

Visiting and Preaching.

In accordance with the plan as outlined by the committee of District No. 4 of the Central Association, a visit was paid to the churches on the East side of Saint Margaret's Bay. The visiting brethren were pastor Manning of the North church, and missionary Webb, in charge of work at the Quinpool Road chapel. These brethren left their homes on Tuesday morning, October 7, and held their first meeting with the branch of the Indian Harbor church at East Dover. By some oversight, no notice had been sent of our meeting here; but thanks to the energy of Bro. George Richardson, who was teaching in the neighborhood, word was circulated and a good congregation assembled to hear the gospel proclaimed by Bro. Webb. The Baptists in this part of the field are few in number, but they are staunch and true. The visitors missed the presence of Bro. James Fader, who was away from home, not knowing anything about the meetings. They were, however, kindly cared for by his family. There are two Dovers, East and West. The meeting-house is on the East side of the Bay, which runs inland for some distance. In fine weather the people cross in boats. The distance around is six miles. There are four Baptist families on the West side. These are trying to build a place of worship—with a room up stairs to be occupied by the Orangemen for a hall. The brethren feel the need of some place in which to hold their meetings for prayer, preaching and Sunday-school. They are shut out of the schoolhouse in the district, which is owned by the Bishop of Nova Scotia! The brethren will see to it that the title is satisfactory, so as to avoid future complications. A collection was taken up for the Convention Fund amounting to \$1.25, and \$1 was given for expenses.

The next morning we retraced our steps to Indian Harbor, where we found the friends expecting us. Bro. M. preached in the afternoon to the faithful few gathered in His name. Bro. Webb preached an earnest sermon in the evening to a large congregation; at the close of which a collection was taken towards defraying the expenses of the delegation, amounting to \$3.32. There was also paid to the visiting brethren \$17.30 for the Convention Fund. It may be interesting to note here that the committee at their first meeting in Halifax, arranged to ask all the churches in the district to endeavor to raise at least a given sum. \$20.00 was asked from this church. It has come nearer the apostolic injunction, "that there be no gatherings when I come," than most of our churches. Here is a noble little band of faithful, willing workers, and any man might feel it a joy to serve such a people. The Seventh-day Adventists have been busy with their pestilential heresy among this people, and a few have been led away by their sophistries; but God lives and His church holds on her way.

Bro. Webb having an engagement at his mission for Thursday evening, left for home that morning, and the services in the 1st Saint Margaret's Bay church were conducted by his companion and fellow laborer in the gospel for the time being, who preached both afternoon and evening. At the close of the evening service, a collection of \$8 was taken up for the Convention Fund. Nothing was received for expenses. The brethren have been engaged for several years in the erection of a place of worship. They have succeeded in their efforts. The building is completed, and as it is to be dedicated to the worship of God on next Lord's day, the 19th—further reference just now is unnecessary. A parsonage owned by the church in Indian Harbor in connection with the church is also located near by, and free from debt. The object of this visit by the ministering brethren was distinctly stated at each place. Here is a field of labor, interesting and attractive, where the right man can do most effective service for the Master. Where is he to be found? J. W. M.

A Letter from Vermont.

Will not a few lines from the Green Hill State of Vermont interest the friends by the sea? Thinking that this may be true I take my pen this Saturday night. Nearly six months have quickly passed since in the fast embrace of sea-sickness I entered Boston harbor, in the good steamship Yarmouth. These six months have been, not full of leisure certainly, nor yet over-full of work, but they have been very full of interesting experiences. At their commencement, on every hand everything was new. A people with whom I had had but two Sabbaths' acquaintance confronted me on the first Sabbath; as I rested my eyes on the surrounding hills I felt that they were strange; and as I entered upon my work I found some things at least that were different from the old. Only one thing gave me a truly home-like and restful feeling, and that was the genial and kindly face of good brother Robbins, who was the first to extend a welcome upon our arrival at the Bellows Falls Station. Now, however, almost everything is quite familiar, and we are sensible that we are here to stay—in a pastoral sense. Among the special outside privileges that have been mine this summer I may

