

BIRTHS.

CUTTEN.—At New Haven, Conn., on Tuesday, Feb. 11th, to the wife of Rev. Geo. B. Cutten, a daughter.

MARRIAGES.

HILTON-PARKER.—At the residence of the bride's parents, Feb. 8th, by Rev. W. M. Smallman, James Benjamin Hilton of East Brooklyn, N. S., and Elizabeth Alda Parker, daughter of J. H. Parker of Nictaux South, N. S.

GABRIEL-SHEARS.—On Feb. 12th, at the parsonage, by Pastor H. G. Estabrook, Thomas Gabriel to Laura Shears, both of Springhill.

CHAMBERS-SIMPSON.—At the home of the bride's brother, Feb. 5th, by Rev. J. T. D. mock, James Chambers to Laura Bell Simpson, both of Tatamagouche.

HENNIGAR-McINNIS.—At the home of the bride's father, Mr. James McInnis, Steam Mill Village, Feb. 5, by J. D. Spidell, Sangster Hennigar and Effie McInnis, all of Kings county, N. S.

CROSBY-PORTER.—At the residence of Capt. and Mrs. Benjamin Gullison, Beaver River, N. S., on the 8th Feb., by Rev. W. J. Rutledge, Charles S. Crosby of Elizabethtown, New Mexico, and Mrs. Sadie R. Gullison-Porter of Beaver River, Digby county, N. S.

DEATHS.

STEEVES-DOUGLAS.—At Point Wolf, N. B., Feb. 1st, by Pastor F. N. Atkinson of Alma. Arthur A. Steeves of Beaver Brook and Katie E. Douglas of Point Wolf, all of Albert county.

ANDERSON.—At Boylston, Guysboro county, N. S., on the evening of the 10th, of consumption, Sarah Jane, beloved wife of Deacon Jacob Anderson, aged 48 years. The deceased was very patient and cheerful all through her illness and at the last longed to go and be with her Saviour whom she loved. She leaves a husband, two sons and two daughters to mourn their loss.

HOWLAND.—At Tower Hill, St. James, Charlotte county, Feb. 2nd, Melvin W. Howland, age 18 years and six months. This young man gave his young life to the Master early and was very happy as he fell asleep in Jesus.

BARTLETT.—At Bartlett Mills, Charlotte county, Feb. 5th, Jessie C. Bartlett, age 86. We believe our brother found eternal rest in the Lord. Although not a member of the church, yet we heard him say that he was trusting and resting and waiting in the Lord.

NOBLE.—At Coldstream, Carleton Co., Feb. 7th, Julia, widow of Joel Noble, aged 77 years. Our departed sister was baptized many years ago by the late Rev. Daniel Outhouse, and united with the Baptist church in this place. During her life she passed through many afflictions and sorrows, but God's grace was sufficient for his child. Her death was triumphant. She leaves two sons and four daughters to mourn the loss of a faithful, loving mother, also many grandchildren and an aged brother and sister.

WILMOT.—On February 7th, of consumption, William Allen Wilmot of Boston, "formerly of Salisbury, N. B." Bro. Wilmot came to Boston about 17 years ago and soon after his arrival connected himself with the Ruggles St. Baptist church, and at once became interested in all the activities of that body and although loyal to his own church he also found time to assist in "general city mission work" and was well known to many of the leaders. Much sympathy is expressed for the widow who by the death of her husband has lost the last member of her family—her three children having preceded their father to the better land. The burial was at Salisbury, N. B. May God sustain the sorrowing widow.

HOWLETT.—At Annandale, P. E. I., on January 30th, after about a year's illness, John William Howlett, aged 18 years. He was a bright and promising man, beloved by all who knew him. Baptized six years ago by Evangelist J. A. Marple, he had steadily grown in grace and usefulness in the church. It was while studying at Prince of Wales College, Charlottetown, that he was taken ill and had to return home. Rev. G. P. Raymond conducted the funeral service in the Annandale Baptist church, where a very large audience of all creeds gathered to show their sympathy with the bereaved family, who are most highly respected by all the surrounding community.

PALMER.—Entered into rest on the 9th of January in the 73rd year of her age, Mrs. Lizzie E. Palmer of Douglas Harbor, Grand Lake, Queens county, N. S. She was wife of the late Isaac A. Palmer and daughter of the late Deacon Jarvis Estabrook and granddaughter of the Rev. Elijah Estabrook, of sacred memory. The deceased was a devoted Christian, the interests of Christ's kingdom were ever dear to her—and she always improved every opportunity to speak for the Master. During her last illness which was long, she expressed her firm faith in the divine promises. "Jesus is with me, all is peace—only waiting for the summons to come up higher," was the message sent to an absent sister. She left one son, brother and sisters and numerous friends to mourn their loss. Said a friend in speaking of her, "I never was in her company, but was better for her influence." "Blessed are the dead that die in the Lord."

McLEOD.—On the twenty-third of Jan., at the residence of his brother, Daniel McLeod, Penobscia, Mr. William J. McLeod, passed to his rest, aged 85 years. For a number of years Mr. McLeod was ailing and for the last two or three years he was confined to his room. All that could be done to alleviate his sufferings and minister to every want was cheerfully and faithfully performed by the family with whom he spent his declining years. Mr. McLeod had never made a profession of religion, but in sentiment he was a Baptist. Before his death he became greatly alarmed about his soul and felt keenly the weight of his sins. He was led to put his trust in Jesus and died in faith in the world's Redeemer. The funeral service was conducted by his pastor, Rev. W. Camp. Mr. McLeod was a man of marked ability, but on account of his retiring disposition and his aversion to notoriety—his gifts were known only to a small circle of friends. He was a good neighbor and was highly esteemed by all who knew him.

