

them, and finding their efforts impaired by the agitation, as well as by the great business depression following the St. John fire of 1877, at length agreed to important concessions and made partial overtures to the convention agitators. In 1879, after an animated discussion in the annual session held at Hillsborough, they passed the following resolution:

1. "That we request the Baptist convention of Nova Scotia, New Brunswick and P. E. Island to appoint a Board of Home Missions for New Brunswick, located in New Brunswick, who shall annually report to the convention.

2. "That in the event of the convention acceding to our request, we hereby instruct the board of this society to hand over their work and trusts committed to it to the New Brunswick Board of the Convention.

3. "That the convention be requested to instruct the Home Mission Board, which they may appoint for New Brunswick, to present an annual report, as far as practicable, to the respective associations in this province, of their annual work."

Even these resolutions were not unanimously adopted, but, as the secretary records it, "were constitutionally carried."

It was not the intention, however, of convention men to comply with this request. They would be content with nothing short of the original proposal. The following resolution was accordingly passed by that body in August, 1879, and forwarded as an answer to the resolutions of our board:

"Resolved, That this convention does not deem it advisable to respond at present to the request that has come to it from New Brunswick, but would urge upon the brethren there to carefully review the whole question; and that the Home Mission Board of this convention, in its operations within New Brunswick during the current year, be requested to confer with the Board of Home Missions appointed by the Home Missionary Society of New Brunswick, in order that there may be no collision between the operations of the two organizations."

That same year, without waiting for further parley, the newly created Maritime Board began work in this province, while our Home Mission Society was still in existence and still desirous of the maintenance of a separate New Brunswick Board.

This fact is still fresh in the memory of many who to-day witness a second attempt on the part of the Maritime convention to thrust a home mission board upon us, and that, too, in the face of an incorporated board, thoroughly organized for efficient work, and indorsed by the three associations of the province. There might have been an excuse in 1879, because of the decrease of financial support given to our former board; but no such pretext can be found to-day, as the figures appended in this sketch abundantly prove. If ever home mission work flourished in New Brunswick, it has been pre-eminently so during the last four years. If ever our churches had reason to maintain any enterprise because of its signal success and the manifest tokens of Divine blessing, then that plea must now be urged for the continuance of our present organization. It simply remains to be seen whether the Baptists of New Brunswick, after having been worried by foreign influence for more than twenty years, will submit to a second invasion of their rights, and that, too, in direct violation of the St. Martins compact, solemnly agreed upon in 1893.

The old New Brunswick Home Mission Society, worn out at last by the persistent course of its opponents, concluded quietly and honorably to abandon its contention, and for peace sake decided to leave the Maritime Board a free field in New Brunswick. At its last annual meeting, held with the Western Association in Chipman in 1880, this board, after twenty-seven years of useful service, having wronged no man, having corrupted no man, and having defrauded none, relinquished its hold on home mission affairs, leaving the justice of its cause for time and subsequent events to establish. That it has been established, and that its predictions were guided by more than human foresight, few in New Brunswick will now doubt.

(To be continued.)

Reports from Ministers and Churches.

HAVELOCK (Butternut Ridge).—On Sunday, 30th October, three converts were baptized, making a total for October of fourteen, and still there are more to follow. F. T. SNELL.

RICHMOND, Carleton Co.—Nothing of special interest to report. Our Sunday services are very well attended; Sabbath-schools, evergreen and quite interesting; conference and prayer meetings kept up, but not so well attended as we would like. I have begun my seventh year in the pastorate of the Richmond churches, with (so far as I know) the hearty consent and desire of every one on the field, which is very gratifying and encouraging to your humble correspondent. CALVIN CURRIE.

DILIGENT RIVER.—We have completed our special services at Diligent River, eight miles below Parrsboro. The meetings were well attended by all persuasions, and the interest throughout was good. Eight happy believers put on Christ by baptism, and quite a large number manifested a deep interest in their soul's eternal welfare. We stopped with these people as long as we could. Their kindness and hospitality were unbounded. We are now heading for Freeport, N. S. E. H. HOWE.

The First and Second Springfield Baptist churches are rapidly completing the work on their pastor's residence at Hatfield's Point, which will be ready for occupancy by the beginning of the new year. Mr. Geo. Hughson, of Chipman, being the contractor, who is doing the work to the entire satisfaction of all concerned.

On the evening of the 29th ult. a very successful birthday party was held, proceeds of which, in conjunction with our autograph quilt, netted about \$200. The sisters deserve the credit for this addition of income to our building fund. S. D. ERVINE.

PERSONALS.