name the following: Attending the Sunday-school convention at West Randolph; attending some of the varied exercises of commencement week at the Academy at Saxton's River; attending the association Sunday-school convention which met here; hearing Moody a day at Brattleboro; attending the Woodstock association at Grafton; and attending the State convention at Rutland. By the first named I was most favorably impressed. It was altogether fine. The enthusiasm shown over Sunday-school work was most inspiring. This, be it remembered, was no union convention, but a purely denominational one. As soon as I read the programme sent out ahead, one thing especially impressed me, and that was the number of specialists who were to be brought in from abroad. And as I attended the other denominational gathering, I found that no pains were spared—nor money either—to get the very best qualified speakers for the several subjects to come under its consideration. And is not this well? It gives such gatherings an immeasurable educative power, and tends greatly to lift up and strengthen. At that Sunday-school convention Mr. Stankey had charge of the singing; Dr. Clark, of Patterson, N. J., spoke several times very practically in reference to methods in Sunday-school work, the outside work required to make the school a success, etc., and answered questions thereon; Rev. C. P. Gifford, of Brookline, Rev. C. H. Spaulding, and Miss Lucy Wheelock, of Boston, were also noteworthy participants in the exercises.

The Academy at Saxton's River is one of which the denomination in the State is very justly proud. It has buildings which are scarcely excelled by those of any academy in the United States, and an endowment of \$100,000. It is also rich in the possession of Prof. G. A. Williams, Ph. D., as principal. Like the Academy at Wolfville, this one is characterized by the Christian atmosphere pervading it, and extensive revivals of religion have been of almost yearly occurrence throughout its history.

One thing in this connection gives me great pleasure to record, and that is the universal esteem in which the pastor of the Saxton's River church is held by the students. In him the young people feel that they have a friend; he takes great pains to know each one personally, and interests himself in all that concerns them. The gain of this to both, and to the village church, cannot be estimated. The State convention at Rutland was quite similar to such gatherings in the Province. I did not think that it surpassed them in any particular. Dr. Morehouse, of N. Y., secretary of the Home Mission Society, made us feel the imminence and importance of the work in which he—and in fact we all to a greater or less extent—are engaged. The denomination in the State is not large, but it is energetic, and is doing a grand work for the Master.

Permit me before closing to add that my interest in all the denominational work in the beloved Province is in no way diminished by my separation from it, and moreover, I believe, never will be. Each week the MESSANGER AND VISITOR is eagerly scanned for every bit of new intelligence that it contains. May the Divine blessing rest upon the new editor and upon the churches, and upon the denominational work in all its varied interests, in my prayer. C. R. B. D.

Ordination Council.

By invitation of the Port Hillford Baptist church a council was organized in the Baptist place of worship at Goshen, in the county of Guysboro, on the 14th inst., to consider the advisability of ordaining the pastor of the Port Hillford, 2nd Saint Mary's and Goshen churches to the work of the gospel ministry. The council organized by electing Rev. A. Martell, of Canso, moderator, and Willard P. Anderson, of Town of Guysboro, clerk.

Delegates present: 2nd St. Mary's—Deacon James McKee; Port Hillford—Deacons John Kennedy and Robert Mills; Goshen—Deacons J. McGregor, Charles Nichols and John Southerland; Guysboro—Bro. John R. Nickerson; Ministerial brethren: Revs. A. Martell, D. Price, and Willard P. Anderson; Licentiate, Bro. Snelling, from N. Harbor. The candidate, Bro. Tiner, was then called on to relate his Christian experience, call to the ministry, and views of Christian doctrine and practice, church polity and government, after which the council appointed Rev. D. Price to question the candidate on the doctrine of the New Testament, which he and the moderator did very thoroughly. A statement was also made as to the provision which this group of churches have made for their pastoral support, all of which being satisfactory, the council withdrew to deliberate.

Moved by Rev. D. Price, seconded by Bro. John McGregor: That, whereas the council has listened to the statements of Bro. Tiner, in regard to his experience, call to the ministry, and views of Christian doctrine and church polity; Therefore resolved, that they advise the church to proceed with the ordination. Carried. Arrangements were then made for

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evening service as follows: Reading scriptures, D. Price; prayer, Bro. Snelling; sermon, Willard P. Anderson; prayer at the laying on of hands, A. Martell; charge to the church, D. Price; charge to the candidate and hand of fellowship, A. Martell. The above order of exercises was carried out, after which, on motion, the council dissolved and congregation dismissed with the benediction by the pastor. WILLARD P. ANDERSON, Clerk. Dedication Service.

