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The evangelists are burning glasses so adjusted as to bring the rays of religious truth to a focus and cause ignition. From age to age God holds out such a glass over the church to kindle anew its flames of love and zeal. And every soul may become a burning glass in God's light. But there must be individual consecration of the life. There must be the total and affectionate self-surrender to the truth. There must be a full surrender to all the truth one knows, to all the light one has. There must be entire faithfulness in the things that are least. Then God flashes his Holy Spirit into the souls of men. According as we will do the will of God, so do we learn the mysteries of holiness, so does God work through us, so do we have that peace which is beyond understanding.

And these laws of the action of the Omnipotent Holy Spirit are the same, in all ages and ages. They are the same for a Marcus Aurelius or Antoninus as for a Whitefield or a Luther.

The subject of the prelude was "Low Moral in High Places."

**Teasing.**

With our missionaries on the foreign field, teasing is an important department of their work. It is usually a profitable employment, and sometimes a pleasant one. For some weeks past I have been teasing among our churches in behalf of the convention scheme. As I had written, and mailed, since the convention, more than seven hundred circulars, letters, and postal cards, to churches and individuals, and as I had travelled pretty extensively in New Brunswick during the autumn, I decided to visit the Nova Scotia churches. The first Yarmouth, Temple, Milton, Chagnon, Acadia, Tusket, and Oble churches, in this county, were addressed and collecting cards distributed among nearly all the congregations.

The large number of these churches are holding special meetings, and some of them are enjoying quite extensive revivals. Rev. E. F. Adams, of Spargow's college, class '86, has been labouring very faithfully for several weeks, as pastor of the First Yarmouth church. The attendance at all the services is unusually large, and the prospects are encouraging. The Temple church under the wise leadership of Rev. J. B. Woodland, and the Milton church with their popular young pastor, Rev. J. A. Ford, are favored with revival seasons. Rev. J. H. Hughes has been greatly blessed in his work at Acadia; more than twenty have already been baptized, and there is prospect of a larger gathering. Rev. D. W. Crandall has baptized quite a large number of late, in two or three sections of his field, and the good work seems to be going on. Rev. J. A. Stabert, who has held a pastorate in this county for nearly forty years, is labouring on the Tusket field with all the energy of a young man. The church, too, is vigorous, and seems disposed to contribute liberally to the master's cause. At Oble, the Rev. J. T. Eaton is somewhat encouraged. A beautiful new meeting house is nearly ready to be occupied, and it is much needed, for the old house is very uncomfortable in winter time.

Financial matters in all this region have been greatly depressed of late, but the churches are determined to do pretty well for the convention fund. The First Yarmouth church stands next to the Fredericton church in the amount of its contributions since convention, and the latter is at the head of the list at the present time. The Temple church will add nearly one hundred per cent. to the amount of last year, and Milton will probably furnish the sum allotted to it.

At Digby, I found the little church happy and prosperous in their new house of worship. With a beloved and efficient pastor, and revival influences resting upon them, their prospects for success are bright. Rev. L. B. Gates who has a pleasant home at Digby, kindly drove me to Hillgrove, his present field of labour, where a large congregation listened to the word and accepted collecting cards. I was especially interested in this locality as the scene of the last labours of Rev. Richard Cunningham, and his burial place. The next evening found me at Smith's Cove, where revival meetings had been held for several weeks, and where all the denominations of Christians in the place had shared in the blessing. At the request of the Rev. Dr. Armstrong, who was looking after the religious interests of the community at that time, I addressed the people and distributed cards. The meeting was one of much power, and eleven persons rose for prayers at its close. The little church has one of the finest new meeting houses in the province. It will be opened for public worship early in the summer. With an intelligent earnest pastor this church should have a successful career. Bear River was my next stopping place. Here I attended conference meeting, and occupied the pulpit time on Sabbath. Collecting cards were distributed with encouraging results, although without a pastor, the church is nobly holding on its way. Several cases appeared to make business matters very

difficult, but it was thought that spring would produce a revival of trade. A faithful pastor will find here an excellent field of labour. From this point I passed on to Clements, where Rev. E. N. Archibald is labouring indefatigably in his master's cause, and with much success. A large hall is to be built at Clementsport in which religious services will be held. This is an important section of the church, and a place for public worship is much needed. At Bridgetown and Waderville I spent a Sabbath with Rev. W. E. Warren. Good, solid work has been done on this field by the present pastor, and I do not wonder that his resignation was not accepted. Bro. Warren is one of our most intelligent and faithful pastors.

