and the prospect for a further addition to the membership of the church is bright. Bro. Nobles, since coming among us, has shown his fitness for the work to which he has been called of God in the pulpit and out of it as well—of making the Gospel of the Son of God, and practicing the principles of the religion of Jesus—in his intercourse among men. A good man and true—he is a blessing to others in this being himself blessed. A year ago last December the envelope system of voluntary contributions was introduced in this church, and has proved a success. The financial trouble of some of the members has lessened the receipts somewhat, but, notwithstanding this, the total receipts from all services for the year were about \$2,000; total expenditure, \$1,150. There remains a debt of about \$1,800 on our church building; the liquidating of which is now engaging the attention of the brethren, and it is hoped and believed that with sympathetic hearts

and pocket books as well, this will be successfully done during the present year.

FEB. 7.

NORTH RIVER, P. E. I.—The work of the Lord is spreading among us. During the past week we have been holding protracted meetings in Kingston Chapel. Already 13 souls have experienced heart-felt peace in believing on Jesus, and several others have evinced a desire to become Christians. The meetings have been retarded greatly this week, owing to the severe snow-storms. But we hope for a great revival of Spiritual Power next week, and would earnestly beg the favor of your intercessions in our behalf. The interest at Long Creek is also very great, and we are looking forward to a mighty outpouring of Grace there throughout the winter. J. F. GARNEY.

PRINCE WILLIAM.—The Rev. Calvin Currie, pastor of the Prince William Church, is in the midst of a glorious work of grace. After he and a few members of the church had been praying and laboring with all their powers for five or six weeks and the clouds were breaking away and the darkness disappearing and some had professed faith in the Lord Jesus Christ, and others were anxious about the salvation of their souls, Bro. Currie came to Bro. Currie's assistance. Already eleven have been baptized and added to the church, and many more are pressing into the Kingdom.

MAUGERVILLE.—Bro. Thomas has resigned his pastorate at Maugerville, and expects, early in March, to enter upon his new charge at St. Andrews. The churches of his present charge regret his leaving them so soon, and we all regret his leaving our Quarterly Meeting and Association. May he prove a great blessing in his new field. T. A. B.

NORTH TEMPLE CHURCH, Ohio.—It has been five months since the church in the beautiful little village of Ohio, and they have been enjoyable ones to us. The people are all heart, so have not been long in gaining ours. We have a debt of \$850 on our \$7,000 house of worship, but we have determined that when we enter the house on the first Sabbath of 1889, it will be free of debt. The strain is a heavy one in addition to our running expenses, but the pastor is determined to make it as light as possible. He has revised his lecture on "Aptism vs. Pessimism, or Smiles vs. Frowns," about which you spoke so kindly in the Messenger and Visitor last winter, and is prepared to deliver it for any of our churches or societies, provided a collection be taken for the object mentioned. The first is to be given in the Temple Church, Yarmouth, on Tuesday evening, 19th inst. The Lord has blessed us in the work in that to a marked degree the spirit of consecration to the work is found in our midst. Our financial obligations are met and settled quarterly. Souls have been saved—three more baptized on Sunday, 3rd inst.; two more have been received; others have found Christ others are "feeling after Him if happily they might find Him." Last Thursday evening, the parsonage was filled by members of the church and congregation, and after spending about an hour in a very pleasant evening led, assuring us of their love and confidence, and making us much richer in heart and in purse. We are happy with our lot and surroundings.

F. M. YOUNG.

CLEMENTVILLE.—We have but little good news to report of a special character at present. The faithful are laboring and praying for better days. We have just sent on our quarterly collection for Convention Funds. We wonder at the little sacrifice that Christians are willing to make for the extension of the reign of their King and Saviour. With building churches in outlying sections of the field, and repairing the Central Church, and purchasing and fitting up our new parsonage, our hands are full. The old parsonage at Clementville is now in the market. A speedy sale will forward our business. The proceeds will be divided between both churches. Bro. Manly, from England, is the pastor of the Clementville Church.

NEW GERMANY.—It was my privilege to administer the ordinance of Baptism last Lord's day.

FEB. 4th. WILLARD P. ANDERSON.

ALEXANDRIA.—On the evening of the 7th inst. we closed a series of special meetings at Alexandria, during which nine have been received as candidates for baptism and church membership, and a number of others, we trust savingly converted to the Lord Jesus. The church has been strengthened, and the brothers and sisters quickened in their earnest zeal for the salvation of souls and the glory of God; for all of which we thank God and take credit. To God be the praise!

FEB. 11th. E. C. BAKER.

MACQUAC.—The news from the church in the columns of the MESSENGER and VISITOR is exceedingly joyful and encouraging. We cannot say that we have anything exciting to write about, yet we are not discouraged. Our church has passed through some trials of a very unpleasant nature, which seemed to have brought a gloom and darkness, sad and hard to experience. Still the Lord has been good. We have been wonderfully preserved. For almost two years no death has occurred among our church members. All our families have been kindly and lovingly cared for by our Heavenly Father. The people are very kind and considerate. At the beginning of the year the church and congregation made their annual visit to the parsonage and left a well-filled purse and other useful articles for the comfort and benefit of the pastor and his family. The meetings of the church are duly sustained, and of late there seems to be a renewed interest taken in the services of God's house. The time has come when we are considering the necessity of consecrating more time and labor for the salvation of God to appear as at other days. Some are praying to be divinely directed in the matter. Some are asking the prayers of God's people.

