

## From the Churches.

**BEAR RIVER, N. S.**—Baptized four Feb. 27th. The power is still with us. Twelve decided last night. G. W. SCHURMAN.

**MONCTON.**—Seven were received into our fellowship last month, and seven others were accepted for church membership at our Conference last night. In all departments our work is eminently satisfactory, and the church in its varied interests grandly sustained. COM. March 5th.

**SUMMERSIDE, P. E. I.**—Rev. E. J. Grant has accepted a unanimous call to the pastorate of the Summerside and Belmont churches. Expect him with us the 2nd Sunday in March. May the Lord bless him and the churches in the Master's service. GEO. W. WARREN, Clerk.

**SEAL HARBOR.**—I wish to acknowledge with many thanks the sum of \$1 toward our new church at this place from Miss Abbie E. Parker, Port George, Annapolis Co. Every little is a help if it is only 25 cts., it will be thankfully received. JOHN CROOKS, Church Clerk and Treasurer.

**WOODSTOCK, N. B.**—On the evening of the 20th ult. the ordinance of baptism was administered to Albion V. De Wolfe and Mrs. Geo. Green. These together with Mrs. Rutledge who was received by letter and Miss Shea who had previously been received by baptism, were given the hand of fellowship on the following Sunday evening. W. J. RUTLEDGE, March 4th.

**CENTREVILLE, N. B.**—While we cannot report any increase to this church, still we have been earnestly carrying on the work of the Lord in this part of his vineyard, and by the efforts of pastor and people we still continue to keep up the regular services praying for the blessing of the Lord to rest upon the efforts being put forth and we earnestly solicit the prayers of our brothers in the work. W. E. CARPENTER, LIC.

**SACKVILLE, N. B.**—Three more were baptized here on the evening of Feb. 20th in the presence of a large congregation. This makes twenty-five since the first of the year. Five more are received for baptism. Three have been added to the church by letter, and two others have come in on experience. We are now holding special meetings at Lower Sackville and are looking for a large blessing. E. E. DALEY.

**HIGHLAND CHURCH, FITCHBURG, MASS.**—The revival of which I wrote you some time ago still continues. Last Sunday evening I baptized six candidates and there were seven who rose in the after-meeting and said they wished to be Christians. Since Jan. 1st, 1898, I have baptized 30. This makes 50 that I have baptized since I came to this church 14 months ago, and have taken a total of 71 into church membership during that time. We are all very grateful to the Lord for this large blessing, and still we hope for many more to come. Three of those I have recently baptized were brought up Catholics. We will be glad to be remembered in your prayers. We often pray for you. AUSTEN T. KEMPTON.

**WESTMORELAND, P. E. I.**—We have pleasure in reporting that our Mission Band of Willing Workers is prospering. It was organized Jan., 1897, with a membership of thirteen has since increased to thirty-three. We meet every fortnight on Saturday afternoon. Our members are deeply interested in the work. At each meeting several of the members have readings, recitations, or something new to tell us on mission work which makes our meetings very interesting as well as instructive. We feel that we derive a great blessing by them. LOTTIE B. NEWSOM, Secretary.

**KENTVILLE.**—The work in Kentville which has included a few extra meetings of late is proving most pleasant. All the services are largely attended and the people full of hope. During past 4 months 21 have been received into fellowship, 16 by baptism and doubtless several others who are taking a part, will soon be asking for the rite. While we rejoice in the success attending the united effort of the church here, we rejoice exceedingly in hearing of the great revival attending the ministry of Bro. Schurman at Bear River. Many whom I loved and for whom I wrought and hoped are being saved. It was my prayer and expectation that this would follow upon Bro. Schurman's labors and it has. "My cup runneth over." B. N. NOBLES.

**SPRINGFIELD, ANNAPOLIS CO., N. S.**—Much against the wish of his congregation our esteemed pastor, Rev. Josiah Webb, has tendered his resignation, to come into effect on May 1st. Bro. Webb took charge of this group of churches in May, 1895, and has, with untiring zeal, led them on with much skill and good success. We, as a church, are thankful to the Great Shepherd of Israel to be able to say that the white flag of peace is waving in the breeze of prosperity. We also attribute much of the success which has attended our pastor's ministry to his family who have proved themselves to be earnest, Christian workers in the Master's vineyard. The time will soon come when we shall have to call another minister to take charge of the field. We trust that our choice may be like that of the past, which will prove to us a great blessing, and may every closing scene of our future be like that of the present, satisfactory and peaceful. JOSEPH F. BENT.

