

vants were paid to tell the authorities everything they could see or hear, and we were obliged to be very guarded in their presence. On the afternoon of that day a friend, an invalid, sent her servant with the request that I would come to see her. I left my children with Aunt Rachel, never once thinking that I was incurring any danger. The streets seemed deserted, but I thought nothing of that.

Soon I heard a curious singing sound passing over my head, and turning to the servant I asked what it was. "Dat, missus, am solid shot, I heerd it often up at de front." "And are you not afraid?" "Law, no, missus, ten chances to one dey don't hit anybody." Not liking the one chance, I hurried on. I found my friend sick and partly promised to remove and make my home with her, but on returning to Mr. Banks' found him very indignant with me for going out, saying, "I suppose you forgot you were leaving your family with me when you took such a foolhardy risk." He would not hear of our removal as we had been put in his charge. So I settled down once more as contentedly as possible.

The following morning we learned that Johnson had been removed, Hood had taken command and intended to hold Atlanta, for the Confederate army had large stores there. This news brought grief and terror to us. Sherman demanded the surrender and it was refused. He then sent orders to all non-combatants to leave. Thousands left, but we poor northerners who were anxious to join our friends over the lines, and many others who could not endure to leave their property to destruction without some effort to save it, remained. That evening as my two eldest boys sat at the window looking toward the northwest, Henry exclaimed: "Mother, come here; the Yanks are having fireworks." Going to the window I knew in an instant what was the nature of the fireworks, and answered, "Death-dealing fireworks, dear children; God save us from them." Soon we heard the booming of the cannon and the explosions following. As they came nearer to us we could hear that queer hissing sound, once heard never forgotten, followed often by explosion. I have heard military men say that nothing was more completely demoralizing to an army than continual shelling. I believe it. At first you can hear it, although to be sure you know you are in danger, but after four or five hours you are entirely unnerfed.

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Religious News.

**RICHMOND, CAR. CO.** During the month of February it was difficult to keep up the regular services, on account of the frequent and furious storms. Every Sunday in the month was stormy, the third and fourth were tempestuous, no meetings held. We are, however, praying and hoping on. The interest is quite encouraging. Donations have been made by both churches, amounting in goods and cash to sixty dollars. Feb. 28, 1900. CALVIN CURRIE.

**HOPEWELL HILL.** The pastor lectured here on the evening of the 21st inst., to a large congregation. Coffee and cake were provided by the sisters which quite a number enjoyed after the lecture. The proceeds amounting to nearly \$45 is for repairs on the church. F. D. D.

**WAKEFIELD.** On account of the pastor's poor health and his special efforts on other parts of the field this little band have had no preaching since the new year began. Hope to resume work there soon. They use their minister well and pay him, too. There are weaker churches than Wakefield. My health is improving, my heart is glad, only regretting that I cannot do better work and more of it. I thank my God for putting me into the ministry. May his spirit guide me.

**JACKSONVILLE AND JACKSONTOWN.** At least twelve persons have been hopefully converted since our meetings began. Some have come to us from other denominations. A few backsliders have returned. The prospect all about seems better. Well known and much beloved Pastor Hayward spent Sunday, the 11th inst. with us, and we expect a visit soon from one not a stranger in Carleton Co.—the Rev. George Howard. Death is thinning our ranks. I have now scarcely a good reason for retiring from this field as I had intended. F. N. ATKINSON.

**FIRST HILLSBOROUGH.** On Monday evening, Feb. 12th, a large company of friends, representing the Hillsborough section of the field, assembled at the parsonage. After some time spent very agreeably in friendly conversation, Deacon John I Steeves, in a happy speech, presented the pastor with a purse of \$60, and also several useful articles, making a total of about \$70. Deacon S. P. Steeves also spoke. The pastor made a suitable reply to the kind words, and gratefully acknowledged the generous tokens of regard received. Refreshments were then served by the ladies. Altogether a very pleasant evening was spent.

**AVONDALE, N. B.** In May '97 without invitation, encouragement or guarantee, I began preaching fortnightly at this Station. If I am rightly informed they had then been twenty years without a meeting house, and no conference or communion service for at least seven years. We have now a good church building, (dedicated in August '98.) regular conference and communion service, good weekly prayer meetings, a perennial Sabbath school, an inspiring choir, and a disposition on the part of the people to assume financial responsibility. Two younger deacons have been recently appointed for a term of three years. Raised in the three years \$100 for local purposes. A harvest of souls seems nigh at hand. The Lord is good. F. N. ATKINSON.

