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ACADIA ANNIVERSARIES.

Wolville, which for these many years has been in the habit of putting on her best June attire on Acadia's anniversary days, kept up her record this year, notwithstanding the season is later and the closing of the schools some few days earlier than usual. Acadia's home is a beautiful one. Wealth, art and nature are in happy union to make it so. This village has greatly improved in these latter years. It has arisen to the privileges of an incorporated town. A splendid water system has been provided, and it is now enjoying a big boom in real estate.

Acadia University anniversary commenced with the baccalaureate sermon on Lord's Day, May 29, by Rev. A. C. Chute, of Halifax. The attendance at this service was large. The sermon was appropriate and much enjoyed. Mr. Chute chose for his text Gen. 12: 4, "So Abraham departed as the Lord had spoken to him." The following outline of the sermon will give our readers an idea of its excellence. The theme suggested by the text, "Every man's life is a plan of God," was discussed under the following divisions: (1) Every man's life is a plan of God—not the lives of famous leaders only, but of the rank and file as well. "He who fixes the orbit of a planet cares for the sparrow." (2) The loss will be unspeakable if this plan is not discovered. The facilities are at hand for a full knowledge of all that it is necessary for us to know. Part by part our duty and privilege is revealed to us as we need to know it. (3) Every man should heartily enter into the plan as he learns it. Learning is conditioned upon doing. (4) Every man should constantly seek help from God in carrying out the plan. God operates with us only in so far as we co-operate with Him. This most excellent sermon closed with a brief address to the graduating class.

Acadia Seminary's Alumni had their first annual meeting on Tuesday, May 30th, at four o'clock p.m. Some thirty were in attendance. The reports received were all of an encouraging character. A respectable sum had been raised during the year, with which it is intended to further provide furnishings for Alumni Hall. A fuller account of this meeting will appear in our next issue.

Horton Academy.

On Wednesday afternoon, at three o'clock, Horton Academy, for the sixty-fourth time, appeared before the public to give its yearly entertainment. Its old-time reputation was fully sustained. Principal Oakes, surrounded by Messrs. Morse, Sawyer and McDonald, gave a good account of their year's hard work. The attendance at the boarding-house was 40, and from without 51—making 91 in all. As was confidently expected, the Manual Training department, established last year, has proved a great success. Forty young men took advantage of this school. The building was open on Wednesday morning to the public. There were on exhibition the good work of the classes in freehand and mechanical drawing, and fine specimens of work in wood. Visitors were astonished to see how much had been done in one brief year. This is evidently the supply of a long-felt want—but not clearly seen. Now talent for mechanism and art, as well as talent for the professions, can be cultivated at Horton Academy.

Hand work and brain work are on a level, as they ought to be, in this Christian school. Mr. McDonald, the teacher, has tried the experiment, and it is a success.

The essays of the young men and young ladies gave unmistakable evidence of the thoroughness of the work done in the academy. The graduating class is large this year—37 in all. Their names are as follows:

Arthur C. Archibald, Thomas E. Armstrong, Lawrence Blinn, James H. Bulmer, R. Earl Burgess, Arthur Burns, John McD. Caldwell, Thos. P. Caldwell, John D. Campbell, Andrew R. Cobb, Jennie Cobb, Wilfred H. Coldwell, Marie McCall, Crandall, William Treloar, A. Ward, L. Davidson, Isabel D. Davison, Harry B. Dunn, Harry S. Erb, Edith S. Johnston, Elizabeth Johnston, Stanley L. Jones, J. W. Keirstead, C. Ingersoll McLean, Charles E. Morse, William I. Morse, Joseph Myhrall, Edgar H. Rhodes, Charles W. Ross, Richard U. Schurman, William L. Seeling, Simon Spidle, Norval B. Spinyne, Martha H. Vandorpe, Hugh M. Watson, Thomas B. Williams, Frank M. Wortman, Harry S. Erb.

