

Locustport.—Last Sabbath, Feb. 1st, we assembled again at our beautiful natural beauty, where I had the privilege of baptizing three persons, who were received into the fellowship of the church in the evening. Our regular services are deeply interesting, and there are manifestations of the Spirit's power.

Westport, N. S.—God has most wonderfully visited His people in this town. Sunday, Feb. 1st, we had a special service in the church, eight persons—six by baptism and two by experience. Others have found peace, and last evening from 20 to 30 persons arose for prayer and declared their desire to become Christians. Wonders have been wrought, and the power of God. Glory be to God. Brethren, rejoice with us, and pray for us.

[A note received as we go to press from Rev. C. C. Burgess, Westport, says: There have been from thirty to forty conversions in my congregation during the last few days.]

Springhill, N. S.—It has been some time since I have written anything to the MESSINGER AND VISITOR. We have been working steadily along. The new parsonage was completed about Christmas, and then began the work of moving. Providence favored us with fine weather, and we were soon settled in our present home. The church here deserves great credit for putting up such a commodious house. Although the house is completely finished, yet there remains a debt of one thousand dollars on it. We hope some one will show practical sympathy with this church, and help to reduce the debt. Giving to such objects is giving to the Lord. Since the organization of this church it has had only one deacon.

At one of our business meetings, not long ago, Bro. Daniel Rogers was elected to that office, and on the following Sunday, he was ordained. Our social meetings are seasons of refreshing, and we have reason to be encouraged. I expect in a short time to hold a few extra meetings. Pray for us that the Spirit may convert souls.

Bridgetown.—You wish to know how the cause is progressing with us. It is our privilege to report progress in every branch of work in connection with the church. We closed the pastoral year with a net increase of about sixty. It was with great satisfaction that we heard one of our older brethren say, "Both spiritually and financially this has been the most prosperous year in the history of the church." If we have succeeded thus far, it is because of the material we have to work with. It is a great comfort to have a united church with which we have our headquarters, so the church and congregation have voted unanimously to arise and build. We have our plans drawn for a new church, and are now asking for tenders; and if any of the readers of the MESSINGER AND VISITOR are contractors, we would be glad to have them come and examine our plans and specifications, and I am quite sure they will see one of the prettiest and most convenient models to be found in the provinces and they might be tempted to give us a bid. We hope by the next meeting next to have better accommodations, when we will expect greater things and attempt greater things for God. We have much to thank God and the people for.

Gasperaux.—We have recently enjoyed a season of refreshing. At the beginning of the year Bro. A. F. Baker came by invitation of the pastor in special services until the opening of the college term. It soon became manifest that the Lord was near with quickening grace for His people. A goodly number of the members of the church gave their hearty support to the effort, and were assisted by their prayers and exhortations. Three followed their Saviour in baptism, on Lord's day, February 1, (Bro. E. O. Road seventeen years ago the same day baptized 10). A few others will, we trust, come ere long to the same decision. The blessing doubtless would have come to me had they joined hand and heart with their brethren in the work; but for what we have felt and witnessed of the grace of God we are devoutly grateful. The church has been revived and strengthened, and we are prepared for more efficient work for the Master. Bro. Baker has endeared himself to us all as an earnest and faithful preacher of the Word, and as giving promise of a useful life. Bro. J. H. King occupied the pulpit with much acceptance on the 1st inst. Brethren at the church, are always ready to respond to the call for their help. Of the young men studying there, in preparation for the gospel ministry, our denomination may be justly proud and thankful. The godly succession is still maintained at Acadia.

Weymouth.—I have nothing specially interesting to communicate, but I think this should not prevent me from reporting progress occasionally. Our preaching services, both at Weymouth and New Tuxet, are well attended, and earnest attention is given to the Word. Our prayer-meetings are interesting, but have lately been much interrupted by storms. One young sister was baptized and united with the Weymouth church in the autumn, and several of our young people have lately told us publicly that they are trusting in Christ and have found Him precious to their souls. We are hoping soon to welcome them into the arms of our church. The services were a number of our Weymouth friends came to our home and spent a very pleasant evening with us. Before leaving they cheered the hearts of the pastor and his family by their kind and appreciative words, and also by more tangible proofs of their good will. Our prayer is that the Lord may reward them for all their kindness.

