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As we were coming along Nursiah stopped to speak to some people. After coming on a little way ahead, I heard a woman calling "Ayah, Ayah,"—Sir, sir—and looking back saw a woman running towards Nursiah. Such a thing is so unusual I wondered what it could mean. I waited some time for him to come along, but she continued talking to him till I got tired of waiting and came to the bungalow. After a while Nursiah came and said, "Sir, did you hear that woman calling me?" "Yes," I said, "who was she and what did she want?" "Sir," he said, "she wanted to ask me about our religion. She is a woman of the Rajah caste, and when she came to me she told me she was very much ashamed to see or speak to me because her caste forbids their women to see or speak to a man of another caste, and if her people knew it they would be very angry and make her much trouble, but she had heard a little of Jesus Christ and His religion, and she wanted to hear more, but there was no one to teach her, and so when she saw us at her village she decided to come out into the fields to speak about this religion." Such was Nursiah's surprising story. He said she asked him many questions about God and how to pray to Him, and how she could learn more about this religion. She told him there were five more women in the village who were thinking and praying like herself. They had been trying to obtain salvation by practicing Shrivite ceremonies, but it was all in vain. They had obtained a Catholic prayer-book and had tried to pray according to that, but it did not satisfy them, and they wanted some one to teach them the true religion. Such news surprised as much as it delighted me. I have never heard of anything like it before. I began at once to plan how it would be possible to reach these women and instruct them. The only way I could see for the present was to ask Miss Gray, who I knew was on the way to Bobbili, to attend the wedding, to return that way and visit the village.

On the 16th of September, the great event of the season at Bobbili came off—the marriage of Miss Fitch to Mr. Laflamme. I shall not attempt to describe the ceremony, more than to say it was a success, and next day we went them off in a "coach and nine" on their wedding journey to their new home. Whether they have arrived there yet or not we do not know. The only apparently untoward matter connected with the wedding occasion was the illness of Mr. Archibald and Mr. Higgins. For a couple of days things looked rather serious.

After a few days rest Miss Gray, taking her Bible woman with her, started to return home by way of Rajam, so to visit the village where the women live, of whom I have written. The weather was so rainy and the road so bad, I felt it was hardly right for her to go. But we have a very interesting letter from her in which she described her visit to the villages and her reception there. I trust she will write an interesting letter to the Messenger and Visitor. She found things very hopeful. I may mention another case. A couple of days after returning home, as we were sitting down one morning to worship, a tall fine looking man came to the door. I knew his face, but could not recall where I had seen him till he told me he was a Rajah from "Gumadam." I at once recognized him as one of the men who listened to us in the village where the young man lives. After worship I was busy for a time, and said to Mr. Laflamme, "Talk awhile with this man and see what he knows." After talking a short time, he called to me and said, "Why, this man is a very interesting case, he knows the way of salvation well and seems to be near the kingdom." Afterwards I sat down and had a long, interesting talk with him. He really seemed to be trusting in Christ, and spoke of the joy and peace that he had experienced. His seemed like a real Christian experience, such as we do not often hear in this country. I showed him his duty in regard to baptism, and he said he knew about it but there were hinderances now.

Nursiah tells me he had a long talk with this same man a few days ago, and he said he would be baptized. And so the matter stands now. It is surely the work of the Lord—wrought by the Spirit in the use of the Word. Will all who read this pray that this may be but the beginning of a great work, and that the Lord will carry it on to a perfect completion? I plan to go out next week on another short tour to look after one of our number. Pray for us.  
Bobbili, Oct. 2. G. CHURCHILL.

Question.  
Is it a proper course of conduct on the part of a Baptist minister to make it his business to trade in horses? C. S. S.

It depends somewhat on the circumstances of the case. Generally speaking, we hold that it is not advisable for a minister to engage in the business of trading in horses, or in oxen, or cows, or sheep. But if a minister has a very extensive field and is particularly active in his Master's service, it may be proper for him once in a while to trade his horse for a better one.

—Any person who may have a copy of the Messenger and Visitor of the date May 13, 1885, will confer a favor on Dr. Goodspeed by mailing the same to his address—70 Brunswick Ave., Toronto.

Home Missions.  
BOARD MEETING.

The regular monthly meeting of the Home Mission Board was held on the 10th inst.

