

## District Meeting.

The district meeting of the Counties of Antigonish and Guysborough convened according to appointment at Isaac's Harbor, on the 21st ult. Meeting elected Rev. D. Price, pastor of the Isaac's Harbor church, to be the chairman of this district for one year.

Reports of the work and state of the churches were then given by the pastors and delegates present.

In the afternoon session, after an hour spent in prayer, a discussion of Sabbath school work followed. Its relation to the church and the home: participation by several brethren, all making excellent speeches.

Evening session—devotional exercises, a sermon by the writer. Collection for convention fund, \$10.39.

Several brethren were appointed to prepare papers for the next district meeting. Closed to meet with the Manchester Baptist church, in the Village of Boylston, some time in April. Though the distance is considerable which some of the brethren had to travel to be present, yet altogether it was one of the most pleasant, and we trust profitable, district meetings which we have ever attended.

Nothing could exceed the kindness and hospitality of the brothers and friends at Isaac's Harbor. We pray the church there may reap a rich harvest.

By order of the meeting,  
W. V. A., Sec. Treas.

## Albert Co. Quarterly Meeting.

The 33rd session of the above was held with the First Covenantal church, commencing Tuesday, Jan. 13, at 2 o'clock, p. m. It opened with the usual Christian conference, the president occupying the chair. In the unavoidable absence of Rev. W. Camp, who was to have preached the quarterly sermon, Rev. W. McGregor, his alternate, did so. A number of delegates were present, and Pastors M. Gross, S. W. Keirstead, W. W. Carey, J. E. Fillmore, J. C. Steadman, and W. McGregor. More of the time was spent in preaching and other devotional exercises than is usual on such occasions, the apparent result of which was a great blessing to the church. It was resolved, as a means of aiding the work of the Convention, that a missionary meeting be held quarterly in each of the churches composing the meeting, pastors to visit and each other in so doing. The discussions on temperance and missions were more than usually animated. Rev. M. Gross to preach next quarterly sermon, Rev. W. Camp to be his alternate. The time and place of the next quarterly meeting will be published in due time. Collected for Convention purposes, \$11.58.

W. McGregor, Sec'y Treas.

## Religious Intelligence.

## NEWS FROM THE CHURCHES.

**GERMAIN STREET.**—Pastor Gates reports a good interest in this church. Four were baptized on the 1st inst. All the meetings of the church were well attended.

**THE UNION BAPTIST CONFERENCE** met in Baptist rooms, 35 Grenville street, Feb. 2, at 10 a. m. Rev. Mr. Parsons presided. Present: Rev. Messrs. Spencer, Hickson, Martell, Capp, Mellick, Gates, Black, Saunders, Ford, Welton, Stewart, and Bro. Stewart, two by baptism, and Bro. Capp, two by letter. Rev. C. H. Martell read a paper on Original Sin, and a pleasant and profitable discussion of the subject followed. Rev. Mr. Hickson was appointed to read a paper on this subject at the next meeting.

**ST. JOHN CITY MISSION.**—Your readers will be glad to hear of the increased interest in Haymarket Square. Since the re-opening of the hall after renovation our congregations have increased, and a deeper interest has been manifested in the services. Since recovering from my recent illness—for kindly notice please accept my hearty thanks—we have been holding special services, and from the first it was manifest that the hand of our God was upon us for good. The meetings have been well attended, backsliders have been restored, sinners converted, and God's children encouraged. Yesterday four persons, three of them heads of families—some of whom had never witnessed the administration of the ordinance—were baptized at Leinster street, others are enquiring the way of salvation. In view of the prosperous condition of the work at that station, the question of a separate church organization is being prayerfully considered by some of those most deeply interested. The people are willing to do all they can for its support, and there is a good prospect that in a year or two it would become self-supporting, and a generous contributor to our denominational work. In a few days I hope (D. V.) to commence special meetings at Murray street. Will the readers of the MESSENGER AND VISITOR kindly remember us in their prayers? A. E. INGRAM.

**ST. MARTIN'S, N. B.**—My visit to Saint Martin's was by a combination of circumstances protracted until this morning. Our efforts in the line of special meetings were hindered by the severe storms that followed each other in quick succession. Good, however, was done, the church quickened and some enquirers arose for the prayers of God's people. It was my privilege last Monday to attend the annual business meeting of the church, and by request to preside. It was a successful and well attended meeting, and conducted in a business-like manner.