Lunenburg, N. S.—The Week of Prayer was observed here by union services held by the Presbyterian, Methodist and Baptist congregations. The services were very largely attended, and were of a deeply interesting and spiritual nature. So great was the interest manifested that it was concluded to carry on the service another week. This was done, and good

resulted. Since these services have been held in the separate churches, and with us have been accompanied with blessing, the church has been quickened, and drawn nearer to the Saviour and each other. Souls have been converted, and a number are seriously considering the great question of salvation. Yesterday I had the privilege of administering the rite of baptism to a very fine young man, head of a family. A large audience gathered at the shore and the best order prevailed. In the evening the band of fellowship was extended to the brother baptized in the afternoon, and to a brother and sister who had been received by letter. We hope to report further additions before long. With much to contend against, the little church is holding on her way and seeks a place in the sympathy and prayer of her more prosperous brethren. Our school has organized a Mission Band; the monthly exercises are very interesting and instructive. On the whole we have entered upon the work of the year with courage and hope.

Margareville.—As news from this section is very seldom found in the columns of the MESSINGER AND VISITOR, we thought it well to give a short statement of our prosperity. Our esteemed pastor, L. J. Tingley, commenced his labors with us one year ago, Jan. 1st, 1890, and is doing good work for the Master, and is appreciated by the people. Soon after his arrival among us he instituted a monthly missionary meeting, and during the year 1890 we raised for missionary purposes \$50. Our Sabbath school is kept up the year round with an average attendance of 65, and the amount raised for Sabbath-school purposes, \$23. On the 1st of January of pastor \$138, and for local expenses, \$40. We owe much of our success to the sisters, as they are always doing their part. The circle has raised \$30 the past year, and this with what they already have on hand will be sufficient to cover the meeting house, which, when done will be a great improvement; making a total amount raised by this small section of \$283. As this is only one of the four sections of Upper Wilmot Baptist church we feel to thank God for the past and take courage for the future.

Halifax.—The Rev. J. W. Manning still continues the series of meetings in the North church. A good degree of success has attended the efforts made. The church has been revived. Four have been baptized, and two others have been received for baptism. The prayer meetings in the First church are well attended. Larger blessings are sought. The Rev. Josiah Webb baptized four last Sabbath in the baptistry of the First church. These, with seven others, received the right hand of fellowship into the Quinpool Road church, on Sunday evening.

Quinpool Road, Halifax.—We have just completed our first month of existence as a Baptist church on Quinpool Road, Halifax city. Our membership has increased from 31 charter members to 45 names on the church roll. Four of these were by baptism, some of the results of special meetings held during the month. There is a peculiar interest attached to first things, and you will be glad to learn that our first conference, baptism and communion were occasions of deep solemnity and spiritual interest. Bro. Webb is in full sympathy with his people and is doing excellent work. Unlike most city churches our material resources are somewhat limited, but the future is bright with promise, and we confidently look forward to seeing this West End church attain to large things in spirituality, membership and material resources. An interesting feature of the work is the deep interest displayed by the boys and girls in the success of the church. Several give evidence of conversion, and we are looking for others to come. Boys and girls from 10 to 15 years of age can be brought much easier to the Saviour than later on in life. Christian work in that direction yields far greater results than among older persons.

