

A Minister's Rest.

Not having enjoyed a vacation since I have been in Halifax, it occurred to my friends that a Sunday off would be appreciated by me, and they were right. So, having at last the long looked for vacation, I started by the Monday morning train from Halifax to Bridgetown, which I reached about 1 p. m. I called on Pastor F. M. Young, who showed me one of the neatest and most ornamental church buildings that is to be seen in Nova Scotia. I understand that it is to be dedicated in a few weeks' time.

I left the fair village for the more sublime heights—the North Mountain—and through the kindness of old friends, I reached the scene of past labors where so many were buried in baptism three winters ago. I was pleased to find the churches (especially Phinney Cove) prospering under the care of our young brother Erb, who is doing good work. After having preached about ten sermons, baptized two very promising young men, and visited about fifty families, I left for the busy city again, which I reached on Saturday night quite refreshed, if not through the rest, by the delightful time that I had with the dear friends on my late field.

We are happy in our work at the West End Baptist church, and who could help being happy while surrounded by such an efficient staff of deacons and helpers as we are?

Our Sunday-school superintendent—Mr. C. K. Payant—is one of the few model superintendents.

A new baptistry has been added to the building this week, which shows that we are expecting great things from the Lord.

We are arranging for our first anniversary service, which will doubtless be full of interest, as we have no enemies, but many friends.

Brethren, do not forget us in your prayers during the coming week of prayer.

Halifax, N. S.

Quarterly Meeting.

Minutes of Quarterly Meeting convened with the Second Sheffield church, December 12, 1891. Rev. B. N. Nobles, moderator.

Met 10 a. m.; prayer by moderator; reports from churches in Sunbury and Gibson, in County of York, received. After other routine business of the session the Second Sheffield church appointed their deacon, Bro. Henry T. Bailey, as a delegate to confer with delegates so appointed by the Lakeville and Mauderville churches with reference to obtaining some brother to labor with the three churches of this group. On motion it was resolved that Bro. B. N. Nobles preach at the opening of the next quarterly gathering, and Rev. S. D. Ervine preach the quarterly sermon. On motion of the clerk of the Second Sheffield church, resolved that the location of the place of next meeting be determined by the Revs. B. N. Nobles and S. D. Ervine, cherishing the hope that it may convene with the Mauderville church in this county.

The services of the Sabbath were all conducted by the Rev. B. N. Nobles, who preached with much power and acceptance.

At the close of the Sabbath evening service it was resolved that the thanks of this church be extended to the Gibson church, in the County of York, for their uniform kindness in the sacrifice on their part in allowing their pastor, Rev. B. N. Nobles, to remain over this Sabbath day, preaching the glorious Gospel to this now destitute church; and further resolved, that the Christian sympathy shown by them be not soon forgotten on behalf of this church.

G. T. BAILLY, Clerk.

Organization of a Church.

In compliance with an invitation extended by the Baptist brethren and sisters residing in Bonshaw and vicinity to the Baptist churches of P. E. I., a council of delegates met in the Court House, Bonshaw, on Tuesday, December 15, at 3 o'clock p. m., to consider the propriety of organizing a Baptist church in that place. The following delegates were present: Tryon—Rev. E. A. Allaby, Dea. W. B. Howatt; Alexandria—Rev. J. Miles, Dea. L. McCabe; Clyde River—Bro. D. McNevin; Charlottetown—Rev. J. A. Gordon; Long Creek—Bro. J. K. Ross; North River—Dea. Jacob Bain, Bro. Peter Scott, W. F. Fraser. The meeting was organized by appointing Rev. J. A. Gordon moderator, Rev. J. Miles clerk, and Rev. J. K. Ross assistant. A letter was read from Rev. F. D. Davidson, who was unable to be present on account of the accident which had befallen him a few days previous, giving a brief outline of his labors on the field, and advising organization.

Representatives from Long Creek and Clyde River churches spoke, favoring organization. The brethren and sisters desiring to unite were thirty-five, fifteen of whom come from the church of Emoryvale, which had been discontinued, others hold letters from Baptist churches in the United States and P. E. I., and those who had witnessed a public profession of faith as a result of special meeting in that place.

The question as to maintaining a go-

pel minister was considered and satisfactorily answered by the brethren.

On motion of Rev. E. A. Allaby, and seconded by Deacon Jacob Bain, the request of the organization was granted.

A Committee on Arrangements was appointed, which reported as follows: Evening session to open at seven o'clock. Sermon, Rev. J. A. Gordon; organization prayer, Rev. J. A. Cahill; reading of covenant, Rev. J. Miles; extending hand of fellowship and charge to the church, Rev. E. A. Allaby; election of officers; charge to the deacons, Rev. J. Cahill; ordaining prayer, Rev. J. Miles.

Afternoon meeting closed with prayer by Rev. J. Cahill.