SAND POINT, Shelburne Co.—For some time I have been anxious to send some glad tidings from this church to the MESSENGER and VISITOR. I now embrace the long-expected opportunity. Bro. J. Tingley, who has been laboring on the Shelburne field for eight months, has been holding special meetings at Jordan Bay and Sand Point for the past three weeks. His untiring industry and his indomitable zeal for the Master plainly in-

dicate that the burdened sinner is the object of his most strenuous efforts. His earnest appeals and prayers have been effectual. Backsliders have been reclaimed, sinners have been converted, and the church as a unit has been greatly revived, and still the good work goes on. On the 2nd inst. a young man was received, and the following Sunday was baptized, in obedience to the Divine command, and was added to the church. On the 10th inst., four others, in the bloom of youth (one a teacher), were baptized with Christ in Baptism. After this solemn ordinance was performed, they were gladly welcomed and added to the church. Four others who professed faith in Christ are expected soon to follow His example. The enemy's stronghold is yielding to the "Sword of the Spirit." Many members are expressing a desire to consecrate themselves to the Master's service, and sinners are acquiring the way of salvation. We can but look on our Brother's coming to this church, in its pastorless condition, as one of the brightest spots of its history. We pray that he may long live to labor in the "Vineyard of the Lord."

J. D. GOURACK, Clerk.

FEB. 11.

QUARTERLY MEETING.—The Carleton, Victoria and Madawaska Counties' quarterly meeting will be held with the Rockland Baptist Church on Friday, March 15th, prox.—preaching at 7 p. m. by Rev. H. Charlton. Quarterly sermon by Rev. Thos. Todd, on Sabbath morning. It is hoped there will be a large attendance of ministers and delegates.

FEB. 15th. THOS. TODD, Sec'y-Treas.

TANCOOK.—I came to this place a little over a fortnight ago. I find here a kind-hearted and hospitable people. I received a warm welcome. Our religious prospects I think are brightening. We hope the Master will be honored here in the righting up of His cause and the salvation of souls.

FEB. 6th. L. B. GATES.

NOTICE.

The York and Sunbury County's quarterly meeting meets with the Baptist church at Nashwaak, on Friday, the 8th day of March, at 7 o'clock, p. m. The opening sermon is by the Rev. Mr. Crawley of Fredericton; the quarterly sermon by the Rev. Mr. Thomas of Maugerville. Dear Brethren, these quarterly meetings have been a powerful good among our churches. Let our prayer be earnestly offered that their influence for good may be much more widely extended, and let all our churches be well represented at our coming gatherings.

T. A. BLACKBURN, Sec'y-Treas.

Keswick Ridge, Feb. 15.

Bro. N. C. Moore was put on the sunny side by a donation of \$54.75 from his people at Waterville, Albert Co. He gives for their great blessing from God.

Bro. D. W. Crandall was remembered by his people at Milton, Queen's, N. S., on the 7th, to the extent of about \$70. He speaks warmly of the continued kindness of his flock.

Bro. J. W. Bancroft writes: On Tuesday evening, Feb. 5th, the members of our church and congregation gave us a genuine surprise, by presenting me with a valuable fur coat, and Mrs. Bancroft, a purse containing \$25.55.

CORRECTIONS.—Bro. Beals wishes to say that out of the \$81 reported last week, as donations, \$59 were realized at the visit to the parsonage, while the remainder came from brethren at Chipman Brook and others.

The acknowledgment of last week of ten dollars to Annuity Fund from "Guyton Church," should have been Guysboro Church.

WIDE AWAKE has this year taken a new hold on popularity—such a thing could be possible. The capital series of Townsbridge and Margaret Sidney furnish one reason for this: the unexcelled character of all the contents provide another. No household can afford to be without it. "Rain Pacha"—the "mystery" of mill- Africa, and an altogether remarkable character—forms the subject of an entertaining paper by Elbridge S. Brooks in the February Wide Awake.

A writer in the *Missionary Review* says that, out of the 3,000,000 converts in all the foreign mission fields, 30,000 have gone as workers into the field, or one out of every 100, while Protestant Christendom has sent forth but one out of every 3,000. These converts serve as native preachers, teachers, catechists, and lay helpers, and often prove most effective allies to the regular missionary force sent from England and America.

CAPE BRETON RAILWAY.

Tenders for a Bridge at the Grand Narrows, C. B.

SEALED TENDERS addressed to the undersigned, and marked on the outside, "Tender for Bridge," will be received until noon on Wednesday, the 6th March, 1889. Plans and Specifications can be seen at the office of the Chief Engineer of Government Railways, Ottawa, where forms of tender may be obtained, and where the completed tenders must be deposited.

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