

**News of The Churches.**

**ST. MARVS,  
YORK CO.**

Encouraging results are following the ministrations of the Word. Cœcagne is now taken under pastoral care.

At the recent ordination service held at Little River a fine spiritual feast was provided by the visiting pastors. The summer weather is now upon us; the roads are dry, and we can get around much better. In the strength of the Lord we shall try to make a successful assault upon the powers of darkness.

**UPPER NEWCASTLE**—Much good has been experienced in the series of meetings conducted in this place by Bros. Patterson and McVicar. Nine have been baptized and several others awakened to their soul's eternal interests. The Church has called Bro. N. P. Gross and he has removed his family from Grand Falls. The outlook is hopeful.

**HARCOURT  
STATION.**

We hope as soon as the roads are in good condition to hold some special services on the mission field. We shall not get discouraged with our scattered flock when we look on others right among us who have had far greater opportunities and yet their church is almost asleep. I pray God that the flood gates of his divine love may be opened on the Baptist cause as it is His cause, and may we believe that He is able to take care of that we have committed to His charge. I. N. Thorne.

**BLISSFIELD,  
NORTH CO.**

Bro. King the pastor writes hopefully of the Master's cause in these parts. Special services have been held at Ludlow and Doaktown with good results and several have professed faith in Christ. Meetings are now being conducted in the New Salem house of worship and the church is earnestly at work. We are looking for a blessing soon to follow.

**CHIPMAN  
STATION.**

The new house of worship is nearing completion here. An excellent Sabbath school flourishes at this Station and has long wanted increased accommodation. The new building has several rooms attached to the main edifice which will prove very helpful in separating the classes while in the study of the Word.

**FOREST GLEN,  
ALBERT CO.**

Paster F. D. Davidson had the pleasure of baptizing a young sister here on Sunday 14th, of May, and received her into the church. There is a prospect of others coming forward soon for participation in the same sacred ordinance.

**FAIRVILLE.**

The revival spirit has not yet died out in this church which was so much enjoyed during the last winter and spring. Pastor A. T. Dykeman baptized three young men at the close of the services Sunday evening May 28th, after the congregation had enjoyed an excellent sermon preached by Rev. George Baker. There are more soon to follow.

**JACKSONVILLE.**

Paster F. N. Atkinson is advised to take a seaside rest for the summer. The interest on this field is brightening. Sunday-schools are active and hopeful. Wakefield Church has come under the pastorage of this group.

In Bro. J. W. S. Young's article in our last issue the types made him say that he had labored in Knoxford and Pine Settlement—it should read at Knoxford a fine settlement. It was his cousin Mrs. Walter Hatfield who was among those baptized by him at Canterbury, not Bro. Walter Hatfield as we stated.

**Ordination.**

An Ecclesiastical Council called by the Buctouche Baptist Church to consider the setting

aside of Bro. R. Barry Smith of that church to the work of the Christian ministry convened at the Baptist church in Little River, Kent Co., at 3 o'clock p. m., of Thursday the 25th inst. Council was organized by choosing Deacon A. E. Wall of Moncton moderator and F. W. Emmerson of Sackville clerk. The following churches were represented by the following brethren; First Moncton, Deacons A. E. Wall and James Doyle; Second Moncton, Deacon Styles, Bros. I. N. Thorne and John Wilbur; Salisbury, Pastor J. E. Tiner; Dorchester, Pastor C. C. Burgess; Sackville, Pastor E. E. Daley and F. W. Emmerson; Buctouche, Deacons Ayer and Ward and Bro. C. Hicks; St. Mary's (McLaughlin's Road,) Bros. William Geddes and Ephraim Hicks; Hillsboro, Pastor C. W. Townsend.

Rev. J. G. A. Belyea was invited to a seat in the Council. After prayers by Revs. E. E. Daley and C. C. Burgess the records of the Buctouche church relating to the calling of the Council were read by the clerk, Bro. Deacon Ward. Upon request Bro. Smith gave a very impressive account of his Christian experience and call to the ministry after which he read a very carefully prepared statement of his religious beliefs, upon which he was subsequently cross-examined by the Rev. Bros. Burgess, Daley, Belyea, Tiner and other members of the Council. His statement and replies to the questions of the moderator and members of the Council were considered highly satisfactory by all. Bros. Burgess and Tiner in moving and seconding the motion of recommending the ordination of Bro. Smith spoke in very flattering terms of the manner in which he had acquitted himself during the examination and expressed the hope and belief that Bro. Smith would prove a useful and earnest minister of the gospel. Pastor Daley and Moderator Wall spoke along the same lines after which the motion was unanimously carried.

The ordination services were held in the evening and were attended by a large congregation, the building being completely filled. Bro. I. N. Thorne read a portion of the 63rd Psalm and Rev. C. W. Townsend preached the ordination sermon in his usual eloquent manner, taking as his text the words "Jesus only." (Matthew 17:8.) from which he drew many valuable teachings for the benefit of the candidate, the church and the unconverted. Rev. J. G. A. Belyea made the ordination prayer while Pastor Burgess, moderator of the N. B. Eastern Association, extended the hand of fellowship to Bro. Smith. Pastor Tiner delivered the charge to the church and Pastor Daley that to the candidate. The addresses of both were much appreciated by all present. It seemed to many that all those who took part in the evening service were the right men in the right place. Many expressed the opinion that it was the best ordination service they ever had attended. The service was brought to a close by the Rev. R. Barry Smith pronouncing the benediction.

F. W. EMMERSON, Clerk.  
Sackville, May 26th.

—Messenger and Visitor.