If the usual number comes from other schools in the provinces, the freshman class in the college will be very large. Principal Oakes presided, and gave the large audience selections from the following programme:

- Professional—Rondo.
Misses Cohoon and Patrinquin.
Trio—Real three on this Merry Willow.
Misses Bill, Stewart and Eaton.
1—Essay—The Domestic Life of the
J. H. Bulmer, Westmorland Pt., N. B.
2—Essay—The W. C. T. U.
Miss W. H. Coldwell, Wolville.
3—Essay—The Newspaper
John D. Campbell, Weymouth.
4—Essay—Canadian Cabinet Ministers
A. Ward, L. Davidson, Wolville, N. S.
5—Essay—Tact, Push and Principle
William I. Morse, Paradise, N. S.
6—Essay—The Last Landmark
Messrs. Spidle, Morse, Spinyne and McLane.
7—Essay—The Domestic Life of the
Ancient Roman.
Miss Jennie Cobb, Short Hills, N. J.
8—Essay—Railroads
Joseph Myhrall, Calais, Me.
9—Essay—The Tower of London
Frank M. Wortman, Wolville, N. S.
10—Essay—Nova Scotia as a Manufacture
and Commercial Country.
N. B. Spinyne, Westmorland, N. S.
11—Essay—The Student Volunteer Missionary Movement.
C. Ingersoll McLean, Albert, N. B.
Lust Idea of Von Weber.
William I. Morse.

- 12—Essay—Music
Simon Spidle, Malone Bay, N. S.
13—Essay—The Boy is father to the Man
Miss I. D. Davidson, Wolville, N. S.
14—Essay—Imperial Federation
Burpee L. Bishop, Greenwood, N. S.
15—Essay—"The Man cannot Grind with the water that is past"
Chas. W. Ross, Port Maitland, N. S.
16—Essay—Candor
Miss E. S. Johnston, Wolville.
17—Essay—The Angel
Edgar H. Rhodes, Amherst, N. S.
Duet: (a) The Angel.
(b) Wanderer's Night Song.
Misses White and Stewart.
18—Essay—The Relation of Manual Training to Commerce.
Charles E. Morse, Paradise, N. S.
19—Essay—The English Laureates
Miss Vanderpool, Short Hills, N. J.
20—Essay—Impressions
N. B. Whitman, Waterville, N. S.
21—Essay—The British Navy
R. Earl Burgess, Wolville, N. S.
22—Essay—Shakespeare
Richard U. Schurman, Truro, N. S.
23—Essay—Arctic Explorations
Arthur C. Archibald, Wolville.
Vocal Solo—Out on the Deep.
S. W. Leonard.

- 24—Essay—Our Canadian Poets
Thos. P. Caldwell, Wolville, N. S.
25—Essay—Warren Hastings
T. E. Armstrong, Kingston, N. S.
26—Essay—The Coal
Hugh M. Watson, Grand Pre, N. S.
27—Essay—The Pulpit
William A. Seeling, London, G. B.
28—Essay—Woman Franchise
Laurie McCall, Crandall, Wolville.
29—Essay—Alexander McKenzie
John McD. Caldwell, Wolville.
30—Essay—The Esquimaux
Andrew R. Cobb, Short Hills, N. J.
31—Valedictory
J. W. Keirstead, Cole's Island, N. B.
Presentation of Diplomas and Prizes.
Addresses.
God Save the Queen.

The Principal stated that those who appeared as speakers (marked with a star) had by no means a monopoly of the sum total of the excellencies for which the class, as a whole, was distinguished. Thoroughness, quality, is evidently a prime factor in the teaching of Horton Academy. No member of the staff could be induced to appear as an apologist for quantity at the sacrifice of quality. Horton Academy is now, as never before, prepared to do justice to all young men who may seek within her halls preparation for life. The music was fine and the essays were of a high order. A prize of a railway ticket to Chicago and return, given by N. A. Rhodes, Esq., of Amherst, for the student in Manual Training who stood highest for drawing and work in wood, was taken by Andrew R. Cobb and Burpee L. Bishop. The judges put these two young gentlemen on an equality. Another prize of \$5, given by Principal Oakes, was taken by Ralph Davis.