**SECOND HILLSBORO.** A. I have been laid up for the last three months, we have very little to report. I have not in that time attempted any pastoral work, and we have had but very little preaching in that time. We have had very acceptable visits from Brethern Miles, Townsend and Tyner, each of whom gave the people a sermon which was highly appreciated and for which we were very thankful. I hope to be able to do some work from this time forward, but my health is not what I would desire. S. W. KEIRSTEAD.

**Dawson Settlement, Feb. 27th.** We are holding special meetings at Waterside. Rev. J. A. Marple came to our assistance two weeks ago. God is blessing our united efforts. Many souls are enquiring the way of life. Yesterday it was our privilege to baptize six believers. We hope to baptize others next Sabbath. Brother Marple is one who has been greatly blessed in winning souls for the Saviour. We are getting along nicely with our new church. This church when completed will be one of the best in Albert County. PASTOR M. ADDISON.

**Alma, N. B., Feb. 26th, 1900.**

**TObIQUE VALLEY GROUP.** Our labors are closed on this field. We have labored two years among the people with very good results. When we came to the field the cause was very low, we had no house of worship excepting a school house. Now we have a new house at Linton's Corner, one at Birch Ridge very nigh completed and another up and enclosed at Sisson Ridge. The people are poor yet they have contributed nobly to the cause besides paying their pastor. We trust the Lord will send them a real earnest man,

one who will carefully and prayerfully seek the people's interest and have the cause at heart. We wish to express our gratefulness to them all in behalf of my wife and family for their many acts of love and good will during our residence among them, besides making up a purse of twenty dollars when we moved away. May the dear Lord prosper them and cause them to grow in grace and in knowledge of the truth is my earnest prayer. Feb. 27th. PASTOR D. A. MILLIS.

**CARDIGAN.** Our missionary, Bro. Seelye, reports encouragingly from here and also from New Maryland. The male members are largely absent in the woods, and the prospects for establishing prayer meetings during the winter have not been favorable. Two conferences have been appointed and other services regularly held.

**NEWCASTLE, NORTH CO.** Our congregations are not as good as in the summer, so many being away in the woods. On this account it has been useless to hold any special meetings further than the regular appointments. One of Sabbath Schools is closed for the winter months, but will reopen in the spring. Owing to small pox in this vicinity several of our meetings have been stopped and the usual amount of visitation has not been performed.

**FIRST JOHNSTON.** Bro. Young now laboring in this place writes: There has been a good increase in the attendance of professors of religion at our recent meetings. Rev. John Bennett Anderson was with us one evening and spoke encouraging words. One was baptized on profession of faith and a better feeling exists in the church.

**ABERDEEN.** My connection with their field ceased with the end of January. The number of services during the fall and winter months are necessarily smaller than in summer, owing to the condition of the roads. The field is now pastorless, but should be cared for. There is a chance for good denominational growth if rightly handled. E. P. CALDER

Mission Receipts.

Beaver Harbor Church,	H. M.	\$ 1 00
St. Mary's Church, by R. M. Bynon,	"	6 25
Macnaquac Church,	"	8 00
Second Keswick Church,	"	4 50
Second Cambridge Church,	"	20 00
Second Cambridge Church S. S.,	G. L. M.	4 00
First St. Martins' Church		
Western S. S.	"	1 00
E. M. Sipperel,	H. M.	56 51
Shediac Church,	"	9 15
Mrs. Mary Smith, Treasurer of W. B. M. U.,	"	24 08
First Springfield Church;		
Annuitiy Association,		2 30
Second Springfield Church,		
Annuitiy Association,		3 70
Ezra Keith,	H. M.	1 00
Asa Perry,	"	50
Oilford Corey,	"	50
First St. Martins' Church,	"	5 44
"	F. M.	3 40
"	"	2 10
Maple Grove Church,	H. M.	1 60
Rothsay Church,	"	4 21
Second Grand Lake Church,	"	15 88
Knoxford Church,	"	2 02
Hartland Church,	"	1 90
First Johnston Church,	"	9 66
East Florenceville Church,	"	1 01
Middle Simonds Church,	"	3 31
Second Cambridge Church,	"	1 79
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St. Martins, N. B.,		
March 7, 1900.		

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