(To be continued.)  
G. E. DAY.  
Yarmouth, March 20, 1886.

**Religious Intelligence.**

**NEWS FROM THE CHURCHES.**

**CHAGNON, N. S.**—We visited the baptismal waters, at Chester Basin once again yesterday; four young men and boys thus followed the example of Christ. Others will doubtless follow soon. Bro. Cummings from Frazar was with us yesterday, and did good service. He will remain with us a few days.  
J. F. KEMPTON.  
March 15.

**NORTH SYDNEY.**—The good work here is still advancing. Our meetings were continued during the past week, and were well attended. Our hearts have been cheered by hearing those who have just found the Saviour, testifying of the power of the grace of God to save. Almost every evening we have seen some rising for prayers who have not done so before. Our meetings are continued each evening this week. We are hoping to see many yet brought to Christ. Last Sabbath I baptized seven, and welcomed eight into the church. To God be all the praise, for these rich displays of saving grace.  
J. W. BANCROFT.  
March 16th.

**MAIN ST., WOODSTOCK.**—It was our privilege to visit the baptismal waters yesterday, and administer the blessed ordinance to a number of souls. We are holding special meetings and the Lord has come amongst us. Yesterday was a blessed day with us. At the close of the service last evening, six rose for prayers. We expect to visit the waters again next Sabbath. Brethren, remember the Main St. Baptist church of Woodstock in your prayers.  
A. T. DYKEMAN.  
March 15.

**TORQUE, N. B.**—Bro. C. Henderson is actively engaged on this field. He traverses the entire length of the river, over fifty miles. Under his charge are three promising church organizations and five Sabbath schools. The population of this valley consists of some two hundred families, fairly widely scattered, yet Bro. Henderson manages to visit them all. It was my privilege to preach in the new church at Forest Glen, and became slightly acquainted with the congregation. The work accomplished here, considering the circumstances, is simply marvellous. Both pastor and people have done all they could. Any church or Sabbath school having old libraries on hand would materially help by sending what they could spare direct to Rev. C. Henderson, Andover, Victoria Co., and thus assist the Sabbath school cause.  
W. E. McINTYRE.

**ANDOVER.**—Bro. A. E. Ingram has been holding special services, and a good degree of interest is shown. Already three or four have professed conversion while several others are inquiring the way. All seem to be longing for a greater outpouring of God's Spirit.

**LAKEVILLE CORNER, SUNBURY CO.**—There was great rejoicing here on Lord's day morning, when two brothers—Miles and James Oimasted—followed their Lord in baptism. They received the right hand of fellowship and sat down with us at the Lord's table. There are more to follow. Brethren rejoice with us.  
J. W. WEAVER.

**"A member" writes.**—The pastor, the Rev. J. Webb, of London, England, is indefatigable in his labors for the cause.

**SYDNEY, C. B.**—Two more were added to the Sydney church by baptism, March 7th, making twenty-two baptized on this field since the beginning of the present year.  
E. F. GOLDWELL.

**ARVILLE.**—It was my privilege on Sabbath, Feb. 23th, to baptize three persons and welcome them to the fellowship of the church. Others are inquiring the way.  
J. D. SKIFFER.

**PORT MAITLAND AND BEAVER RIVER.**—Since last report I have baptized 6 more at Port Maitland and 6 at Beaver River. Four more have also received by letter and experience, so that thus far 68 have been added to our numbers. Two more have also been received for baptism, and there are others that we hope to see come.  
Jas. J. DeWOLFE.  
March 15.