Met at seven o'clock in evening session. The programme of committee was carried out in full. The sermon by Rev. J. A. Gordon, founded on Acts 2: 46, 47, was highly appropriate and instructive.

The following are the list of officers elected by the new church: Deacons—Bros. C. W. Crosby, D. A. McLean and Malcolm McArthur; Treasurer—Bro. Morrow; Clerk—Bro. C. W. Crosby.

J. K. Ross;

Assistant Clerk.

Notes by the Way.

In Digby the new-pastor, Rev. A. T. Dykeman, is greeted with full congregations, and much success in this union of pastor and people is expected. Plans for a winter's campaign are being perfected. Our prayers are that great blessings of grace may come to this church, endeared to us by much toil and anxiety in past days.

The Rev. W. H. Richan has entered upon the work of shepherding the churches of Smith's Cove and Clements Port. His labors extend along the shores of the Digby and Annapolis Basin some 13 miles. Bro. R. is favored by having the W. C. Railway running along the entire length of his field. This will greatly assist him in his work. We doubt not the success of his former pastorates will attend him here. There is here much land to be possessed.

A brief visit to St. Mary's Bay gave an opportunity to notice, with much pleasure, the appreciation of the services of our good brother, Rev. W. A. J. Blakney, by the people of his charge in this place. Some difficulties which some good brethren, with the Lord's help, could easily remove, are greatly burdening the pastor, and apparently hindering him in his work. With the history of past generations who were valiant in the service of God, behind them, and with a promising generation now to serve and save, this church has much to inspire to holy living and united effort. May the spirit and power of the Master be granted in large measure to this dear people and their pastor.

In the Black Rock section of the Cambridge church we found Pastor Jenner engaged with Rev. Bro. Downey, of the Free Baptist church, in special religious services, which had been continued for some weeks. The blessings of converting grace have come to the people and many were here rejoicing in new born desires, purposes and hopes. Bro. Jenner has a large and interesting charge. He is abundant in labors, and the prospects of usefulness are bright.

A Sabbath spent with our brother Rev. J. L. Read with the 3rd Cornwallis church, of which he is now pastor, afforded us the pleasure of renewing former acquaintances, and of preaching the Gospel to those who long have rejoiced in its saving power. Special services are about being held, and it is hoped that great good may come to the people.

J. H. S.

Religious Intelligence.

NEWS FROM THE CHURCHES.

TABERNACLE CHURCH, ST. JOHN.—The Lord is still giving us more mercy drops. Two young persons were baptized last evening by the pastor, in the presence of an audience that crowded our house of worship to its utmost limits. Others are coming. Brethren, pray for us. Dec. 25.

JACKSONVILLE, N. B.—On Sabbath Dec. 20, we buried six more believers in Jesus beneath the waters of the symbolic grave. Twenty in all have been baptized since the work began—two have been added from other denominations—and the end is not yet. To the God of Zion be all the praise. B. H. THOMAS.

HARVEY.—For the past two weeks we have been holding special services at Midway—one of the sections of the Harvey church—and on the 20th inst. three were baptized. We are still continuing the meetings and others are coming forward, whom we expect to baptize soon. Bro. Agnew Tingley, of Albert, has rendered us valuable assistance in these services. May God's blessing rest upon him in his declining years, and upon us all. Brethren, pray for us. "For so the whole round world is every hour bound by gold chains about the feet of God." E. C. BAKER.

CAMBRIDGE, N. S.—In the Black Rock section of the Cambridge church we have been holding a series of meetings in union with the Free Baptists for about seven weeks. The blessing of the Lord, we think, has been greater than the measure of our faith. The two branches of the churches have been drawn nearer each other as they draw nearer to God. Love has been more manifest and Christian kindness. Backsliders have been reclaimed after wandering in a foreign land for many years. On Lord's Day, Dec. 13, eleven were baptized and

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received into the Free Baptist church and fifteen, upon profession of faith, were baptized and received into the fellowship of the Baptist church. We will hold special conference on Christmas day, and hope to receive others who will put on Christ in baptism. At the beginning of the new year we expect to begin special work for the Master at Cambridge. Pray for us. J. H. J.

CLEMENTS PORT.—A young man was baptized here on the 20th Dec. The Rev. W. H. Richan has entered upon the pastorate of this church with some encouraging indications.

ANDOVER, N. B.—The work of grace is still progressing. On the 8th inst. three were baptized into the fellowship of the Forest Glen church. Others have found peace, while many are deeply moved. Brethren in Christ, pray for these and Bro. Henderson administered the ordinance. H. G. ESTABROOK, Lic.

