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C. E. PIERCE.

The Rev. J. A. Gordon preached for the North church on Sunday, the 10th. Rev. W. R. Hall baptised several converts on Sunday evening. He had baptised one two weeks ago. Two were received by letter. Extra services were held this week.

Revs. J. A. Gordon and J. H. Saunders attended the ministers' meeting on Monday afternoon. Mr. Gordon made pleasing reports of all the churches in St. John. The Rev. Mr. Daley is doing well at Leinster Street; Dr. Carey has success at Brussels Street; Rev. O. O. Gates is having a prosperous winter in his church. Rev. Mr. Schumann is doing well at Carleton and Rev. I. W. Corey seems to be the right man for Fairville, The Tabernacle church, too, is in a prosperous condition under the labors of Rev. E. K. Ganong. Brother Gordon has his hands full of work at Main Street. The house now occupied will not accommodate the people. The church has risen to build. A church to accommodate 1200 people is to be erected at A. A. revival has taken place under the labors of Bro. C. W. Turner, Lic., brother Gordon's assistant, who went there to spend a Sunday. He remained to carry on the work.

Rev. J. H. Saunders reported the Messenger and Visitor in a prosperous condition, but feeling to some extent the hard times.

The Owers case is still before the public. The secular press states that "McCoy, city recorder, has been retained to take action against Rev. W. H. Parker and Mr. Morrison for reporting that Mrs. Owers was insane. This seems strange as she was put in the Insane Asylum on the certificates of two doctors in Toronto."

Mr. Morrison has published a letter in the press, stating that a person wrote a letter and addressed it to the Rev. Mr. Owers, for the purpose of ascertaining whether Mr. Owers letters were delivered to Mr. Morrison, as Mr. Owers had directed. The letter did not reach Mr. Morrison. This may account for the letter purporting to come from the Danvers Insane Asylum, which was by the secular press charged on Mr. Owers, which Mr. F. Parker says he has proof positive that Mr. Owers did not write the letter in question.

Mr. Owers' mistake evidently was in having his wife among strangers and keeping from her his whereabouts. He now writes that lawyer Cummings of Toronto has the case in hand, and he will return from the States if necessary. Mrs. Owers refuses to accept one child and return to England.

E. M. S.

#### Rev. E. J. Grant's Letter.

I have just read, with some surprise, the very bitter letter of Rev. E. J. Grant, in the Messenger and Visitor of March 6th, re politics in King's Co. The tone of the letter and the evident spirit in which it was written urge upon me the conviction that the writer must have followed his own advice in the matter of preliminary prayer.

The wisdom of removing the great temperance question from the field of moral reform into the domain of practical politics, at the present time, is doubtful. By some this agitation is regarded as an indication of weakness on the part of temperance advocates, and an anxiety to transfer to the shoulders of others a burden of which they themselves have become weary. The progress of many a good enterprise is retarded by impatience and undue haste. If the depth and sincerity of prohibition sentiment in King's Co. are such as Mr. Grant ascribes, many will doubt the wisdom of choosing that constituency in which to initiate the new party; and if his own churches and community are typical of the country generally, there would seem to be great need of missionary labor before general prohibition can become an urgent question.

I hope that the rev. gentleman's zeal will not lead him into errors. He seems desirous of elevating prohibition above the plane of ordinary trade questions and of the respective policies of existing political parties. Now, by inaugurating a new political party on prohibition lines, is there not some danger of degrading this great moral reform movement to the level of a campaign hobby? Again he says: "Both political parties are corrupt—'seeking base bribes,' etc., therefore sever your connection with them and cast in your lot with the prohibition party." Suppose we apply this doctrine to other organizations, say, to the church. Bad people get into the church. They use their membership for the purpose of promoting their own gain or respectability. What then? Should we refuse the withdrawal of the good and sincere? That's bad doctrine.

Mr. Grant appears to have much of his argument on the mistaken assumptions that every christian man is ipso facto a prohibitionist; and that those who vote for either of the old party candidates, thereby willingly endorse all the evil and corruption of the party. Now, both these premises are wrong. There are some God-fearing christians, and a few earnest christian temperance workers, who are not yet convinced that the advocacy of immediate prohibition is the best means of promoting the cause of temperance. As to voting for the old parties, I presume that even those prohibitionists who believe that the shortest and most direct path to the attainment of that desirable consummation lies through existing parties, will continue to vote, as heretofore, according to the dictates of their own conscience; and while giving a consistent support to their chosen candidate, they can manifest their abhorrence of any proposition that may have become attached to the party through unscrupulous adherents. The premises, therefore, being faulty, the application fails; and much of the bitterness of Mr. G.'s letter is pointless. That's bad logic.