Attorney-General Longley addressed the assembly at the conclusion of the programme. Horton Academy has entered on a new career of usefulness and efficiency.

Acadia Seminary.

Acadia Seminary has had another successful year. The number enrolled was one hundred and twenty-one. Seventy-nine young ladies and eleven teachers were accommodated in the building.

Wednesday evening, as usual, was given to the Seminary. Never before did this school appear before the public to greater advantage. The evening was bright and cool. The people came from far and near and filled the spacious Assembly Hall. The audience was an inspiring one; and as the eleven teachers, with Miss Graves at their head, and the young ladies, all dressed in white, marched gracefully into the room to the sound of music—the teachers to the platform and the young ladies to seats reserved in front—perfect confidence and sympathy were established between the school and the people present. Dr. Sawyer presided for Miss Graves.

It is not too much to say that year by year evidence abounds that in this department of Acadia University the most thorough discipline is combined with the highest culture. It is now fourteen years since Miss Graves first took charge of Acadia Seminary. Two

or three years of that time have been spent in the old world. Her experience in building up the seminary, together with the advantages of travel and study abroad, have so qualified her for the responsibilities and work now on her hands, that the public feel assured, as they meet and greet this school year by year, that an intellectual trend is provided for them. Never has there been disappointment in this respect. The evidence of culture in music, thought, eloquence and in the charm of manners, combined with evidence of thoroughness in teaching all the branches found in the varied course of study prescribed for this school, given to the public year after year in anniversary exercises, has put Acadia Seminary beyond the reach of adverse criticism, and so far as public opinion goes, it is now, in its own sphere, as thoroughly established as is Acadia College in its sphere.

The graduating class of 1893 is as follows:

Elma Armstrong—Literary course.
Isabella Lyons Bill—course in piano.
Jessie Blanche Eaton—classical course.
Ada Marion Hayes—literary course.
Edith A. Keirstead—course in piano.

On the platform all were glad to see the faces of Miss Harding and Miss Dodge, for long years the teachers of painting and music. Fraulein Zaick has fully sustained the reputation brought with her from the highest professors and schools of music in Germany, her fatherland. Well, space does not permit us to write of each teacher. Could we do so there would be no difficulty in showing an impartial public that Acadia Seminary is now in no respect behind any ladies' school in the Dominion of Canada. Hitherto it has been claimed that in the branch of music some other schools were in advance of this seminary. Now, however, the ground for such a criticism has vanished.

Dr. Sawyer, with his accustomed grace and gravity, presided while the following programme was given to a delighted and cultured audience.

Prayer was offered by the Rev. I. E. Bill, of Liverpool.

- Professional March. Misses Jennie A. Kennedy, L. Myrtle Miller.
Prayer.
1—Quartet: Legends.
Misses Bill, Stewart, Wallace, Eaton.
2—Essay: History.
Elma Armstrong, Kingston.
3—Vocal Solo: Folly Willing.
Elma Armstrong, Kingston.
4—Piano Solo: Tschannschwan.
Edith A. Keirstead, Springfield, N. B.
5—Essay: The Silent Forces of Nature.
Rosa, Eda, Marie, John, Margaret, Elizabeth, Keirstead, Shaw, Shirley, Shand.
6—Vocal Solo: (a) The Evening Star.
(b) Bird Songs.
Florence Shand.
7—Piano Solo: Sonata, Op. 10, No. 1.
Beethoven.
8—Vocal Solo: Come unto Him.
Maude Mary A. White.
9—Chorus: Ave Maria.
Madelonah Misses Bill, Willie, Ingraham, Macdonald, Ross, Eda, Marie, John, Margaret, Elizabeth, Keirstead, Shaw, Shirley, Shand.
10—Essay with Vale History: Revelation of Character.
Jessie Blanche Eaton, North Kingston.
Presentation of Diplomas. Awarding prizes.