REPORTS  
were received from Brethren I. Wallace and J. W. Young, general missionaries; T. M. Munro, Shelburne field; D. Freeman, Scott's Bay; J. S. Brown, Lunenburg; C. Henderson, Tobique, etc.; Thos. Todd, Wakefield; P. D. Nowlan, Mascarene; F. R. Langford, Digby and Weymouth (Africa); H. B. Smith, Spring Hill; M. L. Fields, Brookfield and Upper Steviacke; W. L. Parker, Lower Granville; Geo. Howard, Bloomfield, N. B.; E. N. Archibald, Hammond's Plains, etc.; A. W. Barrs, Port Medway; E. A. Allahy, Tryon; I. R. Skinner, Lower Steviacke; A. T. Dykeman, New Glasgow; J. C. Spurr, Fairview; J. E. Bleakney, Greywood and Millford; I. W. Carpenter, Gabarus, etc.; E. P. Colwell, Carleton and Forest Glen; H. F. Waring, Shediac; J. H. McDonald, River John and Pictou; H. A. Giffin, Greenwich Hill and New Jerusalem; R. E. Gullison, Lake George; F. A. Starratt, Brooklyn; A. F. Baker, Midgie; James Gabouriel, African churches, Halifax Co., and A. E. Ingram, St. John Mission.

GRANTS.  
1. To Lower Granville church, N. S., \$100, for one year, from Nov. 1, '90. Rev. W. L. Parker, pastor.  
2. To Sydney church, \$50, from Nov. 1, '90, to April 30, '91. Rev. J. Miles, pastor.

APPOINTMENTS.  
Bro. C. A. Collisshaw, a mission of six weeks to the Sable River field, Shelburne, N. S. A. COHOON, Cor. Secy.  
N. B. Southern Association.

At the last session of the Southern N. B. Baptist Association the following resolution was unanimously passed by the body and should have appeared in the Messenger and Visitor for the information of the churches in the association:

Whereas, it is desirable that care should be taken in the matter of ordaining young men to the work of the Christian ministry in connection with the denomination, and  
Whereas, it is often found very embarrassing to all concerned, for a council to meet having no previous knowledge of the facts of the case;

Therefore Resolved, that this Association appoint a committee of five pastors within its limits, with the chairman of which committee any church desiring to call a council shall consult and advise before doing so.

The above is the preamble and the resolution passed so nearly as I can remember. The chairman of the committee is Rev. G. O. Gates, St. John, Sussex, Nov. 11. E. J. GRANT.

Hants, N. S., Auxiliary Board.  
The November meeting of Hants Co. H. M. Auxiliary Board was held at Windsor Plains, on Tuesday, 4th inst. In the absence of the president, Rev. Joseph Murray presided. A good report was given of the work and prospects at the above-named place by Rev. J. W. Johnson. The church has secured and paid for a piece of land and prepared most of the frame for a house of worship, which they intend to build next year. These brethren should be remembered by those whom the Lord has blessed with means. Excellent reports were also given of work being done by Rev. L. A. Cooney and Bro. Jas. McLearn at Rawdon and Noel; Bro. Jas. Marsters in sections of Kempt church; Rev. Jos. Murray, Falmouth; Rev. L. A. Cooney, Brooklyn, Kings Co.; Bro. A. P. Shand, Windsor; Bro. N. Crandall, Newport; Rev. A. W. Jordan, D. D., Halifax Co.

By special request Rev. A. W. Jordan preached in the evening. The very excellent discourse was followed by remarks from several present. The giant evil to be fought is intemperance, and the urgent cry is for faithful workers to stamp out the shameful curse—strong drink.

Next meeting will be (D. V.) on Tuesday, Dec. 2nd, at Falmouth Village, in connection with Hants Co. S. S. Association.  
R. H. CRANDALL,  
Secretary of Auxiliary Board.

As we expect to spend the coming winter in the South, some of our friends may wish to know of it. My health, weakened by long continued labors, we are advised to seek rest in a warmer climate. In the language of one whose cheerful face almost always brightens our denominational gatherings, and who is the "beloved physician" of many of our ministers: "Your thirty years work without rest has come back on you, and now you must rest." To me it was the command of the Master to "rest a while." It may be a short rest and then some work again; or it may be that which is long. All that is in His hand. It is hard to leave the dear people to whom we have ministered so long. But God's will be done. We hope another will occupy our place. Mrs. Freeman will go with me. We ask to be remembered in prayer. From the 25th of this month until the middle of April next, our address will be Citra, Marion, County Florida, care of Mr. Lenas P. Freeman. Canning, Nov. 10. D. FREEMAN.

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RECEIPTS FROM SEPT. 12 TO NOV. 10.

Table with columns for church names and amounts. Includes: Con. Fund Mabou church, W. C. Shaw, Berwick, Mrs. W. C. Shaw, Berwick, Dea. S. Churchill, Overton, Yarmouth Co., etc.