He wishes to put on record his conviction in regard to a Christian man asking God to direct him in the responsible duty of casting his ballot. Concerning the conviction, I have nothing to say;

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but in the same connection he strangely urges the christian under certain conditions, not to pray at all. Now, I will put on record my conviction, viz: That if he will carefully weigh the full significance of his suggestion, he will agree with me in saying, that's bad advice.

I am told that Rev. Mr. Grant is one of our very successful pastors. I venture, however, the opinion that his success would not be enhanced by adopting, in his chosen profession, the style and spirit exhibited in his communication. As he is, presumably, a novice in the field of active politics, I would modestly suggest that he employ the same spirit of kindness and conciliation of winning votes for his favorite candidate that he uses in winning adherents to the sacred cause which he represents. Denunciation and violent reproach seldom win people to any cause. Alienation and resentment are more frequently the legitimate outcome; and I have grave doubts that a large number of votes for prohibition will be gained as a result of the letter under consideration. That's bad policy. As to the propriety of opening up columns to such communications, I have nothing to say, provided we are all treated alike. Mr. Grant promises more of the same kind, and if his proposal to boom his party candidate through the columns of the Messenger and Visitor receives favorable consideration, I shall be encouraged to ask you a similar favor, as I may be desirous of urging the claims of my candidate and party through the same channel.

P. E. Island, March 9, '95.

#### Letter from Rev. E. E. Bill.

I suppose some of our friends in the Maritime Provinces may be wondering what has become of me, so by the leave of the editor of the Messenger and Visitor I will endeavor to give an account of myself.

Having reason to hope, as we thought, that the inland and dryer climate of Ontario would be conducive to my wife's health, we decided to come up here.

We left Liverpool early in September last for Toronto, by Salem, Mass., and Cleveland, Ohio. We went to Cleveland, especially to attend the ordination of our son. The ordination services went off well and it was as may be imagined an exceedingly interesting occasion for us. I preached each Lord's day we were in Cleveland and was treated with much kindness from the many friends I met there for the first time.

It was my privilege to meet with the Baptist ministers of the city on three occasions. I was cordially received by the brethren and at each occasion I was kindly invited to take part in the discussion of the subject under consideration. We reached Toronto early in October. Toronto is indeed a very beautiful city and is well named the "Queen city of the west."

I found that I was in time for the Baptist convention of Ontario and Quebec and I very gladly availed myself of the opportunity of meeting with the brethren in their great annual gathering at St. Thomas, Ont. Rev. Drs. Rand and Gooden were present, both taking an active and prominent part in the work of the convention. Miss Fitch also formerly of Acadia Seminary, now principal of Moulton College, Toronto, was there and addressed the convention in a very interesting and effective manner, at one or two of the great platform meetings.

I find the Baptists of Ontario and Quebec are doing a mighty work for God in their missionary and educational enterprises. The meetings lasted about one week and a much fuller consideration was given to the various objects of the denominational work than can possibly be given in the much shorter time devoted to the consideration of the same object by our brethren of the Maritime Provinces. I think in this respect, the brethren up here have the better way.

I loved the work in the provinces by the sea, and was deeply interested in all that pertained to the welfare of our denomination there, but trust my coming up here has been of great benefit.

We find ourselves very pleasantly situated. Our people seem to be kind, courteous, and appreciative. I had the privilege of baptizing a very interesting young man on Sunday the 5th inst. Our congregations on the Lord's day are large and interesting, and our social services are increasing in numbers and in interest, and we are hopefully looking forward to a great blessing from the Lord. I am rejoiced to see the Messenger and Visitor, that my worthy successor, brother Fash, is being so greatly encouraged in his work at Liverpool. But I must close, not however, without adding just this one familiar word, it is this, "Brethren, pray for us."

I. E. BILL.

Poplar Hill, Ontario.

Quebec Parishes.

DEAR EDITOR:—In your issue of February 27th, you say—"In that province (Quebec) the ecclesiastical parishes established by the Roman Catholic authorities are parishes for civil purposes also, and the church authorities have the power to change the boundaries of these parishes to suit themselves."

You have certainly been misinformed in this matter. The ecclesiastical parishes may become parishes for civil purposes in one or two ways; either by legislation as to the particular parish, as has been done in a great many instances; or by applying "to the commissioners for the civil recognition thereof" after thirty days notice of such application being given in the churches or chapels of the parishes interested &c. These commissioners are appointed by the government of the province, and their province, in case of opposition to the civil recognition of the parish, that they shall enquire into and decide upon the merits of the case and render their report thereon to the Lieutenant Governor. I will not, however, leave the further details of article 3381 of the Revised Statutes of Quebec, which shows how the establishment of the parish for civil purposes is consummated.