The Principal of the seminary had provided that two prizes should be awarded. The one of \$10 for a course in general reading, history, biography, art, literature and essays, was taken by Miss Litmore, of Rawdon, and one of \$5 was won by Miss Hardy, of Springfield, for the highest standing in arithmetic and algebra combined. These young ladies were called to the platform and presented by Dr. Sawyer with the prizes awarded.

After the presentation of the diplomas, the Hon. Attorney-General Longley, Judge Graham and Dr. Saunders gave brief addresses, in which Miss Graves and her fine staff of teachers were highly congratulated, as they deserved to be, and then one of the finest intellectual treats ever enjoyed at Acadia came to a close by singing God Save the Queen right loyally.

Acadia College.

The first day of June was Thursday, and as the season is a little backward the country was not at its best, as it invariably has been in the past on the great day, the last day of the anniversary festivities; but the morning was fine and the country beautiful. About ten o'clock the Assembly Hall began to fill up. At a quarter past ten Mr. Morse, the marshal from days of old, formed his procession of students, governors, senate and Alumni, which, at the word of command, marched round to the north side of the building and entered the hall in the order long ago established.

The president opened the exercises with prayer. Then the following programme was carried out in a dignified style, only those marked with a star, however, delivered their essays. The others were excused for want of time:

- ORATIONS BY MEMBERS OF THE GRADUATING CLASS.
"Literature and Science in Education."
—William G. McFarlane, St. John, N. B.
"The Philosophy of Lucretius."
—Shirley J. Case, Springfield, N. B.
"Our Iron Industry."
—William D. Harris, Wolville, N. S.
"The Economic Value of International Expositions."
—H. J. Starratt, Paradise, N. S.

Canada's Treatment of Native Races.
—Ernest S. Harding, Amherst, N. S.
The Unification of Italy—A. C. Jost, Guysboro, N. S.
Adam Smith as an Economic Reformer.
—J. Henry Davis, Truro, N. S.
The Ice Age of America—Frederick M. Munro, Kingston, N. S.

"Literature a Revelation of Human Character."
—I. E. Bill, Yarmouth, N. S.
Our Merchant Marine—D. C. Wyman, Ohio, N. S.
"Conscience as an Evidence of Man's Greatness."
—R. D. Bentley, Upper Stewiacke, N. S.

MUSIC.
The Ethics of a Religion a Test of its Value.
—H. H. Saunders, Hebron, N. S.
The Law as a Profession—J. E. Wood, Halifax, N. S.

Literary Features of the Reign of Louis XIV.—J. Mildred MacLean, Wolville, N. S.
Education in America—E. Hart Nichols, Digby, N. S.
"The Secret of Grecian Eloquence."
—A. M. Wilson, Manchester, N. H.
Burke and Cicero—Clifford T. Jones, Wolville, N. S.
"The Dawning"—Annie M. McLean, Wolville, N. S.

MUSIC.
The essays were, on the whole, of a high order. Solidity and careful expression were their prominent characteristics.

Miss M. MacLean's paper, which took the place of the valedictory, although not conformed to the type, was a poetic effusion which gives evidence of no small amount of the talent of the gift divine, and also of a good degree of culture in giving expression and form to this kind of literary production. Miss MacLean and Miss J. Mildred MacLean, who also graduated, are daughters of the late Rev. John MacLean, whose noble life closed a few years ago at Hantsport.

After the delivery of the essays the Rev. S. B. Kempton first introduced Mr. Charles Eaton, now pastor of the Baptist church at Natick, Mass., to the president to receive his diploma for his degree of M. A. in course. Mr. C. M. Woodworth received a similar degree, but was not present to receive his parchment. Following this was the introduction of the twenty graduates, the conferring of degrees upon them, the gift of their diplomas and the accustomed address from the president. This address is looked for from year to year with undiminished interest. Each member of every graduating class should keep a copy of the parting words given by Dr. Sawyer. There has been no repetition. Each one has contained something to inspire and guide the student in his future work.

