

Dedication at Sonora.

The new Baptist house of worship erected at Sonora, Guyaburo Co., N. S., was set apart to the use for which it was designed, on Sunday, Jan. 11th.

Quarterly Meeting at Springfield.

According to the recommendations of the Associations, Rev. E. J. Grant, chairman of the St. Martins group, at the quarterly meeting held at Hampton in December, called for a meeting of the pastors of the churches composing the group, to be held with the Second Springfield church, to be convened on Tuesday, Jan. 14th.

During the week previous to our coming, Bro. Cornwall, the pastor, held extra services with the church. Our meetings were interesting and helpful to ourselves and we trust also to the church.

While there, we had the happy privilege of visiting Bro. David Cranford, now in his 93rd year. We found our aged brother deeply conscious of the gracious presence of his Saviour, and he talked earnestly and enthusiastically of his Master's work dear to his heart.

Our next place of meeting is to be with the church at Colina Corner, on Tuesday, the 17th of February, at 7 p. m. The churches are earnestly requested to send their pastors or a representative in case they have no pastor.

Religious Intelligence.

NEWS FROM THE CHURCHES.

HEBRON, N. S.—Rev. F. H. Beals writes: "We have had some very interesting meetings and hope to welcome a number to our fellowship."

BRAZIL LAKE, Yarmouth Co., N. S.—It was my privilege to baptize two young men at this place yesterday and received them into the Third Yarmouth church. E. P. COLDWELL, Jan. 19.

WILLOW GROVE, N. B.—It is seven years since I first visited this church in company with Bro. May of St. John, during which time many changes have taken place. We had a glorious meeting last evening. After preaching, we had a social meeting, about all the congregation taking part. Earnest and stirring addresses were given, interspersed with appropriate music.

ACADIA.—The regular monthly meeting of the Missionary Society was held on Sunday evening, Jan. 18. Three of our own students addressed the meeting with much acceptability, viz: Messrs. Corey, McDonald, and Stackhouse. Two of these had been delegates to North field and one to Montreal, where missionary conferences were held. The interest in missions seems to be increasing here. The simple commission of the Missionary to Earth, "Go ye into all the world," has, so far, brought fourteen of Acadia's best men to the front for Foreign Missions. The public meetings of the Y. M. C. A. on Sunday evenings are well attended. There seems to be, at present, a quiet interest taken in all religious gatherings which we have not

noticed before this year. We trust there may be an awakening in all the Christian hearts soon. Then we know God will bring in the unawakened. Will all the brethren and sisters offer a prayer during the coming week, in the prayer-meeting or at home, for a blessing upon Acadia.

SCARSEX.—Our annual meeting on Thursday evening, the 15th inst., was largely attended, and in every way satisfactory. The pastor's report showed the congregation to have been twenty-five. The superintendent, Bro. J. S. Frites, presented an interesting and encouraging report of that department of the work. And the report of the treasurer, Bro. Gordon Mills, showed the income of the year to have been about fifty dollars in excess of ordinary expenses. The Mite Society recently organized is doing excellent work, and in a short time will place a new organ in the church. A purse was presented to the organist, Miss Hattie Brown, in recognition of her efficient services. There is manifest a spirit of helpfulness and increasing interest in the work. We thank God for the past, and are looking expectantly to the future. COM.

PRINCE WILLIAM.—From the standpoint of active religious work, this church has done but little since the close of Rev. Calvin Currier's pastorate. Last year (whose preaching by the way was very acceptable to church and people). In the meantime our place of worship has been undergoing quite extensive repairs and interior changes, and will be again re-opened for divine worship on the second Sunday in February (D. V.). At this is one of the very oldest working churches in the province, we hope the promise by the prophet Haggai may be enjoyed by us, viz., "The glory of this latter house shall be greater than of the former, and in this place will I give peace, saith the Lord of hosts." It is expected that Dr. Hopper will preach the opening sermon. All other of our ministerial brethren who can attend are cordially invited.