Religious Intelligence.  
NEWS FROM THE CHURCHES.  
ENCOURAGING.—Sabbath-school teacher, but on. Unconsciously you are weaving about you affectionate memories that will manifest themselves at some future time, perhaps when you are in need. In my last note I mentioned our need of a library. One dear little friend sends us one dollar with "kind remembrance of you and your past labors here, and this is a thank offering. May God bless that little offering. Can we hear from others?" C. S. STEARNS.

NASHWAUK.—The Rev. J. W. S. Young, York Co. missionary, has been laboring with the Nashwauk church with much acceptance and success. The church has been greatly revived, and pastor and people are with him rejoicing together. Four happy converts were baptized last Lord's day, and more are expected to follow in our Lord's own Spiritually appointed way. Bro. Young is much esteemed by the comm. unity for his cordial, faithful service. P. K. K.

SPRINGFIELD, N. B.—Last Sabbath I had the pleasure of receiving one by baptism into the fellowship of the Belleisle Creek church. I expect to baptize others there soon. The First Baptist church, Springfield, have just got a new roof on their house of worship. Their prayer-meetings in the First and Second churches are being very well attended, and a cry is going up to God to revive His work. Nov. 14. S. H. CORNWALL.

UPPER WILMOT CHURCH.—The Prince Albert section of this church is being graciously revived. We have had our extra services, and our heavenly Father has encouraged our hearts. Wanderers are returning home and sinners are anxious about their souls' eternal welfare. The Lord grant that there may be a laying aside of all hindrances—a mighty arising unto God—a turning from sin to Him. Brethren, pray for us. We wish gratefully to acknowledge the gift of an excellent set of carriage lamps from the Melvern square section of the church. We ask the good Christian souls who have so kindly and considerately taken thought for us, to accept our hearty thanks. L. J. TINGLEY.

NEW GLASGOW.—I have closed my pastoral labors with the Baptist church in New Glasgow, and have entered upon my work with the Baptist church in Quebec city. Before leaving New Glasgow, our last past at the market, and presented me with a beautiful set of beaver furs, consisting of collar and cuffs, and Mrs. Dykeman with a set of the same material, consisting of collar and muff; the whole costing about seventy-five dollars. My friends in Hopewell, a village eight miles from New Glasgow, at the close of my farewell sermon, presented me with a beautiful silver water pitcher, accompanied with an affectionate address, signed with about fifty names, nearly all of which were Presbyterians. Such tangible expressions of love and sympathy will not soon be forgotten. May the Lord richly reward them for their kindness. The New Glasgow church is situated in the midst of a rapidly growing manufacturing town, and will, undoubtedly, increase in membership and efficiency, as the population of the town increases. This church needs a pastor immediately; and my prayer is that God will aid them in securing one. I have not had time yet to take in the situation of affairs here, but it is evident that there is plenty of work of body and mind, for any man in a city with a population of eighty thousand or more. Romanism predominates here—over three quarters of the people are Roman Catholics. Brethren let us have your prayers. Will correspondents please make a note of my change of residence, and address me at 369 St. John street, Quebec City. A. T. DYKEMAN.

PERSONAL.  
We are glad to be able to report that Pastor Cain, of Annapolis, is rapidly recovering from his late severe illness. Also that Pastor Martell, of Fairville, hopes to be able to resume work very soon.

We were pleased to have a call the other day from Bro. H. F. Adams, and to be informed that his health is stronger now than it has been at any time during the last ten years. Bro. Adams tells us he feels himself quite able to resume pastoral work, and we believe we are correct in saying that he is open to a call from any church which needs a pastor. His address is Fredericton, N. B.

NOTICES.  
The ministerial conference of Digby Co., N. S., will divide its next meeting in the western section, between the church at Tiverton and the Central Grove section of the Freeport church, convening with the former on Tuesday, Nov. 25, at 9:30 a. m., and with the latter on Wednesday, Nov. 26, at 9:30 a. m. An interesting and profitable programme may be anticipated as many of the ministerial brethren of the county are expected to contribute something there to. There will be collections at the evening meetings for the Convention Fund. W. H. RICHAS, Secy.

It was reported a few weeks since that Rev. J. A. Ford, of the Carleton church had tendered his resignation, feeling that the impaired condition of his health made this step necessary. We are glad to learn, however, that at the earnest request of his people, accompanied by a strong resolution of sympathy and a promise of more hearty co-operation, so as to lighten the pastor's labors, Bro. Ford has been induced to withdraw his resignation. Bro. Ford is doing a good work for the Carleton church, and his people have good reason to desire to retain his services. We trust that his health will be speedily restored and that large blessings may rest upon the united efforts of pastor and people.

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