Rev. J. T. Burhoe, who not long since supplied the pulpit of Leinster Street church in this city, has been recalled to the pastorate at Rockford, Ill., where he formerly labored for eight years. His new pastorate begins November 15th.

Evangelist Young and Bro. F. W. Patterson are holding special services at Wiggins' Cove. The interest in the meetings is good and several have expressed a desire for salvation.

SPECIAL NOTICE.

To competitors for securing subscriptions for this paper, we make the following offers: To the person sending us the largest list of paid up subscribers, we will send a gold watch-chain that cost twenty dollars. And to the one sending the next largest list, we will send *The Homiletic Review* for 1898, the subscription price of which is three dollars. And for the third largest list we will send the *Watchman*, the great New England Baptist paper, published weekly, the subscription price being three dollars. We will send it for all of 1899. And for the fourth largest list we will send "Kurtz's Church History," paper cover, in three volumes, worth one dollar and fifty cents. And for the fifth largest list we will send during 1899 "The Commonwealth," a valuable Baptist paper, published in Philadelphia, subscription price one dollar and fifty cents.

All lists to be sent in by the first of January, 1899. The name of each successful contestant, with their number of subscriptions will be published in the first issue in January.

J. H. HUGHES, *Manager.*

Married.

HIGGINS-WIGGINS.—At the residence of T. B. Barrett, Hampton Falls, N. H., Oct. 26th, by Pastor J. W. Higgins, father of the groom, and Rev. H. N. Wiggins, brother of the bride, assisted by Rev. E. F. Snell, pastor of Hampton Falls Baptist church, Mr. Harvey C. Wiggins, of Brentwood, N. H., and Miss Elsie D. Higgins, of West Newton, Mass.

STACKHOUSE-REID.—On the 2nd inst., by Rev. T. F. Fotheringham, M. A., John E. Stackhouse, of Bloomfield, Kings Co., and Jennie O. Reid, of St. John.

SCOVIL-BROOKS.—At the residence of the bride's mother, Mrs. Isaac Brooks, by Rev. A. H. Hayward, Ambrose L. Scovil, of Beaufort, N. B., and Cordelia Brooks, of Foreston, N. B.

MERITHEW-GOSS.—On Oct. 31st, by Rev. Calvin Currie, Joseph Merithew, Esq., and Annie J. Goss, all of Richmond, Carleton Co., N. B.

PORTER-BRADLEY.—At the Baptist parsonage, Florenceville, N. B., Oct. 26th, by Rev. A. H. Hayward, Arnold W. Porter, of Richardson & Porter, Hartland, Carleton Co., N. B., and Sarah E., daughter of John Bradley.

REID-HARMON.—At the residence of the bride's mother, Mrs. C. H. Harmon, at Peel Station, Oct. 31st, by Rev. A. H. Hayward, James Reid, auditor C. P. E., St. John, N. B., and Ella Maud, only daughter of the late C. A. Harmon.

MCDONALD-KINNIE.—At Little Rocher, Albert Co., N. B., Nov. 5th, at the residence of the bride's sister, Mrs. Simon Dixon, by Rev. J. B. Colwell, Miss Emily Kinnie, and Alexander McDonald.

MILLER-HAGERMAN.—At Upper Queensbury, Oct. 5th, by Pastor C. N. Barton, Mr. Ezra Miller, of Southampton, and Dora M. Hagerman, of Upper Queensbury.

BARTON-BARTON.—On Nov. 7th, at the residence of the bride's mother, Mrs. Isaac Barton, Cumberland Bay, Queens Co., by Rev. W. F. Patterson, Luke Barton and Ambroze Barton.

WHITE-HENDRY.—At the residence of the bride's parents, on the 8th inst., by the Rev. A. B. McDonald, Frank White, of Limestone, Maine, and Miss Rebecca Hendry, of Wickham, Queens Co., daughter of Thomas Hendry, Esq.

Died.

TAYLOR.—After a prolonged illness, during which she manifested great patience and reconciliation to the divine will, Mrs. Naomi Taylor, aged 73 years, passed serenely to her home on high, October 24th, from the residence of her son-in-law, Mrs. James F. Sutton, Woodstock, N. B. Sister Taylor was one of the earliest members of the Lower Woodstock Baptist church of which her husband, the late John Taylor, was for many years a worthy deacon. To her last moments she was anxious for the salvation of souls and the welfare of the church. Her's was always a welcome home for the Lord's servants. At full age she came to the close of her earthly pilgrimage waiting for the Master's call to go up higher. "Blessed are the dead who die in the Lord."