LEWISPORT ESTABLISHMENTS.

NEW ALBANY, Annapolis Co., N. S.—We have been enjoying the labors of Rev. S. Langille in connection with Springfield and East Dalhousie for the past six months. The work has been faithfully preached and honest work done. The church was in a divided state when he came among us, and spiritual life is at a low ebb. With the hope of reviving an interest he decided to observe the Week of Prayer, which began under very discouraging circumstances, very few attending and little interest taken. Having come to the conclusion that the church would never be in a different state until the difficulties were settled, he decided to face the matter squarely and leave the results with God. A special meeting was called for that purpose, which resulted in an agreement being drawn up by the pastor, which proved satisfactory to all and a union was effected. Let all who love Zion pray that the union thus made may prove lasting and to the glory of God. Sabbath-school is being kept up during the winter for the first time. P.

LOCKPORT.—It is not our privilege to report large additions to the church, but we are "holding forth the Word of Life," with the confident expectation of bringing in some sheaves. Last Sabbath we had a very interesting baptism. A middle aged man, the head of a family, put on Christ by a public profession, and we are encouraged to hope that others will follow in the good way. We have held no special services, but during the winter season, when our men are mostly at home, and the evenings are long, we have three prayer-meetings in town each week and one outside. We think it better thus to add to our regular meetings than to hold "revival services," so called. We have now our church committees appointed for the year, all our meetings are well attended, and the Spirit's power is felt in our midst. Now that Osborne and Jordan River have a pastor, and Lewis Head, Sabie River and Rockland have the services of a licentiate, the prospects for the Baptist cause in Shelburne Co. are much brighter than when I last wrote. E. O. R.

SECOND FALLS.—The readers of the Messenger and Visitor having learned by the list of baptisms published a few weeks ago, that one hundred and eighty-seven had been baptized during the last ten years, may think that Second Falls church is strong numerically; and as statistics are so easily got, those who are acquainted with the work of the churches find that this church does very little for denominational objects, according to the increase by baptism. I am on my third year with this church—have baptized twelve, and received one by letter and one on experience. There are ninety-two resident members, of whom twenty-nine are males and some of these are old and not able to do anything for their Master's service. The reason of this decrease is depression in business and consequently an exodus of our people into other places. In order to get the gospel to these ninety-two baptized believers I have to preach in one meeting-house and three schools, the farthest one being sixteen miles from St. George. This church has one-third of my time; nevertheless it is a pleasure to labor with the above named church. C. E. PINKO.

MONCTON.—In response to request, I send you a few words concerning the work in our church. Since writing you last, we celebrated our fifth anniversary. We had to thank God for the five years, between four and five hundred have been received into our fellowship. And we were encouraged to find that in actual results our last year was our best year. The additions to our fellowship during the year being as follows: first year, 100; second year, 70; third year, 76; fourth year, 90; fifth year, 100. And there are not wanting the proofs of the Master's presence among us now. For on Dec. 7th (our anniversary) we received two additions; on Jan 4 we commenced the New Year by welcoming 12 more; and last Sunday we baptized 10 others. We are now holding special services. Commenced them with the Week of Prayer, which was as usual observed in our own church, having by experience found that to be the better way, and all along the line we see signs of God's presence. The four Sunday-schools connected with the church are moving along very successfully, and the work in the three preaching stations is being steadily and surely pushed forward. We have a grand band of Sunday-school teachers,