For several years past the First St. Margaret's Bay church have been engaged in building a place of worship. The old meeting-house which has served its purpose in its day has become really unfit for service. But the church is not large, and there is no wealth among its members. In consequence the house was not completed and ready for occupancy until last week. It has been a work of faith and a labor of love on the part of the church through all these years. It was begun when Bro. F. H. Beals, the present pastor of the Hebron church, spent his vacation, while a student at Acadia, on the east side of St. Margaret's Bay, though the advisability of building a house of worship was seriously considered when the Rev. W. E. Hall was laboring so efficiently around the shores of this beautiful bay. The church have ever held these brethren in grateful remembrance, and naturally desired their presence at the opening services; but for various reasons this was found impossible. The Rev. Dr. Saunders was invited to preach the dedication sermon, but absence from home and previous engagements prevented him from complying with the request. The building was opened for worship on Sunday, Oct. 19th, and the ministering brethren present were Rev. J. W. Manning, pastor of the North Baptist church, Halifax, and Rev. George Taylor, pastor of the 2nd St. Margaret's Bay church. Brother Manning preached in the morning the dedication sermon, from Psalm 84: 1. Prayer was offered by Bro. Taylor. The afternoon service was conducted by Bro. Taylor, who preached from Isaiah 63: 3, last clause. In the evening Mr. Manning preached especially to the unconverted, from 2nd Sam. 3: 33. The services of the day were interesting and the attendance good, and the weather delightful. The collections during the day amounted to upwards of \$90.00. The building is capable of seating from 200 to 250 people. The pews are ash with walnut trimmings. The ceiling is lined with spruce and the walls are plastered. There is a small recess in the rear which gives room for the pulpit and platform. The entrance is not from the tower standing at one corner, from the top of which rises a graceful spire, but from the centre. The house is neat in appearance, tasteful in design and finish. It reflects credit upon designer and builder, and is an ornament to the community. What is wanted now, is the presence of the Lord to fill the place with His glory. In connection with the church at Indian Harbor here is an inviting field of labor. The pastorate of the 2nd St. Margaret's Bay church is also vacant. Mr. Taylor—soon to remove to the West. Surely it is not right that all this territory should be unoccupied; but if we do not look after it, others will, and are doing so already. "The laborers are few," but there ought to be some one here. J. W. MANNING.

Quarterly Meetings.

ALBERT COUNTY. The Albert County Quarterly Meeting met with the Third Hillboro church on Tuesday, the 14th of October, at 2 p. m. The session was a very interesting one. The conference meeting was one of unusual power and blessing. Ministers present: Rev. W. Camp, Rev. M. Gross, Rev. S. W. Curran, Rev. J. E. Fillmore, Rev. G. C. Steadman and the undersigned. Being the annual session, the following officers were elected: Rev. M. Gross, president; Rev. J. E. Fillmore, vice-president; and Rev. W. McGreggor, secretary. Rev. W. Camp read an instructive paper on "Prayer Meetings," which may appear in the MESSANGER AND VISITOR. Important discussions took place in reference to Sabbath-schools, temperance, and grouping of churches. In the absence of Rev. S. C. More, his alternate, Rev. J. C. Steadman, preached the quarterly sermon from Psalm 27: 4. It was a season of refreshing. Rev. W. McGreggor preached a sermon on Wednesday, at 3 p. m. from 1 Cor. 1: 24. The session closed with a missionary meeting on Wednesday evening. We meet again with the 2nd Coverdale church on the second Tuesday of January. W. MCGREGGOR, Secy. Treas.

THE ANTIGONISH AND GUYSBORO

Baptist Quarterly Meeting met with the church at Goshen, Tuesday, Oct. 14. Owing to the wet weather there was not as many present at the morning session as would have been otherwise. Meeting opened by prayer. The chairman being absent, Rev. A. Martell was appointed chairman pro tem. The report from Canso church was then called for and given by Rev. A. Martell. He reports the work in that church to be very encouraging, and the outlook for this winter good. The speaker said he expected by the aid of God's Spirit to have a large gathering of souls. The report from Guysboro church was next listened to. Rev. W. P. Anderson reports good meetings, especially the