"On the presentation of the proceedings of the Commissioners, containing their report as aforesaid, the Lieutenant Governor may issue the proclamation under the Great Seal of the province erecting such parish for civil purposes, and for confirming, establishing and recognizing the limits and boundaries thereof; such proclamation shall avail as a legal erection and confirmation for all

civil purposes of the parishes therein designated &c., &c."

I think I have said enough to make it quite plain that the establishment of parishes, and of their limits and boundaries for civil purposes is not in the hands of the church, but of the civil authorities. It is possible, for ought I know, that the publication of notice may be unfair or prejudicial, but with these points I am not dealing at present. You proceed to say:—

"Their claim to this authority has not only been upheld by Provincial courts, but has lately been confirmed by the judgment of the Imperial Privy Council." The case to which you refer probably is *Alexandre et al v Brandard et al*, of which a brief synopsis of the decision of the Judicial Committee of Privy Council appears in the Canadian Gazette of February 14th, 1895, page 440. The full and official report of the case has not yet reached Canada. From this synopsis I quote the following:—

"The appellants challenged the validity of the proceedings which resulted in the civil recognition of the parish of St. Blaise on two grounds. They alleged that on the occasion of the application to the ecclesiastical authorities for the canonical erection of the parish an essential condition presented by law was not observed, and they contended that in consequence of that omission no legal foundation was laid for civil recognition."

"The formation of the new parish was allowed by the Roman Catholic Archbishop of Montreal in 1888, and the Archbishops' decree having been approved, the Commissioners of the Diocese were applied to for the civil recognition of the new parish. The appellants lodged an opposition, but the commissioners in their report advised the Lieutenant Governor to grant civil recognition."

"The civil recognition was proclaimed and was upheld first by the provincial courts and finally by the Judicial Committee. I think that I have said enough to show that you have been led into a mistake in relation to this matter, first by not understanding the statute law upon the subject, and secondly by not properly interpreting the decision to which I have referred. I may say that it is not generally assumed to be well posted in the law of Quebec either statutory or judicial, and if I have not looked into this subject sufficiently to arrive at a correct conclusion in relation to it, I shall be only too ready to acknowledge my error if I discover that I am wrong."

Yours very truly,

H. H. BLAGG.

Quebec, March 6, 1895.

#### DENOMINATIONAL NEWS.

GIBSON, N. B.—On Sunday evening, March 10th, (not more converts were baptised. Their names are: Ida Maud McEneaney, Sarah Rice, Jennie Babbitt and Ella Babbitt. Our meetings continue.

F. D. DAVIDSON.

PORT LORNE, N. S.—It was our privilege to baptize and receive into the church yesterday, a most interesting and well-qualified candidate. We hope this will be the first fruits of a large gathering.

E. P. COLDWELL.

CANARD, N. S.—Two persons followed their Lord in baptism at Canard yesterday. The good work goes on. Others are coming. The church has decided to enlarge their meeting house at Lower Canard to make room for the Sunday School.

C. H. MARTELL.

MARCOOT, N. S.—Twenty six united with the church yesterday—twenty-four men and two women. A number of others have professed faith in the Saviour. Over forty others were down on their knees last night crying to God for mercy.

J. A. MARPLE.

PENFIELD, CHARLOTTE CO.—Bro. C. W. Turner, Lic., lately visited this place and held meetings for one week, March 3-10. The services were well attended and much interest was manifested. Six persons it is believed are ready to confess Christ by baptism, and the outlook for further work on the field is very encouraging.

ELGIN, ALBERT CO.—Sunday the 10th was a good day for the first Elgin Baptist church. The people came from all directions to participate in the meetings for the day, and help to make the annual "Roll Call" a great blessing. Although a large number were present to respond to their names with gratitude and praise to God, we realized the loss of many who are far away from their church home. The spiritual blessing was rich, and the offerings of heart and voice were supplemented by \$60 for parsonage purposes.

H. H. S.

UPPER QUEBENSURRY, N. B.—On the evening of March 4th many of the members of this congregation assembled at the home of Bro. H. Scribner, and there, by the long remains of rich gifts made known how they loved their pastor. A few hours were sociably spent together. Before the people left they made their pastor richer by \$33. I have had many gifts conferred upon me since coming on this field. The people know the meaning of "Be ye one another's burdens. My God reward the donors."

E. C. JENKINS.

MAHONE BAY.—During January and February, as the weather would permit, we held special meetings at North West. The people in this section of the church live far apart, and are scattered over a large extent of territory. Notwithstanding many obstacles we were blessed in our work. Five have given evidence of having been born again. We will baptize when our baptistry—a beautiful fresh water lake—opens in the spring. We commence meetings next week in town.

HARRY S. SHAW.

