

News of The Churches.

Reports come in from various parts of the Province certifying that divine movements are among the churches. May its volume increase with mighty momentum until by its resistless power, multitudes shall be swept into the kingdom of grace.

CHIPMAN.

The new house at Chipman Station was opened on the 8th, inst. Revs. Snell, King, Springer, Gross and Coombs were present in attendance at the Quarterly Meeting, which met at the same time and place. A large congregation gathered from various parts of the country and took a deep interest in the services. The singing was especially good and was arranged by Mrs. H. B. Hay, church organist.

ANDOVER.

God has blessed the church here in this place, it was our joy to add two to our membership last Sunday by baptism, Miss Ethel Armstrong, and Miss Belle McLeod. The ordinance was performed by R. A. E. Hayward.

R. W. DEMMINGS.

NEWCASTLE,  
GRAND LAKE.

Brother N. P. Gross is still being blessed in his work; conversions are taking place under his ministry. On Sunday, October 1st, three were baptized by him at Newcastle Bridge. May the good work go on.

OAK BAY.

The churches under Bro. J. D. Worden's care are moving on religiously and financially. They have raised \$37. for foreign missions lately, enabling our Brother to redeem his pledge for \$20. made at the convention at Fredericton, and to exceed the amount. This is as it ought to be. Sabbath school work is proceeding finely, and congregations on Sundays are large in all the five churches which he serves in the gospel.

BENTON AND  
CANTERBURY.

We have been greatly encouraged in our work on this field. The last Lord's day was a grand day for us. In the morning we met at the baptismal waters, one brother was buried with Christian baptism. The Lord converted him from a Roman Catholic to become a Baptist. He was received into the fellowship of Second Canterbury Baptist Church in the presence of a large number of people. In the afternoon we drove ten miles to Benton, and held a meeting from 3 to 4 o'clock, after which we wended our way to the beautiful baptistry God has given us; two believers were baptized and received into the fellowship of the Benton church; and after preaching at 7.30 in the evening the church remembered the Lord Jesus in breaking of bread and pouring the cup. It was a time of refreshing to us all. The good work is still moving on; others are expected to obey their Lord in the ordinance of baptism next Lord's day.

C. N. BENTON, pastor.

TEMPERANCE VALE,  
YORK CO., N. B.

On Sept. 16th, we received into the Temperance Vale Baptist church Bro. Charles Sterling who came to us from the Free Baptist body, because he was more in sympathy with the teachings of the Baptist church than the Free Baptist. During the past four years our brother has been engaged in pastoral work and held a district license from the denomination to which he formerly belonged. Bro. Sterling is a man of good ability and an earnest worker in the Master's service and we trust he will be a blessing to the church of which he is at present a member and from which he holds a license to preach the Gospel. May the Lord abundantly bless him and make him a great blessing for good is our prayer.

A. A. RUTLEDGE, pastor.

ANDOVER.

Bro. R. W. Demmings spent the summer in this field with great acceptance to the people and some satisfaction to himself. He closed his labors on this interesting and important field the first of this month and returns to his work at Wolfville. There are several preaching stations,

at Andover, Perth, Aroostook Junction and Forest Glen. Bro. Demmings also preached at Grand Falls where there is quite a good opening for Baptist preaching, if the right man can be gotten to go in and work—the whole Tobique valley is excellent missionary ground for Christian work. We hope the Home Mission Board of this province will see that these fields are occupied. Three men are needed if Bro. Miller leaves the ground. On Sept. 24th, two were baptized at Andover by Rev. A. H. Ward. The man who wants to work can find ample scope for his endeavor here.

NEW CANAAN, N. B.

The first Sunday in October was truly a red-letter day in the history of this people. For some time now a young Baptist (lic.) Bro. Blackburn has been holding services in this neighborhood and the fruits of his labors was in evidence as 22 happy converts stood on the banks of Old Canaan River prepared to follow their Lord in His own appointed way, and as to young men and 12 young women, bright, intelligent, happy disciples took their places on the river's bank in the presence of a great concourse of people from all parts, the writer could not help thinking of the words, "After the fathers shall come the children." The services commenced about 10 a. m. with singing. Bro. Blackburn is a good singer and led this service of praise. At 10.30 the Rev. Frederick T. Snell preached to a crowded house on the "Choice of Moses." At 2.30 the ordinance of Believers' Baptism was administered by the Rev. E. C. Corey, who proved himself an able administrator. At 4 we had another meeting in the church, crowded to its utmost capacity, when addresses were delivered by Bros. Corey and Snell, after which the right hand of fellowship was given to those who had been baptized, and following upon this the Lord's Supper. The day was closed with a social service at night in the MacDonald school house.

—Messenger and Visitor.

F. T. S.

Administer.

It has always seemed strange to us that Baptists should perpetuate the use of the word "administer" in connection with the ordinance. So unpriestly a people should not be so much in love with the language of sacerdotalism. But our ministers who seem to have no taint of high churchmanship in their theology or dress go on from generation to generation using language which is only appropriate to the sacerdotal system of the Episcopate. Probably no great harm is done, but consistency (and consistency is one of our Baptist jewels) should lead us to eschew the use of words which are associated with priestly functions. The early communion resembled a frugal family meal in most respects, but no one presiding at a simple repast would think of saying that he administered the food to the family or guests. Then, when brethren speak of administering Baptism, and the Sacrament, or of candidates "receiving baptism at their hands," the old ecclesiastical fiction receives a countenance which should not be given it. Better for us to stick to our denominational simplicity and not put on the airs of the priest.