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and of our brethren who help in the preaching we may well say with an old man, "They are fine exhorters." He meant to say "exhorters," but my brethren exert themselves that they may exhort others. And so while the work here is trying, for we run some 60 regular services every month, and made (may we say) 1,500 calls last year, yet with such backing as we get from six faithful deacons, two score Sunday-school teachers, and a host of helpers in every way, we do not find the work distasteful. For we are all at it, working up to the hilt, and consequently there is no time for idleness to arise, nor disturbance to enter. And the sole cause of our success from the Divine standpoint is the recognized power of the Holy Ghost; while from the human standpoint we attribute all to the fact that we possess the most intelligent and praise-worthy band of workers ever saw. In confirmation of which fact it may be cited that of the ten baptised last Sunday seven are connected with the Sunday-school. Two came from the Bible class, taught by the well qualified principal of the city school; two from young men's class led by faithful brethren whose toil during the week do not prevent their laboring for God on the Sunday; and two young ladies from two classes taught by the sisters of the church who quietly, yet effectively, labor for Christ; and one from a young women's Bible-class in charge of a brother abounding in earnest zeal for souls. So that we personally esteem it a privilege to be connected with these true-hearted men and women, and desire no higher glory than to be a part of the work of the day God claims His own. W. B. HINSON, Jan. 19.

AMHERST SHORE, Cumberland Co., N. S.—Since returning to my studies I have received letters from the shore, which have made my heart glad, and I feel constrained to write a few words in regard to the noble company of missionaries for Christ, and one from a young woman's Bible-class in charge of a brother abounding in earnest zeal for souls. So that we personally esteem it a privilege to be connected with these true-hearted men and women, and desire no higher glory than to be a part of the work of the day God claims His own. W. B. HINSON, Jan. 19.

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PERSONAL. We are glad to hear from Rev. W. B. Hinson, who, a month or two ago, settled in Poplar, Kan., and to learn that he is prospering in his work. Bro. H. writes: "The work advances here. My church numbers 300 and we have had 26 additions since I came. I have a grand consecrated people, whose praises are on the lips of all good citizens."

Will all the churches in the N.B. Eastern Association give earnest heed to the petition concerning prohibition now on hand? If any clerk or pastor be without the forms for signing, will they at once acquaint the Rev. D. Silos Fraser, of Upper Stewiacke, of that fact. Or by addressing a post card to the undersigned the needed blanks may be obtained. And will those having the matter in hand see that (1st) the signature of every person over sixteen years of age, adhering to the Baptist faith, is found on the petition; that (2nd) as urgent attention be given to this matter as though the time had not been extended, while (3rd) seeing that the extended time enables the securing of every rightful signature. As soon as petitions are filled send them to— W. B. HINSON, Moncton, N. B.

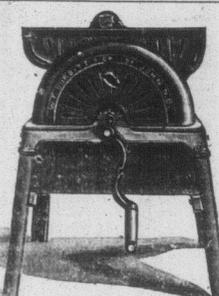
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Gratefully Acknowledged. Our people kindly remembered us a short time ago with a gift of \$100. We find ourselves strongly entrenched in the sympathies of kind-hearted, generous people, working harmoniously with us for the good of men and the glory of the Lord. E. H. HOWE. We were very kindly remembered at Christmas by our people, and desire to give expression to our gratitude for the evidences of appreciation. Our prayer is that God will bless them and help us that we may serve them more faithfully in the gospel. T. BISHOP. A number of the members of the First Elgin church and congregation met at the parsonage, at Elgin Corner, on the evening of Jan. 9th, and after spending a very pleasant evening, presented us with cash and goods to the amount of \$45. We wish to express our sincere thanks for this token of respect from a people with whom we have had so short an acquaintance. May the great Giver amply reward them for their kindness. S. W. KERSTAD.

I wish to acknowledge the kindness of the warm-hearted friends of Clontarf church, of which I am a member; for being made the recipient of the sum of \$17.50, the proceeds of a social held a short time ago. Also gifts in money from the Greenfield section of church, Queens Co., where I spent my last summer's vacation. I am not the first time I have received tokens of friendship, especially from my own church, and being obliged to remain away from Acadia this season on account of illness, those tokens of love help to bear the disappointment. May the Lord bless them, and although I may be called to labor in some other portion of His vineyard, yet this church, the place of my spiritual birth, shall, I trust, always have my prayers and best wishes. HOWARD S. WRIGHT, Lic.

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