**PARADISE AND CLARENCE.**—It has been some time since any word was written from this field but not because the church is idle for such is by no means the case. We have not thought it best to hold any series of special meetings this winter, but nearly all our social meetings have been special in interest. Our Sabbath congregations are good; our young people are energetic, and we have eighty studying the Sacred Literature Course. The people are not unmindful of our temporal welfare and individual kindness in act and gift is constantly placing us under obligation. Two weeks ago the members of West Paradise called and spent a social evening and left the parsonage richer by a generous contribution of groceries, etc.; and last week the Clarence section met at the home of sister Armstrong and spent a very pleasant evening in music and games, and as a consequence the pastor is today richer by a beautiful gold watch and \$17 in cash and useful articles. Not many weeks have passed since a first class \$25 cooking stove was placed in the parsonage by this same section. We have never labored for a kinder people than Paradise and Clarence church. May the Lord bless this dear people for their untiring acts of kindness and love. E. L. STEEVES.

**MEDICINE HAT, N. W. T.**—On the 11th of this month we had a very pleasant roll call in connection with this church. The sisters prepared a nice tea in the vestry, and after doing justice to what was set before us, we repaired to the main part of the church. There we engaged in spiritual songs, and responded to our names as the roll was called. Some of the oldest members had timely remarks. It is thought by some that this meeting did more to bind the members together than any effort that has been put forth for some time. We expect to hold these meetings quarterly. Last Lord's day we had the pleasure of baptizing another brother into fellowship with us, a man of excellent abilities who expects to enter the ministry. He was brought up Episcopalian, but a few months ago he was converted under the teaching of a student missionary, and since then has carefully investigated the question of baptism. He was connected with politics for some years and is a great speaker. As he has consecrated his gifts to the Lord we hope for great things from him. C. I. McLANE.

Feb. 22nd.

**FORBES POINT, SHELBURNE CO., N. S.**—In October last, the people of this community suffered the loss of their meeting house by forest fire, particulars given in the November letter, in which we asked for the sympathy and aid of our friends. One church (Port Hilford) sent us their contribution which we gratefully acknowledge and we hope the other churches will consider the matter as possible so that our much needed building may not be delayed. Our brethren of the Barrington Passage Presbyterian church kindly sent us a thanksgiving offering of twelve dollars for which we are very grateful. The room in which we are worshipping is very small but we are hoping that many of our friends will make it possible to have a share in the erection of this house of worship. We have been remembered by many, whom we wish to sincerely thank. Capt. B. Forbes, \$22; Clifford Locke, \$5; Jonathan Locke, \$5; Rev. A. Cohoon, \$2; A. F. Newcombe, \$1; Rev. J. H. Saunders, \$1; Rev. Isa Wallace, \$1. Trusting that the stewards of His possessions, will open their hearts to us we look forward to the day when we shall once more worship in a house dedicated to Him. ERNEST QUICK.

**FLORENCEVILLE, N. B.**—A few words from the cold frozen North. Klondike has been in the air as well as in the peoples minds, one needs to be busy in order to keep on top of the beautiful snow. Our work has been somewhat hindered by the severe storms. We are now in our eighth year on this field. We have repaired the interior of the Florenceville church building, adding very much to its comfort and appearance; our congregations were never better than at present. At East Florenceville, our interest is fair; one is ready for baptism there. We expect to hold some special meetings there soon. The brethren and sisters began painting the church last fall and will finish this spring. At Bristol we have the new Baptist church nearly completed on the outside, and hope to go on with the work in the spring. At Simonds we have our new church finished outside and hope to go on with the inside this spring. Nov. 1st we took charge of the Hartland interest; the new church there is nearing completion and when finished will be the finest church building in town. Last week we succeeded in putting in a baptistry in the vestry, and Sunday evening after service we baptized 3 candidates and on Monday evening we gave the hand of fellowship to ten. A number of others have been received by the church by letter and experience and will receive the hand of fellowship soon. We very reluctantly gave up our charge of Aberdeen where we had put in 14 years' hard work. Bro. E. P. Calder now ministers to the people there. Two things hamper us in our work in this field, one is lack of means to finish our new churches that we need so much for use. The other is want of strength to push the work as I see the need. Death has been busy amongst us; since the new year came in, we have preached five funeral sermons and was called upon to preach another, but could not attend all, since the 13th of Jan. May the Lord give us all his grace to help us in our work for the Master. A. H. HAYWARD.