As to When the Century Ends.

J. S. WRIGHTOUR.

If "S. W. W." will take the trouble to revise his answer to this question, "Is not this year (1899) the last year of the present century?" he would reach a different conclusion as to when the twentieth begins. He answers it thus: "Certainly, for every year from 1800 to 1899 inclusive belongs to the nineteenth century."

Let us see. When did the first century begin? With January 1st, of the year One. It did not end with January 1st of the year 100, for, if so, the first century consisted of only 99 years. The first century therefore included the year 100, and closed December 31st, A. D. 100. Therefore the second century began with January 1st, 101. In the same way the nineteenth century began with January 1st, 1801, and will close December 31st, 1900, and the twentieth century will begin January 1st, 1901.

In Time of Trouble.

SAY

First—He brought me here—it is by His will I am in this strait place, in that will I rest.

Next—He will here keep me in His love, and give me grace in this trial to behave as His child.

Then—He will make the trial a blessing—teaching me the lessons He means me to learn, and working in me the grace He intends for me.

Last—In His good time He can bring me out again—how and when He knows.

Say—I am here, 1st, By God's appointment, 2nd, In His keeping, 3rd, Under His training, 4th, For His time.—Rev. Andrew Murray.

Died.

SECORD—At Long Creek, Sept. 28th, of paralysis, Charles Secord, sr., aged 67 years.

MCLAN—At Coal Creek, Chipman, N. B., Sept. 30th, Sarah Blanche, daughter of Charles H. E., and Bertha McLan, aged two months.

BURK—Robert Irving Burk of Andover, N. B., departed this life Aug 23rd, at peace with God through faith in the Lord Jesus Christ, in the 61st year of his age.

WRIGHT—At Andover, N. B., Aug. 19th, the beloved wife of Deac. in Wyman Wright, of Tobique Valley Baptist church, in the 27th year of her life passed away. Blessed are the dead that die in the Lord.

CLARK—At Windsor, Carleton Co., Sept. 26th, of typhoid fever, Kate, youngest daughter of Albert and Pamela Clark, aged 12 years.

GALLOP—At Birch Ridge, Victoria Co., Sept. 22nd, Bessie E., aged 6 years, beloved daughter of Stanley and Annie Gallop. May the God of all grace comfort and sustain them. The interment took place at Arthurette, N. B.

Married.

MCQUINN-BEYEA—At Hampton, Sept. 20th, by Rev. J. D. Wetmore, George M. McQuinn of Sussex, to Mary F., eldest daughter of Deacon Henry Beylea.

BIRMINGHAM-DEWITT.—On Sept. 20th, at the home of the bride's parents, Somerville, Carleton Co., by Rev. Jos. A. Cahill, Guy W. Birmingham to Bertie C. DeWitt.

EVERETT-FITZGERALD—At Centreville, N. B., on Sept. 27th, by Rev. Jos. A. Cahill, Walter N. Everett to Carrie E. Fitzgerald.

SLOAT-SMITH—At Marysville, Sept. 6th, by Rev. P. R. Knight, Franklin E. Sloat to Jennie M. Smith, second daughter of Cornelius A. Smith.

BARRETT-STEEVES—On the 20th, of Sept., at the home of the bride, by Rev. J. Miles, assisted by Rev. C. W. Townsend, Thomas G. Burnett, Edgett's Landing, Albert Co., to Gussie B. Steeves, Steevescote, Albert Co.

ATKINSON-DOMVILLE—At the residence of the bride's parents, Hopewell, Cape, Albert Co., Sept. 25th, by Rev. F. D. Davidson, John E. Atkinson of Sackville and Lucy, second daughter of Capt. Samuel Domville.

LUTZ-KILLAM—At the residence of the bride's parents, Elgin, Albert Co., Sept. 27th, by Rev. F. D. Davidson, Howard E. Lutz of Dawson Settlement, Albert Co., and Josie, only daughter of James Killam.

FITZPATRICK-TIPPETT—At St. John, West, Sept. 18th, by the Rev. M. C. Higgins, Samuel S. Fitzpatrick of St. John, North, to Lucy A. Tippett of St. John, West.

WHEELHOUSE-GLEN—At Florenceville, Aug. 16th, at the home of the officiating minister, Rev. A. H. Haywood, George W. Wheelhouse of Knowlsville, and Blanche Glen of Northfield, N. B.

KINNEY-BEVERIDGE—At Andover, in the Baptist Church, Sept. 12th, by Rev. A. H. Hayward, assisted by R. W. Demmings, lic., George W. Kinney of Fort Fairfield, Me., and Violet, 300 nges. daughter of Alam Beveridge, Esq., of Andover, N. B.

MATHEWS-GUTHRIE—At St. George, Sept. 13th, in the home of the officiating minister Rev. A. H. Lavers, George F. Mathews, of LeTong, and Matilda C. Guthrie of Grand Manan, Charlott Co., N. B.

STEEVES-COONAN—At Harvey, Sept. 14th, in the home of the bride's parents, by pastor T. Bishop, Barpee T. Steeves, M. D., of Elgin, and Bertha Coonan, daughter of Capt. George A. Coonan, N. B.

BASQUE-MUTCH—On August 8th, by Rev. E. C. Baker, James Alfred Basque, and Mary Match, Newcastle, Northumberland Co.