MARSH, N. B.—A few weeks ago we began special meetings in Bristol. Rev. T. Barber, of Woodstock, spent the little time with us, preaching every evening to large congregations. God's presence was felt from the beginning. Many souls have been quickened, weak Christians strengthened, sinners converted, for which we bless the Lord. The following persons have been baptized, others are received and will go forward soon. Those baptized are: Othniel Morri, Clarence Eater, Rosa Jones, Moody Rogers, Robin Boyer. Four of the above are young men in their strength. We continue the work.

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EAST PUNBICO, N. S.—The Lord has been doing a gracious work here. When we commenced the second week of services, Bro. Miller, F. B. minister, joined us. Twenty-one have followed their Lord in the ordinance of baptism. Eleven joined the Baptist church, and ten the F. B. S. of Kingston, of Boston, who was with us two evenings, baptised two happy converts into the Baptist church and on the 11th inst, the writer had the blessed privilege of baptizing nine. This evening (12th inst.) Bro. Miller and I went to commence union services at Wood's Harbor. Pray the Lord to bless us.

C. I. McLANE.

LINDEN, N. S.—We have been without a pastor for nearly a year during which time we had grown cold in the cause. A few attended the prayer meetings held on Sunday evenings, but God in his divine providence has sent one of his young servants, William A. Allen, among us. He is filled with the spirit of God and a burning desire to do his Holy will. He has been holding special evening services since the first of last week, at which there has been much interest manifested—wanderers are returning, voices are now heard witnessing for Christ which have been silent for years, and sinners are repairing the way to Christ. Brethren pray for us that the good work may still go on until many may be brought to a saving knowledge of the truth as it is in Jesus, and may the Lord bless us.

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RICHMOND, CARLETON CO.—A home missionary meeting and concert was held in the Hodgson and Richmond churches, on Monday evening, March 11th. A fine night, good roads, and a multitude of people, made the meeting a grand success. The choir under the efficient leadership of deacon James Barton furnished cheering music. The children of the Sabbath school recited beautiful bits of poetry. Miss Lillian Lutz, a graduate of Ricker Institute, Houston, gave a reading in a most pleasing manner, and Rev. Mr. Hall, Free Baptist, of Hodgson Mills, gave an eloquent address on missions. The pastor spoke a short time, giving some facts concerning the work on our home fields. A collection was taken for home mission work amounting to \$13.16. Our next effort, when we make one, will be for foreign missions.

March 12.

TRIVERTON, DIGBY CO., N. S.—The Rev. Mr. Allaby is our pastor now, and is just the man we have so long needed. He began the meetings three weeks ago, and though all seemed cold and indifferent at first, now we saw evidence of an awakening, and the first week saw three precious souls redeemed, the second six, the third ten, and it seems as if it is but the beginning. Every meeting sees a crowded house with often many unable to enter. Nearly all of our new members are grown to manhood and womanhood. As an instance of the interest of the meetings, yesterday (Sunday) we had three services, morning, afternoon, and evening, and each time seats and siles were filled, to overflow, and many turned away unable to enter. Surely God has been very good to his church in Triverton in sending such a man as Bro. Allaby to labor with us. Not the least of his gifts are his grand singing powers and his personal magnetic influence which makes his "Master's" power so wonderfully felt. God bless him and his labors is the prayer of his people here.

REVIVAL NEWS: I have just returned from Charlotte Co. after assisting Bro. Skinner at Oak Bay. Most of the special meetings were held at Leige Dufferin where there was a great and glorious manifestation of the power of God displayed in the strengthening of the people of God, and in the salvation of souls—the good sinner of 70 years and wife, other men and their wives, down to the young just entering their teens. There were fifteen baptized while I was there. I spent some eighteen or twenty days with the beloved pastor and a true working few. I was much delighted and enjoyed much by my visit and labor with my dear Bro. Skinner, and in seeing a number of those who long had held unfavorable opinions of the Baptists, and had been connected with other persuasions, breaking away and obeying the Lord Jesus in following His commands as laid down in His word. And as they rejoiced that they were brought out of darkness into light, so we rejoiced together. I found the people here to be a true and a home mostly at Deacon John Webber's, where I was shown no little kindness never to be forgotten, and especially enjoyed to see and hear his eldest son, a noble young man, seeking Jesus and pleading for mercy and aid to relieve in a good found hope. I left the good work going on; two others were received by baptism, others are seeking the same.

J. W. S. YOUNG.

March 9th, '95.

ACKNOWLEDGEMENT.

Mr. and Mrs. H. A. Giffin acknowledge the kindness of many friends at Weymouth, N. S., in a recent donation of groceries and fuel, amounting in all to the sum of \$15.

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The next session of the Albert Co. quarterly meeting will convene with the