North Church, Halifax.—The annual meeting of this church was held at the close of the year, when reports of the various committees were read and the work for the ensuing year outlined. The total amount raised by the church for the year was \$3,396.36. Of this sum there was raised for benevolent purposes, \$867.31. This includes Con. Fund, poor of the church, Grand Ligne, and North-west missions, local city collections, and other objects, and also a sum not acknowledged for the preceding year. In the matter of benevolence the church is greatly aided in its work by the Sunday-school, which is not a separate institution as by the church, but an integral part of church work. The whole school is a Mission Band, and once a quarter interesting missionary exercises are held, which have proved both healthful and stimulating. The church is conducting a mission in the north western part of the city. Recently a lot has been purchased, and a neat mission chapel is building. It is 25 x 45 and will seat about 200 when finished. An interesting Sunday-school is held every Lord's day. Attendance varies, but it is capable of large increase. There is a weekly prayer-meeting and a special evangelistic service on Sunday evening. All these services are conducted by members of the church under the direction of a committee. At the last meeting of the Mission Band, the treasurer stated that the sum of \$100 had been received during the last quarter. This was voted to the building fund of the new mission. If the way was made plain a missionary might be employed at this new station with the brightest prospects, but the church has not sufficient financial strength to do this yet. There is no doubt that in the near future there will be a nucleus here for active, aggressive Christian work. The first week of the new year was observed as a week of prayer, for a special blessing upon the church. Union meetings were held by other churches in the city; but this church voted most heartily to spend the week by holding meetings nightly. It was a week of prayer, and it is doubtful if the church will consent to go back to what is called Union meetings. Special services have been held during January, and they have been seasons of refreshing. At the first communion service of the year four were received into membership, two by baptism and two by letter. On the first Sunday in February there were received two by baptism and one

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restored. Two others have been received and there are more who are interested and have expressed their desires for a new life. The present pastor is in his sixteenth year of service with this church, and he has spent many very pleasant months with them in work for the Master, but January, 1891, has been greatly enjoyed by him. The pastor has initiated a normal class for Bible study, to help his Sunday school teachers and the young people of his charge. About 40 are in attendance and the interest is high. It will take about twelve or fifteen lessons to finish. I am doing double work this winter, and after last winter I am reminded—but then what is to be done—when there is so much to be done? Pastor Adams kindly gave me two evenings, for which he was warmly thanked, and Bro. Grandall, on his way north, one evening. The church does its own work the pastor directing. J. W. MANNING.

Dartmouth.—This church held its customary annual business meeting and social on the evening of the 29th of January last. Its membership was well represented. Deacon Judge Johnston presided, and prefaced the business of the evening with a pleasing address, referring to the work done during the year and congratulating those present upon being able to meet the new year under such favorable financial conditions. The reports of the various committees, and societies of the church were then in turn presented, giving a brief account of the work done in each department during the past year. The total membership of the church was shown to be 148, of which 17 new members had been added during the year. The church records show 132 members added during the past ten years, one hundred of these by baptism. Comparatively few members are received by letter, while many are dismissed to unite with other churches in our province, or more frequently in the United States. The Convention Fund committee's report showed a larger amount raised than during any previous year, notwithstanding that special donations had also been made towards the North-west and Grand Ligne Missions. The contributions of this church for this fund during the past nine years have reached the sum of \$999.39, the amount for last year being \$151.32. The total amount raised for missions by the church the past year, including Sabbath-school, M. Aid Society, etc., was \$238.24. The total amount raised for all objects, including general expenses, was \$1,661.75. This looks progressive from a financial standpoint certainly, when we remember that in 1880 we were contributing scarcely anything to the cause of extending the Master's kingdom and were receiving aid from the H. M. Board to the extent of \$200 or thereabouts. Of course we have the envelope system, otherwise we could not begin to accomplish what we have. Two envelopes are handed in each week, every one contributing, one being marked "current expenses," the other "Convention Fund," and are taken care of and the amount credited by the treasurers of the different accounts. These facts and figures respecting the Dartmouth church are high, and should be most gratifying, but in hopes that some other of the smaller churches in these provinces may be encouraged thereby in their attempts to develop a healthy system of Christian benevolence and a name for such within the denomination, and that the larger and more healthy churches may be led to yet greater effort in the direction of spreading the gospel at home and abroad. The pastor has the confidence and esteem of his people, and he is giving his whole strength and ability to the work of extending the Master's kingdom in connection with the church and in the town. We have faith to believe that his labors will not be in vain in the Lord, and that soon there will be a "bringing in of the sheaves" and a time of rejoicing.

St. John.—Brussels street church, St. John, Halifax, is refreshing from old high. Harmony and brotherly love prevail among the members, and sinners are coming to Christ. Five converts have been baptized this month and eight of the unconverted rose last evening for prayer. One of the happy converts baptized yesterday was the daughter of the late lamented Rev. Wm. Allen Corey. Several spoke at the evening service of their conversion through the instrumentality of Bro. Corey. The season was of great joy to all present.