**ANNAPOLIS ROYAL, N. S.**—We have made few reports, so I may summarize the work of last year. Our annual roll-call business meeting was held Feb. 4th. It was not largely attended from various local reasons but I fear one of these was that the spiritual life of the church is not as intense as at some times. We are praying for the day. The growth of the church during the past year, numerically, was the smallest of any, during the present pastorate. The report of the clerk showed five were received by baptism, two by letter and one by experience, one died and six were dismissed to join churches elsewhere. We have an enrolled membership of 137 of whom 66 are resident at Annapolis and 29 at Round Hill, while 42 reside in other places. Our energies during the year have been occupied quite largely in building a parsonage. It was thought an impossible undertaking for so poor a church but nevertheless in the kind providence of God, success has crowned our efforts and we now have one of the best in the Maritime Provinces, a commodious, convenient house with hot and cold water, bathroom, furnace, etc., and a good barn. Before we commenced, the Lord dropped \$500 into our hands in this way. A large crowd came to our town to celebrate the Queen's Jubilee, we were asked to help feed them, friends all around kindly helped us provide food and at the end of the day we had sufficient in hand to meet the above. Our accounts stand as follows: Cost of lot, house, and barn \$2,500. Subscriptions paid, etc., \$844.97. Jubilee Dinner, \$500. Total, \$1,344.97. In debt, \$115.03. To meet this we have unpaid balances of subscriptions, mostly not yet due, of \$366.30, and we have hope of obtaining some more, possibly \$200, and then expect to pay balance gradually. Granville Ferry which is a part of this field though a separate church has joined with us in this work. The church has also done well for denominational objects, better than ever before. We hope this extra work being done greater energy will be put into spiritual work and a larger ingathering result. The pastor did not take a vacation last summer but had to be out of his pulpit nearly two months this winter owing to sickness and a recruiting trip.

**PETERBORO, ONT.**—We had the privilege of baptizing five on the first Sabbath in January, two more are received for baptism, and a number of others have signified their desire to obey their Lord in his own ordinance, shortly. Twenty-nine have been added to the church during the past year. Every department of our church work is in a flourishing condition. The Young People's Union has about sixty members, and is following the S. L. Course, under

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the leadership of the pastor. Our Sunday School is doing good work, under the efficient management of our ideal Superintendent, Mr. George Matthews. Over two hundred were present last Sunday. Our annual meeting held in January was very cheering and satisfactory. During the year over three hundred dollars were spent in decorating the interior of the church building. Over five hundred dollars were contributed for missions. The church offerings, which are taken every other month, were as follows, Manitoba Missions, in Feb., \$52; Home Missions, in April, \$69; Foreign Missions, in October, \$90; Grande Ligne, in Dec., \$50. The Women's Missionary circle gave \$102; Mission Band, \$65.70; Sunday School, \$97.37. Our collection this month for Manitoba, amounts to \$71.42. More than enough to meet the estimate for the ensuing year has been subscribed, and the prospect for the future looks bright and encouraging. What we most need now is a genuine revival; a thorough spiritual quickening of the entire membership. For this we pray; and for this we expect to labor. The old adage "out of sight out of mind" does not truthfully express our experiences with regard to our friends in the provinces by the sea. We often think of you, and desire your prosperity. We often long too for a "sniff" of atmosphere from old ocean. There are many parts of Ontario that are rich and beautiful; but none surpass in beauty, the lovely valley in the land of Evangeline; or the magnificent scenery of the St. John River. Feb. 15. A. T. DYKEMAN.

[The first part of the above was omitted last week.]

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DURLIN Charles A. Co., N. S. William M. both of Sp. MORSE 18th, by Rev. A. to Edie Cl. THIES— bride's field, by Thies to Brookfield. LOHNESS S., on Feb. 18th, by Rev. A. of East Flo. of Florence

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SEWELL, trouble, at Carleton Co. only son of Sewell, aged mother and brother pro. baptized by fellowship of March, 1898. conference gave a stron. By his sudd. munily have citizen.

PARKER, of Daniel F. dale, Hants 23rd, at the never made occasions dur. ed to her part in the deat. her death mother she be sweet to ing patience through all the grace of funeral serv. character. C. Wm. W. Red. Methodist.

THOMSON, Feb., Mrs. passed away 78 years o. Sophia C. B. Chester. Sh. and one ch. St. John, the North C. remained a was able by less labors to work. She by all who k. of the Christ. her and exhib. mother, friend. ing and faith.

PATTEN, from London S. W., to En. aged 49, ye. broken heart.

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Children. Walter B.