Two of the graduates were absent. There were twenty-two in all.

Dr. Sawyer announced to the audience that Mrs. Jones, wife of Professor Jones, had presented the governors of the college with a fine portrait of J. W. Bares, Esq. This was in acknowledgment of the honor done Professor Jones by Mr. Bares in founding the professorship of classics now occupied by Prof. Jones.

The portrait was already in place among the portraits of the fathers and founders of the college.

Notes by the Way.

Among our provincial towns Yarmouth takes no mean place. In some important particulars it takes first place. On every hand there are indications of thrift and home comforts. The skill of the architect and landscape gardener has been employed to build and beautify to a larger extent than in any other town of these Maritime Provinces. Here the artisan owns his cottage, and when his day's work for his employer is ended his evenings are spent in beautifying his home, increasing thereby his wealth and his comfort, and at the same time improving his character and citizenship. The more wealthy have magnificent residences. Commerce and the local trade are provided for in steamships of first class and buildings not to be excelled in magnitude and style by any town of its population in the Dominion. Its manufactures of cotton, woolen, iron and wood are built upon solid financial foundations, and are increasing slowly but surely year by year. Its churches are numerous and well housed and husbanded. The Lord of the vineyard has granted this year a special blessing to these churches. Revival influences of a reasonable type have moved many to recognise the privileges and duties of religious life, and to embrace them intelligently, so that the pastors and people are much encouraged by this added power. We cannot be blamed for finding special pleasure in the fact that the foundation for this material and spiritual prosperity was wisely placed by the past generation of this fine county, in whom the principles and practices of our own beloved denomination had a good illustration, and that we still hold first place in town and county among this Christian people. Pastors White, Foehay and Goucher are leading with much ability the Baptist churches of the town, while with commendable zeal and enterprise the pastors of the several churches are leading their congregations forward in the ways of righteousness. The good degree of union that is manifested by these religious bodies is a hopeful sign. The prosperity of Yarmouth county is a standing argument in favor of total abstinence and prohibition. These have prevailed here for more than half a century. While the traffic has put in some deadly work, it has in these years been under the frown of a righteous public sentiment. The most ardent advocates of license, high or low, can scarcely expect to improve upon the condition of this town. The rumrunner is not the man to increase

the prosperity of the commonwealth. A special effort is now being made by the temperance convention of this county to improve upon the present political aspects of this question. The fact that the public sentiment is so emphatically pronounced in favor of prohibition already makes any advance movement the more difficult.

The church at Hebron is holding on its way with unflinching step under the leadership of Pastor Beale. All other of our churches in this county heard from in our brief visit are doing well.

The mailing list of the Messenger and Visitor is a large one in this county, and is being enlarged as the membership of our churches increases.

J. H. S.

W. B. M. U.

NOTES FOR THE YEAR.

"As the Father has sent Me, even so I send you."—John 20: 21.

PRAYER TOPIC FOR JUNE:
For our Associated gatherings, that the presence and power of the Holy Spirit may be felt in a marked degree, so that liberal things may be devised for the extension of the Saviour's kingdom.

To the Women of the Baptist Churches of the Maritime Provinces.

DEAR SISTERS:—The earnest appeal from Bro. Higgins in this column last week is the expression of a heart moved to its depths in sympathy for a people who are living without God or hope in this world. The Executive of the W. B. M. U. felt the force of this appeal when the resolution was framed which appeared in their notes two weeks ago. The sisters of our churches are appealed to. We want your united sympathy and co-operation, in order that we may be able to aid these destitute people. Remember, we are calling upon the Lord God of Israel for laborers, and we expect they will be given to us. It is for us to be prepared to send them. In looking over the treasurer's quarterly statement for quarter ending in April, we see a deficit of over \$400. This is the first time we have been unable to meet our obligation to the Foreign Mission Board. While it may not actually indicate a decline in the interest, owing to the fact that our estimates for this year are \$1,500 in advance of last year, it positively shows there is no increase of interest. Each year, thus far, has been marked by increased contributions, and we cannot afford to allow this year to be an exception. We have yet over two months before the treasurer's books close, wherein the time may be redeemed. Sisters, realize if you can the meaning of our deficit, and let each one seek the remedy to save us from the threatening outcome. With a renewed consecration let us seek in faith,

