

Missionary Forward Movement.

A meeting of a special committee of the Foreign Mission Board, and a similar committee of the Home Mission Board of New Brunswick, was held in the Foreign Mission rooms, St. John, on 12th inst., to consider the proposal to raise a Twentieth Century Missionary Fund of \$50,000. Rev. J. W. Manning was chosen chairman, and Rev. W. E. McIntyre, secretary, after which the brethren present discussed freely and at some length, the advisability of making an attempt to raise such a fund. There was a general agreement on the part of those present warmly indorsing the suggestion, and on motion of Dr. Gates, seconded by Rev. Ira Smith, the following resolution was unanimously passed:

"In the opinion of this joint meeting representing the Foreign Mission Board of the Maritime Provinces, and the Board of Home Missions of New Brunswick, an effort should be made to raise \$50,000 by August, 1901, as a Forward Movement in the interests of Home and Foreign Missions, and we would urge that the campaign be undertaken as early as possible."

Of this amount the Baptists of New Brunswick are to be asked to raise \$20,000 said fund is also to be over and above the ordinary contributions given annually for the objects of denominational work.

The secretary was instructed to communicate with the secretary of the Maritime H. M. Board to complete arrangements for making a general appeal throughout the Maritime Provinces. The meeting adjourned until the second Tuesday in January.

W. E. MCINTYRE, Sec'y.

Religious News.

A series of special services LOWER JEMSEG, conducted by Evangelist Anderson of London have greatly quickened Baptist interests in this place. Thirteen have obeyed the Saviour in the ordinance of baptism and yet many others have become interested. Bro. Anderson continues services at Upper Jemseg, with large congregations attending.

Rev. J. Bennett Anderson LOWER CAMBRIDGE, has been holding evangelistic services in this church and as a result many have become awakened with a desire for salvation. Nineteen have already been baptized on profession of their faith and several others are inquiring the way.

Rev. J. W. S. Young has SECOND GRAND LAKE, been holding some special services at the Range, Queens Co., and a good interest has been manifested in the meetings. Several have risen for prayers and expressed a desire for salvation. One was baptized on the 3rd inst., a brother of the young man who was drowned two weeks previous. The meetings continue at Cumberland Bay with deepening interest.

We have had the pleasure of HAMPTON, N. B. a visit from Rev. A. J. Vining presenting the claims of Northwest and British Columbia Missions. If all those who heard him have enjoyed and profited by his visit as we have in Hampton, we shall be pleased to have him come at least once a year. He leaves such a healthful influence that it needs no prophet to foresee that he comes again. When the West or East is represented by men so under the power of the Spirit the cause is mutually benefited at home and abroad. God bless you Bro. Vining, come again, and may our common cause be more largely productive of good results.

N. A. MACNEILL.

Our little band of faithful FAIRFIELD, workers moves steadily onward. We have a good class of Baptist Sunday School Normal students, also a large addition to our

Sunday School. Our Mission Band, the interest in which never flags, gave at its last meeting \$8 to missions beside the regular contributions to Home and Foreign work. At our last B. Y. P. U. gathering a pleasant surprise awaited the pastor by way of a donation amounting to over 40 dollars. This is but one of many kindnesses received on this field, done for his sake who will bless.

R. M. BYNON.

Rev. T. Bishop has a good GERMANTOWN, report of the condition of the ALBERT CO., work here. Regular services have been maintained throughout the past season, and just now attention is being given to the house of worship which for a long time has needed some repairs. Bro. Bishop writes: "I usually spend a part or all of Friday on the field, holding a prayer meeting the same evening. The church edifice is now being repaired; a new roof has been put on it and paid for. The foundation has also been overhauled and we expect ere long to put on a new ceiling and paper the walls."

Pastor Munro reports the BRAVER HARBOR, interest good here. He writes: "The new station of which I spoke in a previous note I cannot reach until spring for regular services, owing to icebergs and the ebbing and rising of the tide. I hope however to establish a regular service there through the summer season. Our congregations at Beave Harbor are good, we have an evergreen Sunday School, orderly and well conducted. We have of late taken two offerings on the field for benevolent work and hope soon to take another."

Bro. Calder reports eight ABERDEEN, Stations in connection with CARLETON CO., his work at Aberdeen, with about one hundred and twenty resident members. During the winter the amount of work done falls somewhat below that of the summer; but the interest continues good. The present pastor expects to leave February 1st.