The report of the financial committee was gratifying, showing that upwards of \$1,700 had been raised by the church during the year, and that after paying promptly the minister's salary and all running expenses there is a balance on hand of \$98. The debt, too, has been reduced \$400. The report reflected much credit upon the committee and especially upon the treasurer of the church, David Vaughan, Esq., for his painstaking efforts to present the financial condition of the church in a clear and satisfactory manner. The report of the Sabbath school committee was also encouraging—average attendance 113; amount collected during the year \$104. Of this sum, if my memory serves me correctly, \$30 was given to the Grande Ligne mission. A Sabbath school is also conducted in Western Saint Martin's, of which Deacon Titus is superintendent, and is doing a good work. After the usual committees had been chosen for the coming year, a missionary committee was appointed, consisting of the Pastor, Rev. Dr. Hopper, and five others, whose business shall be to have the eight surrounding preaching stations steadily occupied by the ministerial students of the Seminary. I was glad to form acquaintance with the ten ministerial students and regard them as warm-hearted and earnest brethren, who give promise of much usefulness. In this meeting, Rev. J. B. Woodland was unanimously invited to supply the pulpit for a Sabbath, with a view to settlement if God's providence should so indicate. During my visit I was called upon to attend four funerals—the first that of Mrs. Robert Skillen, eldest daughter of the late Deacon Simon Vaughan, the second that of George Dimock, a nephew of the late Rev. Joseph Dimock, the third that of Miss Hannah Brown, a promising school teacher, who was home spending her vacation and was stricken down with diphtheria, the fourth that of Capt. Geo. W. Masters, who had done so much for the new Baptist Seminary. I enjoyed, during my stay in St. Martin's, the hospitality of Mrs. Wm. Calhoun, who did her utmost to conduce to my comfort, and this kindness I valued all the more on account of the slender condition of my health. Others, and especially Deacon Jacob Titus and his family, did nobly in helping to render my visit pleasant. St. John, Jan. 26. ISA WALLACE.

**JENNERS.**—This church is under the pastorate of Elder A. B. Macdonald, who for more than twenty years, with a brief interval, has ministered to them. Ripe in Christian experience and matured in love over the greater part of Quebec, where he has labored almost all his life, Bro. Macdonald still holds a deep and strong attachment in the hearts of the brethren. May he long continue a faithful servant of his Master. Recently the quarterly meeting of Quebec was held in this church and a warm welcome was extended to all visiting brethren. A season of spiritual refreshing with manifest tokens of the Master's presence followed, and all felt it good to be there. On the joyful part of the field, the new meeting house has been completed, the new interest remaining a part of the mother church. Great credit is due to the builder, Mr. Jacob Macdonald, and also to the painter, Mr. J. H. Fisher, whose work in finishing the decoration of the interior is admired by all. We trust the blessing of God may descend upon this new effort of His people and that many may here be brought to Christ.

**UPPER KESWICK, York Co., N. B.**—We are holding special meetings in this place. We found the cause very low. There are not many standard bearers in the church, who, with some few noble sisters was trying to hold up the cause of God, was suddenly taken away. On the evening of December 20, he went out to help his horse and died when he was killed by a horse and died immediately. He was Deacon Jeremiah Bell. He professed religion in 1844, was baptized by Rev. N. Watson, and lived religious until his death. He is greatly missed by all, and the few well wishers of the cause of God in the church were led to exclaim, what shall we do now? But God in great mercy, after a few days of hard, earnest, faithful labor, has been pleased to pour out His Holy Spirit, and some of the strong have been led to bow to God and accept Christ as their Saviour. We are now holding special meetings, and expect to again do so. Praise the Mighty God of Jacob. Brethren, pray for us. St. John, Jan. 21. J. W. S. Y.

**ST. GEORGE.**—We have one hundred resident members here, who, with the exception of a few, are active in Christian work and enterprise. During my second pastoral year they raised for all purposes \$813. We have been blessed in outside work, and although we do not carry on the work begun and so vigorously pushed by Bro. Hutchings, we are glad to learn that it is being carried on by the Rev. F. S. Todd and Bro. F. C. Wright. The magnitude of the work in this country is great, and only three settled pastors, the Rev. W. C. Goucher in St. Stephen, the Rev. F. S. Todd at Oak Bay, and myself. Mrs. Pineo and I were made glad by a donation from the church and congregation of \$42, and a very valuable oil painting from one of the sisters; also a gift of \$12 from an unknown friend and a \$5 gold piece from an outsider. May the Lord bless the donors. C. E. PINEO.

**Jan. 29.**  
**MONROVIA.**—We are thankful to say the good work continues with us here. The services, which we hold nightly, are manifestly powerful in convicting sinners and quickening saints. And it is the opinion of those who have longest known the church that never did we receive of God's reviving grace in such a marked manner. There is no excitement, but the quiet consciousness of God's presence seems to possess the people. As a partial result we baptized ten more last Lord's day, making a total of forty received into fellowship since our last association, and more are on the way. And to God the Father, Son, and Spirit, be all the glory. W. B. HINSON.

**Jan. 28.**  
**UPPER KESWICK.**—Rev. J. W. S. Young writes: God has been blessing our labors at Upper Keswick. On Sabbath, Jan. 25, I had the privilege of baptizing nine happy converts. Though the day was stormy, the house was packed at each of the three services. Twelve in all have been added to the church, and the work goes on. It is an important time here now.