"Lord, what wilt Thou have me to do?" To some the answer may require a gift involving a self-sacrifice. "Whatever He saith unto thee, do." If it is your time and ability, be it little or much, give it. Come forward, dear sister, to relieve others who feel the burden of responsibility resting on them. Come for Christ's sake.

Shall we whose souls are lighted with spiritual truth, stand by and see the souls of others go unlighted? Shall we to Kiersey's rooms tonight? The Lamp of Life sang.

Truly we can say, "How they can hear without a preacher; and how can they preach except they be sent?" And how can they be sent with a deficient treasury? Let us go forth as directed by the Spirit of God in answer to our prayers, then the result will bring glory to God; and of us it may be said, "She hath done what she could."

Notice to the N. B. Aid Societies and Mission Bands.
Of the \$13.25—our share of the freight on the box to India—only \$5.65 has been received: J. G. C. White, \$1; William Workers' Mission Band, German street Baptist church, \$1; Cheerful Gleasons' Mission Band, German St. Baptist church, \$1; German street W. M. A. S., 40c.; Waterside Mission Band, \$1; Mrs. S. McC. Black, 50c.; Secretary, 75c.—\$5.65.

We don't want to draw from the union funds to meet this expense. Will the stronger Aids and Bands, or any one interested, please send a contribution for this purpose to Mrs. C. H. Martell, Fairville, St. John, N. B.?

Notices.
The first meeting of the Woman's Missionary Aid Societies in connection with the Western Association of Nova Scotia, will meet in Paradise, Annapolis county, on Friday afternoon, June 16, at 3 o'clock. This arrangement has been made so as to leave Saturday afternoon free, so that the sisters may attend the meeting of the association proper. Delegates will please be on time.

The first meeting of the Woman's Missionary Aid Societies in connection with the Central Association of Nova Scotia will be held in the vestry of the First church, Halifax, on Friday afternoon, June 23, at 3 o'clock.

At each of the Friday afternoon meetings the first half hour will be devoted to the roll-call of societies and Mission Bands. "Methods of Work" will occupy part of the time—brief questions, answered by workers appointed for that purpose. Some of our sisters complain that we do not spend sufficient time in prayer at these meetings. Let there be no unnecessary pauses, no need of saying, "Let us pray as we work." ANY E. JOHNSTON, Prov. Sec. for N. S.

Minors' Lament is the best.

DENOMINATIONAL NEWS.

(All messages except lectures contributed for denominational work.)
St. John, N. B.—The Maritime Educational Association, Acadia University, Ministerial Education, Ministerial Aid Fund, Grande Ligne Mission, North-west Mission, from churches or individuals, should be sent to the Rev. J. W. Mansel, St. John, N. B. And all money for the same work from Nova Scotia should be sent to Rev. A. Colborn, Waterville, N. S. Resolutions for collecting funds for denominational work can be had on application to the above, or to the Baptist Book Room, (Halifax.)

Weymouth, N. S.—Twelve persons have been baptized and added to the Weymouth Baptist church this spring.
JOHN WILLIAMS.

GERRAIN ST., ST. JOHN.—Three young men were baptized on Sunday morning by Pastor Gates. The interest in this church in all the departments of work is of a most encouraging nature.

BEAUFORT, P. E. I.—May 28 the following persons were immersed and received the hand of fellowship: Mrs. George J. Dorey, Blanche Longard, Mary MacDonald, Laura Hubby.
J. MILES.