prayer and conference well attended. Baptisms have been quite frequent during the summer. The next report was from Isaac's Harbor church. Rev. D. Price said he felt encouraged in the work, as he believes that a true spirit of grace was deepening in the hearts of the church members. A resolution has been passed by that church to raise this coming year the debt of twenty-five hundred dollars that rests upon this house of worship, and which has been paralyzing the efforts of the church for years. Cost of house of worship \$7,000. Report from New Harbor came next. Bro. Snelling reports good meetings on his field. The report from Port Hillford, First and Second St. Mary's, and Goshen churches was next called for, and given. The spiritual outlook of these churches seem to be quite encouraging, yet coldness does much to retard the advancement of God's kingdom in these churches. Still there are some who are not discouraged, but are working, and praying, and looking to God for His Holy Spirit to melt the icy hearts, and to give them the victory through Jesus Christ. There was no report from Antigonish church. The meeting closed at 10.30 p. m., to meet with the Isaac's Harbor church, Wednesday, January 14th, 1891. J. E. FILLMORE, Secretary.

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NEWS FROM THE CHURCHES.

RAWDON.—On Sunday, Oct. 19th, it was our privilege to add two to our number by baptism. L. A. COONEY. UPTER STEWART, N. S.—Pastor Fields reports one baptized into the fellowship of the Upper Stewart church, on Sunday, Oct. 5. GUYSBORO, N. S.—We are baptizing nearly every Sabbath, since quite early in the summer. I went down to the river again yesterday, and administered the ordinance of baptism to two very promising young persons. Oct. 20. WILLARD P. ANDERSON.

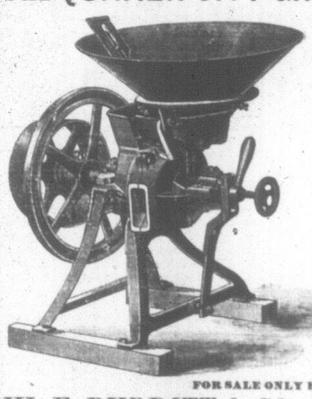
SHELBURNE.—Please allow me to acknowledge through the MESSANGER AND VISITOR the kindness of the Milton church, Yarmouth, and its pastor in presenting to the Shelburne church two beautiful stoves, costing \$25, for the house of worship. The Shelburne church moved a vote of thanks to the members of the above church for their timely assistance, and prays that the great Giver of all blessings may richly reward them. T. M. MEXRO. PARRISBORO, N. S.—The church at Parrisboro is now without a pastor. Bro. Stackhouse labored with the church during the vacation with great acceptance. They are all sorry he had to leave them. Under his labors the church was revived, congregations and collections increased, and progress was seen all along the line. They are earnestly seeking for the right man to be their undershepherd. The Springhill church granted me leave of absence for last Sabbath, and I supplied for the Parrisboro church. We had good congregations morning and evening. In the afternoon I had the privilege of baptizing three believers in the presence of a large number of people. I hope the Lord will soon answer their prayers and send them a man after His own heart. Springhill, Oct. 21. H. B. SMITH.

GREENSWICH HILL, Kings Co., N. B.—In May last Bro. H. A. Giffin, lic., under the direction of the Home Mission Board secretary, came to Greenwich to spend his summer vacation. He labored very faithfully to compass the work on this field, and his labors were highly appreciated by the people. It is with great regret we see him depart to resume his studies at McMaster Hall, Toronto, but we trust it will be to fit him more and more for the Master's service. Our brother has proved himself to be a workman that needeth not to be ashamed, and will be followed by the prayers and good wishes of the church where he labored. J. McB. Oct. 18. PERSONAL.

Rev. G. N. Ballentine writes that his permanent address is 1636 Sacramento street, San Francisco, Cal. We very much regret to learn of the serious illness of Rev. Mr. Cain, pastor at Annapolis. Our informant, writing on the 20th inst., says Mr. Cain "has been sick for three weeks of gastric fever, and at present is very low, though this morning his physicians pronounce his condition more favorable. We are sorry to learn that Rev. E. T. Miller has resigned the pastorate of the Tabernacle church, Halifax, and that we are likely to lose him from these provinces. Bro. Miller is a good preacher and his work in Halifax has been successful. He is now supplying the church at Grotton, Conn., and we believe is likely to settle there. His address is at present Grotton, Conn. We are glad to learn from Bro. W. G. Corey, that his health which had partially failed him last spring, so that he was obliged to give up pastoral labor for a time, is now, through the goodness of God, so restored that he is able to resume work in the ministry. We hear a good report of Bro. Corey's ministry and would recommend some of our pastoral churches to correspond with him. Address Rev. W. G. Corey, Chipman, Queens Co., N. B.

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