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**SHERIDAN.**—We do not write often to MESSENGER AND VISITOR, perhaps a few lines will not be amiss. We have at present no pastor, but we have had a sermon for months. We meet regularly for prayer and praise, and often the presence of the Master is manifested. Quite a number of members have taken their letters to join the churches where they are located; we are at present without a pastor. Would not some of the strong sister churches say to their pastors, go spend a Sabbath with Sheridians church, and we will exercise our own gifts for one Sabbath. How the sympathy and brotherly regard would strengthen and encourage us. J. I. E.

**AMHERST, New Brunswick.**—We are at present without a pastor, but we are continuing our Sabbath-school through the winter season, and it is well attended. Our prayer-meetings are seasons of refreshing. May each one who reads this pray for us that God may direct someone to us to "lead the flock." One that each member may feel that it is their privilege to carry in the "upper room," and receive power from on high and be the means of turning others to Jesus. Com.

**BROOKFIELD, Co. Chester, N. S.**—On Christmas morning I baptized and welcomed to the Brookfield Baptist church, a promising young man. One, a former resident, came to this place for baptism and cross-bearing among his old companions; the other, a Christian worker for several years past, has rendered me valuable assistance since his baptism. He is looking towards the Christian ministry. Both are from Pictou-Baptist families and associations. M. L. FRISKE.

**WEST YARMOUTH.**—We have been holding some special meetings in the Overton section of the church, and God has given us some tokens of His power. The corresponding secretary of the House of Missions, Bro. G. H. Jones, has been over and helped us a few times. His services were blessed of God, and very much appreciated by the people. W. A. D. S. We have returned, some have told of their decision for Christ, and quite a large number have said, "Pray for us. Brethren, pray for us." I. E. BILL, Chegoogan, Jan. 26.

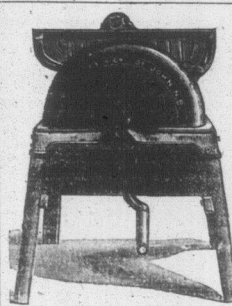
**GRANVILLE.**—Rev. W. L. Parker is holding special services in the Western part of his field. The congregations are good and meetings interesting. We hope that God may bless his labors here, as He has in other places in times past. Feb. 5th, 1891, is a fortieth anniversary of his marriage, and his church and people purpose commemorating the occasion by a social reunion at the parsonage, and will doubtless leave with him substantial tokens of their good will suitable to the occasion. Judging from a financial standpoint, he is evidently growing in the affections of his people. C. F. A.

**CLEMENTSVALE, Digby Co., N. S.**—We have now entered upon the work of a new year with all its opportunities for good as well as evil. We observed the day of Prayer, holding meetings in different sections of the church every afternoon and evening. Signs encouraging and discouraging were seen, and we feel that our interest for the cause of Christ was deepened in the hearts of some. But the most discouraging fact is the apathy of so many of the church who are obedient unto the divine command. Acknowledging themselves wrong, they make no effort to put themselves right. We are praying and anxiously waiting for the willingness of the people to be exchanged for a willingness to do each his duty, and to let others do theirs. May the Lord quicken our souls by His divine grace, giving us the spirit of love and forgiveness that we may make a long pull, a strong pull, and a pull all together to get the church of God in this place in a fit condition to receive a blessing. C. R. M.

**BROOKFIELD, Queens Co., N. S.**—Last autumn pastor Jenner tendered his resignation and took charge of the church in Cambridge, Kings Co. He labored three years with us, and we trust he was the means of leading many to the Saviour. A larger number of the married ladies took possession, and after spending a very special season took their departure, leaving us much better off for their visit. For these acts of kindness I desire to express my sincere gratitude. GEO. HOWARD, Centerville, Jan. 24.

There is a peculiar disease that has made its appearance in the County of Carleton, and strange to relate it always visits the homes of the various resident clergymen. The disease is known in these parts as "Donation," it is of a very contagious nature, and through the practical kindness of the Jacksonville church and congregation, we are called upon to gratefully record ourselves as among the victims. On Monday evening, Jan. 20th, the parsonage was filled with kind and sympathetic friends, met together doubtless to watch the progress of the "disease" upon the unworthy pastor and his wife. The seriousness of the attack can be estimated when we tell the result was \$10.65 in cash; butter, lard, etc., etc., amounting to \$6.15, to say nothing of the inviting appearance of the pantry shelves, which seemed to say in emphatic terms, "Eat, drink, and be merry." May the Lord bless the donors, and make the recipients very happy. B. H. THOMAS, Jacksonville, Jan. 27.

**PERSONAL.**  
Rev. H. N. Parry has resigned at Aylesford. He has not yet decided as to his future work.



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