BEAUFORT.—On May 28 seven more united with this church—five by baptism and two on experience. Others have professed faith in Christ. Expect to baptize again next Lord's day.

NEW GERMANY.—The following persons have been added to this church since last report: May 14, Sidney Hille; May 28, Hattie Knackley, Lizzie Robar, Laura Chealey, Fannie Chealey, Jessie Morton, Fannie Morton, all by baptism; and May 28, Mary Fanny, Mrs. John Chealey, by letter.
G. P. RAYMOND.

APPLE RIVER, N. S.—On Sunday, May 14th, Charles and Fred Fletcher, Rita Copp, Effie Mills, Charles Orr, Rita A. Kalamah, Mrs. H. J. Cloney, and on the 21st, Robert and Emma MacWhirter, Clarence Field, Rupert Milton, Eddie Kalamah, Maud Dunn, were baptized. Others will soon follow. No excitement. At Advocate three have lately put on Christ's armor, and to visit the Moore, Miss Lulu Newcomb. Pastor and Mrs. Ganong are earnest and untiring in their efforts to do good.

COLE ISLAND, QUEBEC CO.—The Lord is visiting this place with showers of blessing. We began special work here on Thursday, May 18. Sunday, May 28, we visited the baptismal waters, and buried eight believers with their Lord in baptism. In the evening they, with three others, received the hand of fellowship in the 2nd Johnston church. Others are inquiring. Bro. E. C. Jones, Jr., rendered us valuable assistance. This week he goes to York Co. to visit the Queensbury group. May God bless him in his work.
S. D. ERIKINE.

ST. MARGARET'S BAY.—Since arriving among this people we have received many tokens of good will and sympathy which prove to us that our home is among a very kind hearted people. May the Lord bless them abundantly. The Lord is also giving us great encouragement in our work. Sunday, May 7, it was our happy privilege to visit the baptismal waters, and last Sunday evening, May 21, eleven were baptized and received into the Second St. Margaret's Bay church. We trust that there are more to follow very soon.

M. W. BROWN.

PLYMOUTH, ST. MARY'S BAY, N. S.—At the request of Pastor McGregor, who was busy in some other part of his large field, it was my privilege to baptize last Lord's Day, May 28, five more happy believers into the fellowship of the St. Mary's Bay church. These converts represent various ages and conditions—a strong as-faring man, an aged mother, a young lady of much promise, a lad of sixteen and a dear child of ten summers. Worthy, the promising lad, called by the name of M. Warren. These make 30 added to the church recently. Others are pressing into the kingdom, including several hopeful young people who are giving evidence of a work of grace in their hearts.

BRIDGEWATER, N. S.—Last Sunday I had the privilege of baptizing three believers in Christ at Summerside, and on Sunday, the 21st ult., I baptized three others at Pleasantville, and received another into the church by letter. These baptisms were preceded by a very interesting and successful evangelistic work when Bro. I. Wallace labored here last winter. Others will come forward soon. We have now three B. Y. F. Unions on this field—one at Bridgewater, at Summerside and at Pleasantville. A spirit of consecration seems to be working its way into the hearts of our young people. The young people in the three unions have undertaken to support a native preacher, M. Jackaway, stationed at Gaspereau, in connection with the St. Mary's field, India. He is to send them a monthly report of the work done. To raise his salary the young people sign cards, by which they pledge themselves to pay ten cents per month for one year, from April 1, 1905. A list of the names is printed on the cards, and they are presented monthly for payment and the particular month marked off for which payment is made.