There are some things in this world that cannot be done, and it is simply the part of wisdom to stop trying to do them.

Is the family neglected by the church? In many places we fear that the ideal of family life receives scant attention from the pulpit, and the sacredness of marriage, the reciprocal duties of parents and children, and the responsibility of the parents for religious instruction and training, are only cursorily mentioned.

Dr. John Hall said of this own preaching; "If I have any success in the work of the ministry it is because I have endeavored all through to hold forth the Word of Life. I have no skill, genius or ingenuity for a new way of putting things, no art in delivery, no sensational themes, and if I had to depend upon flowers round about the pulpit and flowers in the sermon to draw the people, I should abandon the pulpit."

A strange custom is followed by Mexican farmers. They use oxen of one color in the morning and another in the afternoon. They do not know why, but they know it must be the right thing to do, because their forefathers did it.

Peter followed and fell; it is bad to fall, worse not to follow.

To be Christ's is not never to fall, but to rise every time you fall.

Only he who never climbed never fell; no danger of Annas falling!

**Died.**

**STEVENS**—Mr. George Stevens of Harvey, Albert Co., died very suddenly on April 17th, aged 37 years. He was taken ill with a disease that rendered him unconscious from the first, but we trust he was ready for the change. The scriptural warning "Be ye also ready" is loudly repeated in this unexpected call to quit the mortal life. May the Father in heaven comfort the mourning ones from whom our friend has so hastily departed.

**TOMS**—At Long Settlement, Carleton Co., on April 22nd, Elizabeth, widow of the late Thomas G. Toms, in the 71st year of her age. The departed professed religion twenty-eight years ago, and was baptized by Elder T. M. Munro, uniting with the Centreville church. Her Christian character is still held in high esteem among her brethren.

**COGSWELL**—Bertha, beloved wife of Samuel Cogswell, died at Centreville, Carleton County, April 28th, aged 27 years. The deceased professed religion some five years since, and was baptized by Pastor Cahill of Centreville, uniting with the church at that place. After a brief year of married life she has been suddenly taken away while yet in the midst of life. May our Heavenly Father comfort the mourning husband and near friends.

**O'DELL**—In this city, after a lingering illness, on the 22nd inst., Phoebe, widow of the late Daniel O'dell, in her 80th year. Our departed sister lived formerly with her family in Springfield, where for many years she was one of the most active and devoted members of the First Church at Hatfield's Point. Her last years have been spent in fellowship with the Main Street Church, St. John. The next day after her burial her earthly home was destroyed by the fire which swept away a large and important part of Indiantown. Her Heavenly Father gave her a home on earth as long as it was useful and then took her to His own heavenly home, destroying the owe left behind, which she no longer needed. How touching a picture of that which might befall all our earthly possessions ere long. May we like her have the place prepared in the home of many mansions.

**WILSON**—At Salmon Creek, Chipman, Queens Co., on the 26th inst., after much suffering borne with Christian resignation, Matilda J., widow of the late W. James Wilson, aged 74 years. Our sister was an esteemed and faithful member of the Second Chipman Church. She leaves a son and two daughters to revere her memory, besides a large circle of near and dear friends.

**TITUS**—At Gibson, May 21st, Jennie Titus, aged 22 years. While yet in early life and with much promise of usefulness before her our sister has been called to her eternal home. Her life bore ample testimony to her faith in Christ and her devotion to the Master.

**HOBEN**—At Fredericton, Minnie, beloved wife of E. G. Hoben and daughter of the late Stephen Watson of Barton, Sunbury Co., aged 38 years. She leaves besides her husband two small children and a large circle of friends. She professed a hope in Christ some years since during the pastorage of the late Elder B. N. Hughes at Upper Gagetown. May God comfort those left in sorrow.

**VAUGHAN**—At St. Martins, May 24th, Mrs. David Vaughan, highly esteemed for her Christian sympathy and helpfulness to the cause of God. She leaves a husband and four children in mourning. In her death the Baptist cause in St. Martins has lost a valuable supporter. May the kind and gracious Father bind up the broken in heart.

**CURRIE**—At Fredericton, March 12th, Brother George W. Currie, formerly of Upper Gagetown. He early experienced religion and was baptized in 1829, uniting with the Canning Church. He leaves a strong testimony of unclouded faith in God. He was 85 years of age.

**GILMOUR**—At St. George, May 23rd, Alfred Gilmour Esq., aged 88 years. He was baptized by the late Elder Samuel Rollinson and united with the St. George Church when 19 years of age. His memory is held in high esteem by his brethren.

**Married.**

**HUGHES-TRINDER**—At the residence of the bride's parents, 212 Pleasant Street, Worcester, Mass., on the 31st of May, by Rev. J. H. Hughes, Mr. Welcome Henry Hughes, son of the officiating minister, and Miss Gertrude Alice Trinder, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Henry Trinder of Worcester.

**ANDERSON-AYER**—At Fawcett Hill, Westmoreland Co., on May 17th, by Rev. M. Addison, W. C. Anderson of Waterside, Albert Co., and Hettie A. Ayer, daughter of Grafton Ayer Esq.

**MACLASKEY-MANSFIELD**—At the residence of George Berryman, Germantown, Albert Co., N. B., by Rev. I. Bishop, John MacLaskey and Eleanor Mansfield.

**SMITH-GOULD**—At the Surrey Baptist parsonage, by Rev. J. Miles, on May 24th, Mr. Howard Smith and Maud E. Gould, both of Ee Moussele Creek, Albert Co., N. B.