UNIO.—Just previous to my departure for Halifax in quest of medical aid for my wife, who has been afflicted with a cancer, the friends in my church and congregation gave tangible evidence of their sympathy and goodwill in a liberal cash donation. Such expressions are always cheering, but we find them doubly so under present circumstances. Our prayer is that the Giver of all good may richly reward them, and enable us more efficiently to serve them in the Gospel. I rejoice to be able to report the blessing of God upon our mission above referred to, and hope we shall soon be able to unite in our loved work for the Master and for souls.

MANARIE, C. B.—We regret that our pastor, Rev. Calvin Currie, has been under the necessity of leaving this field of labor for the illness of Mrs. Currie. He has moved her home to New Brunswick, her native place, hoping it may improve her health. He has labored with a cancer, the friends in my church and congregation gave tangible evidence of their sympathy and goodwill in a liberal cash donation. Such expressions are always cheering, but we find them doubly so under present circumstances. Our prayer is that the Giver of all good may richly reward them, and enable us more efficiently to serve them in the Gospel. I rejoice to be able to report the blessing of God upon our mission above referred to, and hope we shall soon be able to unite in our loved work for the Master and for souls.

JACKSONVILLE, N. B.—We are in the midst of deep sorrow in this place. On Tuesday last we buried all that was mortal of our true, tried and loved Dr. Robert Hannah. Our church has lost a strong supporter, a most worthy member, and the Sabbath school a most efficient superintendent. Ten ministering brethren, including Rev. N. T. Dutton, of Houlton, Me., assisted the pastor at the funeral services. The sermon was preached by the pastor to a very large and representative gathering. May God support the sorrowing ones. The entire community is moved, and we are praying for a "loud burst" of redeeming mercy.

MONTAGUE AND MURRAY, P. E. I.—You have not had any "religious intelligence" from this section for more than a year, and perhaps it is about time that we had something to report for general information. We have had many experiences since coming here some that would not bear the light of publicity, others very comforting and assuring to ourselves, but would be commonplace in print, and still others in which all in like manner engaged have "common property." Just what is in this connection "common property," just what is what and what shall we have often been at a loss to decide, and so we have withheld perhaps more than was meet, and have been impoverished. There are evidently certain experiences of every Christian worker which belong to all of the class, and for which every worker is a debtor

to all, as we have entrusted to us by the Master that which makes us debtors to the whole world. We, as Baptists, owe it to the nominal Christian world, and it is a pressing demand to openly maintain the word of God in its entirety and to reprove and rebuke, in proper spirit, every perversion of the teaching of the Word. If the Baptist press, pulpit and church fall here, to whom can the people look? "To whom shall we go?" asked the disciple of the Master, "Thou hast the words of eternal life." We owe it to the brotherhood to faithfully record every advance or triumph of truth and righteousness. There is also a solemn claim for personal convictions and logical conclusions of final results, so that not only what appears on the surface, but what of seed lies buried yet to spring up and bear fruit to God's glory, may furnish encouragement for holy endeavor. Our sphere of operation as pastor is ample, taxing the best strength and the best ability to its utmost; a really strong man would at times have to draw largely on "reserve force." It embraces the Montague and Murray River churches, and Sturgeons, which really does not belong to either, where we have a good meeting house nearly finished and paid for, and where there is a hopeful prospect of a separate church organization in the near future. The Montague section, as all know, is classic ground for the Baptists. We have our home at Montague Bridge, and are very comfortably settled, and have received from the people many tokens of kindly interest. Here are a small band of conservative brethren, and somewhat aggressive, who, like Paul's living epistles, are known and read of all men, and you may, too, read profitably "between the lines." The Murray River section is, on an average of preaching stations, upwards of fifteen miles distant from here. Baptists have only of late become really an aggressive force on this field. Good work has been done in the past by some of the best ministers of the denomination, and the brethren have come to know what they believe and to the practice of genuine benevolence. We have now two meeting houses of our own complete, and two public halls at our disposal. The house at the cape is just now finished, to be reopened next Sabbath, and there is the shell of a parsonage at Murray River which will be completed at no distant day. And then the church will ask for what is greatly needed now—a settled pastor's full time. The Home Mission Board has not on hand a more hopeful mission. We have received from this people many expressions of confidence, and just now comes the crowning act in the shape of a valuable suit of far-coat cap and mitts, and other articles of convenience and value as a donation, and there are words that warm the heart and add expression to the speech; and we can say with hearty goodwill, "God bless this people," and every people who in like manner remember their pastors, Rev. F. Wallace was with us for a week not long since, and his words were with power. He never preached better, though tired and sick. We hope for his return to spend several weeks with us.

PERSONALS.

The address of Mr. F. R. Haley, Alumni professor of Acadia University, will, until June next, Emilitenstrasse No. 42, Leipzig, Germany.

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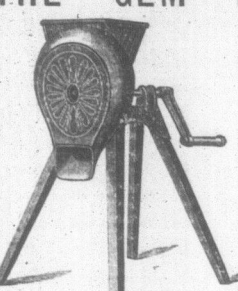
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