Gorston, Connecticut.—I thought your readers might like to get a bit of church news from Gorston, Conn. During my vacation last winter I supplied this pulpit in the temporary absence of my pastor, Rev. G. N. Ballentine, for seven Sundays. After returning to my own church in Halifax, I spent the summer still at Gorston, when my pastorate ceased. While considering a number of calls from Nova Scotia and New Brunswick and other churches, this church, becoming pastorless, extended me a call, which I accepted. I arrived Oct. 10th. The church numbers 271 members, and is in splendid working order, with a fine property entirely free of debt, and a good field for growth. We have held special meetings ever since Week of Prayer. Last Sunday I had the privilege of baptizing seven happy converts in the River Thames, five more were received and a large number are seeking the Saviour. The outlook is very encouraging. We earnestly trust that in the land of the stranger we will not lack the prayers of our brethren and sisters by the sea. Pray for us.

NOTICES. The District meeting, embracing the St. Martins group, will hold their next services with the church at Collins Corner, on Tuesday, the 17th of Feb., commencing at 7 p. m. It is very desirable that each church in this group will send

delegates to represent them in these gatherings. T. A. BLACKADAR. Members of the Lunenburg Co. District Meeting will take notice that since the postponement of the appointment of July 20, the meeting has been appointed, by order of the chairman, to meet at Bridgewater, on Feb. 17. The previously announced programme will be carried out. C. W. CONYER, Secy.

If there is any community in the N. B. Eastern and Southern Associations where the Baptists have not received copies of the prohibition petitions, and will drop me a card, I will furnish them. Bro. Hinson has sent to me all the petitions and money which he had received, so that all in the Eastern and Southern Associations may send their petitions when signed to me. It is to be hoped that pastors and others on whom fall the responsibility of circulating these petitions will act promptly and make the cause as thorough as possible.

GOLDEN WEDDING.—Seldom if ever has there assembled in Weymouth a happier company of relatives and neighbors than that which graced the golden wedding anniversary of Mr. and Mrs. William E. Kinney, of Weymouth, on Wednesday, the 29th ult. At an early hour the guests began to arrive, large numbers availing themselves of the opportunity to congratulate the bride and groom upon this well-rounded period of their married life; while others who were prevented by distance from being present, responded by letter. To honorably-laden tables all were soon invited, Mr. and Mrs. Kinney leading the way, attended by their brother and sister, Mr. and Mrs. Henry Grant, who "stood up" with them that day, fifty years before. The divine blessing was invoked by the Rev. John Rowe, pastor of the Weymouth church, whose membership constituted a goodly proportion of the assembled company. Later in the evening Mr. Rowe conducted devotional exercises, in the course of which he made public reference to the repeated blessings bestowed by an ever-watchful Father upon this devoted couple in the half century of their happy wedlock, and expressed the hope that added years of strength and usefulness might still be theirs. With old-time melodies, reminiscences and congratulations, the evening passed away altogether too quickly, until by one after another good nights were said and the guests departed, but not without leaving ardent wishes that this golden day of time might be to this happy pair an ample prophecy of the golden years of eternity.

TWENTIETH ANNIVERSARY.—There was a pleasant gathering at the residence of Rev. J. L. Shaw, Elliott Row, St. John, last Wednesday evening. Some good friends had discovered that it was the twentieth anniversary of the marriage of Mr. and Mrs. Shaw, and thought the occasion opportune for a surprise party. Accordingly, when the good couple returned from prayer meeting, they found their home taken possession of by a formal dinner party, with some received important reinforcements. Mr. and Mrs. Shaw were not long, however, in discovering that they were in the hands of their friends. Hours passed pleasantly amid congratulations and general conversation. Some of the guests kindly lent their musical and elocutionary talents for the pleasure of the company, refreshments were served, and we should not like to tell what hour it was when some of the guests found their way back to their homes. A handsome china dinner set was presented to Mr. and Mrs. Shaw as a souvenir of this very pleasant occasion. Our Bro. Shaw, who on account of broken health, was obliged several years ago to relinquish the work of the ministry, and his most estimable wife, who, during these years, has borne a heavy load of responsibilities, appreciate highly this expression of sympathy and good-will on the part of their friends in the city.

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