Annuity Fund.

I have given below all that has been received for the Annuity Fund from the churches and individuals since the current Convention Year began. The total is \$374.62. Take out \$110, given to capital and the balances is for paying annuities this year—namely \$264.62. Last year the whole amount given for annuities by the churches was \$233.11. At this date, therefore, there has been given this year \$31.51 more than was given in all last year. Will the churches whose names appear on this list, please take collections as soon as possible. To remind them of this privilege in the babel of calls, I have sent circulars to their ministers dated February 1st, 1902. If the churches not yet heard from, will do as well as those who have reported, the Board may be able to pay the full amount of the annuities next July. This will make them glad although it is comparatively small.

Tabernacle, Halifax, \$10; Seal Harbor church, \$2.48; Hammonds Plains, \$2; Paradise and Clarence church, \$9.05; Pennfield church, \$7.45; Lewis Head church, \$2; Crowe Harbor church, \$6; Beaver Harbor church, \$2.40; Lower Prince William, \$5; East Point church, \$5; Pleasantville church, \$2.50; Dayspring, \$1.50; Wallace River, \$6; Berwick church, \$9.13; Tryon church, \$8; Port Bickerton church, \$1.50; Waterville, Kings Co., \$2.80; Mrs. W. G. Parker, \$1; Country Harbor, \$5.87; Goshen, \$3; and St. Mary's, \$1.50; 1st Yarmouth, \$14.70; Kingsclear, \$2.40; 1st Sable River, \$2.75; Lower Economy and Five Islands, \$3.15; New Cornwall, \$2.25; Nictaux, \$3.60; Gasperesux, \$2.65; North Church, Halifax, \$8.05; Mahon, Bay, \$7.50; E. C. Simonson, \$5; Antigonish, \$16.25; Great

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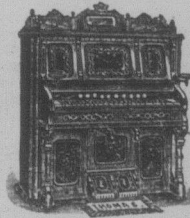
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Village, \$5; Mrs. Alexander McLean, P. E. I., \$1; St. Stephen's church, \$21; Rev. T. A. Higgins, \$5; Antigonish church, \$24.65; Wolfville church, \$14.21; Port Hillford, \$5.68; Mr. Barrett, Bonshaw, P. E. I., \$1; Piquash church, \$4; Central New Annan church, \$1.74; C. H. Harrington, \$100; J. S. Trites, \$5; Wine Harbor, \$4.37; Sonora, \$3.10; Havelock church, \$1.30; Dundas church, \$2; James Boyle, per Rev. Wm. Camp, \$1; Rev. P. N. Foster, \$7. Total, \$274.62.

An Aged Disciple.

It was my privilege, during my recent visit to Westport, N. S., to accept an invitation to a birthday party in honor of my aged Brother, Jesse Harris. On the 3rd day of February, 1902 he completed his 95th year and is still enjoying much physical and mental vigor. Our aged brother was baptized 70 years ago by the late Rev. Wellington Jackson, who was then Baptist pastor in Westport and he has since been an active member of the church and for many years he served most efficiently as clerk. He lives with his only daughter, Mrs. Munro, who is also a devoted church worker. My venerable brother showed us the first copy of the Christian Messenger, published in Halifax, N. S., on Jan. 6, 1837. It is a small paper of 8 pages. The subscription price to country subscribers was the modest sum of \$3.50. The first copy contains a notice of the marriage on January 3, at Wolfville, by Rev. T. Harding, of Jesse Lewis Bishop and Eliza, eldest daughter of William Johnson, Esq. That marriage gave to the Baptist denomination three preachers of the Gospel and also the wife of Rev. J. S. Read of Avonport. Brother Harris has been a subscriber to our denominational paper ever since its first publication, a fact that he delights to emphasize. After a sumptuous tea and a most enjoyable social chat, the 71st Psalm was read and earnest prayer offered for this aged and honored servant of Christ. It was especially refreshing to hear this dear old brother pour out his heart in

earnest supplication, as he has been wont to do for nearly three quarters of a century. The memory of this birthday party will long be cherished with pleasure.

ISA WALLACE.

HER FIRST WINDOW GARDEN.

A literary woman who lives in an apartment on Madison avenue received last spring several packages of flower seeds through the kindness of the general government at Washington and the formal request of an acquaintance in Congress.

She had been reading of Elizabeth's garden, and forthwith she had some window boxes made and planted the seeds, resolved to have a garden of her own. At length they sprouted and began to grow. Beside them in the box, fastened to a toothpick, was the long Latin name which the government affixed to the seeds.

A delicate green plant, with pulpy leaves "shining like polished wax," the lady said, began to grow furiously. The directions in a florist's book said that the plant bearing that Latin name should be trained on a trellis, "and a trellis was manufactured, the green stalks bound to it, and they grew—and they grew. That was all they did. There were no creepers put out to hold them to the trellis, and there were no signs of buds or blossoms. Still it was a "beautiful bit of green" in the window, and the plants were nursed faithfully and tenderly. One day the owner's cousin called. He lived somewhere in that vague region known as "up the state" and owns a farm. He looked at the window garden—one short, searching look—and laughed.

"What's this new plant?" he asked. "It's grandiflorum—something," answered the literary woman; "but it won't blossom."

"Grandiflorum nothing," replied the farmer cousin; "it's pusley, and its the peakiest nuisance that ever grew in a garden."

The owner looked up the record of this weed, and now she is undecided whether to write a protest to the agricultural department or a magazine article on the "Delights of Window Gardening."—New York Times.

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