Rev. C. Henderson occupies MADAWASKA CO., this field, preaching at St. Lewards, Grand Rivers and Connors Station. He reports in all twenty Baptist families, with twenty-six resident members. Two members have recently been received by letter. A good opening exists here for Baptist work and the prospects seem encouraging.

There are six regular preaching MUSQUASH, stations here, beside two ST. JOHN CO., others: "My year closes in the early part of January, but as it is the wish of the people for me to remain I purpose doing so. I love the work. We are holding special services and hope soon to report further additions. Three have been already received by baptism and on by experience."

Pastor Baker reports encouragingly from this field. NEWCASTLE, During September and NORTH CO., October, six were added by baptism. Three Sunday Schools have been maintained and the attendance of scholars has been good.

Baptized three young men and one young woman on TABERNACLE, Church, Sunday, Dec. 17th. Have ST. JOHN, received twenty more into the church since the last report. Forty-five have been added to our membership in the last seven weeks, thirty-six of these by baptism. About one hundred people have manifested a desire to lead a new life in our meetings. We are now beginning the eighth week of special evangelistic services. The interest seems to be as great as when we began our services. Expect to baptize again next Sunday. The Lord has done great things for us whereof we are glad."

P. J. STACKHOUSE.

Baptized another happy be- MARYSVILLE, liever yesterday. Sister Annabel Collings.

H. B. SLOAT.

October 11th.

TWEWKALL.

One more Savara for Christ. Last Sunday we had a baptism in one of the small tanks among the lovely Savara hills. It was about sunset and the scene impressive. Then the Lord's Supper was observed in the presence of a number of heathen Savaras. Miss Archibald is spending a fortnight in tent on those hills and is evidently greatly delighted with the experience. She reports that the Savaras gather daily at the tent in large numbers. We hope there may soon be others converted.

W. V. HIGGINS.

November 14th.

Sunday School Convention.

The Albert County Baptist Sunday School convention met in its regular session at Salem, Dec. 6th. After 30 minutes spent in devotional exercises led by Rev. John Miles, in which a goodly number participated, Rev. F. D. Davidson proceeded to open the convention for regular work. The secretary being absent the office was filled protem by Rev. T. Bishop. There were fifteen schools reported to the convention. Many of the reports were both stimulating and inspiring. A number of conversions were reported. After some discussion bearing upon our work, the business of the session being disposed of, the convention adjourned until 7 p. m. The evening session took the form of a platform meeting, and was addressed first by Rev. John Miles, on "The use and abuse of Lesson Helps." The next speaker was Rev. Truman Bishop, who spoke on "The true purpose of the Sunday-school." The third speaker, Rev. R. D. Davidson, spoke on "The relation of the Christian to the Sunday-school." The speakers all seemed at home with their themes; no doubt good impressions were made. The question box and collection were features of the session, the former being satisfactorily answered by Rev. J. Tiner. The convention then adjourned to meet with the school at Harvey in March next.

The Place of Vision

We are not "working together with God," as Paul expresses it, but are working under God as a builder works under the architect and puts into material form his plans, so are we building up what God has planned. We are following the heavenly pattern as Moses did in erecting the Tabernacle. He was but a worker transcribing God's thoughts into visible structure. It is a great thing to catch and understand the divine idea. It is said that the heavenly pattern was showed to Moses in the Mount. We may never know how it was disclosed to him. Those forty days on the hill-top are hid in mist and cloud—there is often cloud on the highest summit of the soul's experiences. But we may be certain that the finger of God traced those Tabernacle plans not on papyrus or sheepskin, but on the intellect and heart of that receptive man. Prolonged waiting on the lonely Mount with none to molest, fitted Moses for interpreting the divine idea. There is a beautiful picturesqueness in the sentence, "on the Mount with God." Imagination kindled with heavenly fire sees in it a picture of eternal truth. The place of vision is not among the crowded, bustling, noisy tents on the plain, but way up beyond the reach of jangling voices and jarring business. We need elevation and solitude to enter into God's thoughts. The pattern of our life-work is given us in those conditions. The air is clarified on the Mount and the soul's eye sees afar. Contracted and blurred vision belongs to us only when we are abiding in the illumines the lofty heights. All who catch the visions of God and repeat what they have seen unto their fellows are those who climb the Mount of God.