HALIFAX.—The Young People's meeting Friday evening, May 19, was made doubly interesting, first by a brief, practical opening address from Miss Phillips on the command, "Grow in Grace"; second, a report of two weeks' mission by Mrs. Stephen March, which was of thrilling interest. Her work is a new departure, suggested by the pastor and designed to be of great value, spiritually, to the Bloomfield mission, under the care of the church, as well as in a more general way. An educated Christian lady, such as Mrs. March is, with her heart full of love for her fellow-men, can do grand work in the homes of the people—rich and poor. This kind of work is indeed "Christ-like," and if generally carried out, especially in the cities and towns of our country, would be fulfilling the Divine command, "Preach the gospel to every creature." Sunday evening Pastor McDonald discoursed most fully on the text, "Grow in grace." One thought is worthy of special note, viz.: "Grow in grace," not "grow in a nice disquieting grace," is a principle of priceless value which man's best works cannot purchase, yet when the Holy Spirit has bestowed the favor and recreated the soul, and the mind, though many are called away—blinded out—the "recreated soul" can and should "grow in grace," and thus overcome and reach the higher plane—"Blessed land"—life and richly enjoy the surroundings and prospects beyond.

QUARTERLY MEETING.—The land county quarterly meeting, Ambert on Thursday evening, May 11, was a most successful one. Present: Revs. D. A. Steele, McDonald, Ambert; R. W. E. Egan; Rev. H. B. Smith; Rev. D. A. Steele. The conference discussed the Convention movement, and was unanimous in favor of one for the Maritime Provinces. Only fund was the next up-coming assembly at Ambert, in connection with the ministers' conference, be appointed for the next meeting of the Convention, with a view of having an adjustment of the provincial

W. G. G.

WINDSOR, N. S.—During the May thirteenth have been added church by baptism. This is the result of evangelistic services this town by Mr. McKillop. Even has also baptised six at Martock, an out-station, miles from the town.

BEAUFORT, Westmorland Co., May 21, we visited the waters at Martock, and baptised with Christ in baptism Mrs. Thomas Davis, Knapp and wife, and Millage Allen. spiritual interest of this church has been greatly increased; others are anxious about their souls, and expect to baptise at Cape Town.

G. G.

KINGSTON, N. S.—Quite an influx in the Tremont section. Last Sabbath, May 28, happy converts followed the ordinance of baptism, and with this church. Our service of the Holy Spirit's power and inquiry pervades the minds of young people in this section. How has tendered his love, so far the church has declined to

UPPER STEWACK, N. S.—On morning, May 28, had the great baptising Margaret McCaffrey Steiwacke. She is a native of lands of Scotland, and was a national faith. Some years ago she suspected that the support of her infancy was untrue. Her suspicions were confirmed by her Gaelic Bible. She had been baptized in a sect, and her neighborhood, was received up and highly satisfactory experience, and immediately for example of her Lord in the Steiwacke River, which flows her door. This dear sister, under the weight of 85 years (as known), who had never seen baptism, descended the baptism stream, in earnest prayer for the baptism of the Holy Spirit, and rejoicing in Christ her Saviour.

M. L.

COLLINS.—On May 23 Rev. Keirstead entered upon his 87th life. More than sixty years spent by him in this community all these years he has, by his life, his labors, and his teaching, and his abundant prayers for the cause of Christ, strongest religious force of kind that the place has seen. He has been a blessing to the community, and his death is a great loss to the church and to the world. He was born on the 23rd inst. they gave expression of their regard, and on their behalf Alfred I. presented an address, in which he, his father, and his mother, showed the deep feelings of the Francis J. Keirstead and Keirstead also spoke words of occasion, which was one word of his father, and his mother, minister thanked the friends fully acknowledged the goodness for the mercy experienced long life. He commended the grace of Christ, in whom all his sins were forgiven, and he was forgotten by those precious to the churches and are godly ministers. The saintly old man is strength to the fruit of Christian old age, full in his season.

BARTON, ST. MARY'S BAY, was, while assisting Rev. W. C. pastor of St. Mary's Bay church, crushing news of my son's death reached me. At the closing of the service, the minister thanked the friends fully acknowledged the goodness for the mercy experienced long life. He commended the grace of Christ, in whom all his sins were forgiven, and he was forgotten by those precious to the churches and are godly ministers. The saintly old man is strength to the fruit of Christian old age, full in his season.

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