**HALIFAX.**—Granville Street Church reunion. The Granville street church tried an experiment on the evening of the 6th instant, which proved so interesting and profitable that it will not fail to be repeated, in the coming year. Perhaps some of your readers would like to know about it. A circular signed by the pastor and clerk had been issued on January, and a copy sent to each member of the church. No other invitations were given. The following extracts from the circular will show the design of the meeting: "The first annual reunion will be held (D. V.) Friday evening the 6th of March next, in the Spring Garden Hall. Tea will be served from 6 to 7 o'clock, and the remaining part of the evening will be devoted to social and religious exercises. The roll will be called, and it is earnestly hoped that every individual person will respond either in person or by letter." The ladies had made a most inviting and beautiful provision for their share of the programme, and at 6 o'clock, about 143 persons surrounded the tables. After tea a pleasant hour was spent in hand-shaking and social intercourse; and at 8 o'clock all adjourned to the large audience room of the hall to enjoy the second and most interesting part of the programme. Here the exercises opened after singing, with prayer by the pastor, who presided. Then Bro. B. H. Eaton, the clerk of the church, called the roll of members, and those of those present rose and responded briefly, as his name was called. One hundred and forty thus answered the roll call in person, and of those absent, 15 responded by letter; reports from others were given by friends present, and out of the two hundred and thirty-three the entire church membership, there were only about a doz-

en whose address was unknown or who could not otherwise be satisfactorily accounted for. After the membership had been heard from, the reports from the different departments of church work were given in order. Bro. John Burrows, who has just completed seven years of successful work as superintendent of the Sunday school, reported increased interest and attendance in that department, giving statistics: Bro. A. L. Wood gave a brief history of the origin and growth of the mission school, now numbering 45 members, undertaken during the year, and spoke with energy and enthusiasm of the good prospect of doing more and better work in connection with missionary effort in the future. The work of the W. M. Aid society, was reported by Miss Selman, and Mrs. Hart showed what had been accomplished by the Mission Band, of which she has for several years past been the devoted superintendent. The Miss Society reported through Mrs. Cline, that work had been organized, and that \$1200 had been raised during the year by the male collectors; and the chairman of the finance committee reported about \$2,500 raised by voluntary weekly offerings, out of which the entire current expenses of the church had been paid, in addition to the \$252, old debt, leaving a balance of \$1200 on hand. He also reported in addition \$576, for the "convention fund," and reported of \$2000, special contributions raised during the year. The work of the year has been most successful. After paying all its debts and making liberal contributions for benevolent purposes, the church has now on hand \$2000 of \$2000, chiefly for the new building, together with subscriptions amounting to about \$10,000 more. Much of the progress is due to the pastor, Rev. W. H. Cline, who may well feel encouraged on reviewing his first year's labour in connection with the church. The work of building the new chapel has been commenced, and we expect by the end of the present year to have moved to our new quarters on Spring Garden Road—a beautiful site, that will afford increased opportunities for enlargement and progress.  
E. D. K.  
Halifax, March 13, 1886.

**WITNESSING.**—We have seen the "arm of the Lord revealed" in Judonore. Six more were baptized into the fellowship of the East Jeddore church on Sunday, March 14th. I had the privilege of baptizing 33 into these two churches, between the two Sabbaths of March 7th and 14th. In that time 40 received the right hand of fellowship, 4 by restoration and 3 by letter, together with 123 in the membership, 16 were baptized into the East church and 17 into the West. The churches are much encouraged. Bro. Whitman has laboured assiduously and successfully on the west side. He expects to visit the church at Indian Harbour, and is probably there now. May he be successful.

**HARTON STATION.**—The ordinance of baptism was administered to one happy believer on Sunday. The religious interest is very helpful in the church.

**PORTLAND.**—Our meetings last week were very interesting. On Monday evening Bro. and Sister Churchill, our beloved missionaries, were with us, and gave us some very valuable and intensely interesting information on Telugu life and customs. The house was packed with people and everyone who expressed an opinion said: "The best talk I ever heard on missions." Every church in the Convention should have had the privilege of hearing them. On Friday afternoon Sister Churchill came back again and spoke to the ladies, in the interests of the Aid Society in connection with the church. The meeting was most enthusiastic. Officers of the Society were elected for the coming year, and the names were added. I am sure that the missionaries' visit has done as a great deal of good. God bless them in their labor of love. On Friday evening we received two for baptism.  
W. J. STEWART.

**PEQUAM.**—Three persons were baptized on Sabbath morning, March 14th. Bro. and Sister Churchill, our beloved missionaries, were with us, and gave us some very valuable and intensely interesting information on Telugu life and customs. The house was packed with people and everyone who expressed an opinion said: "The best talk I ever heard on missions." Every church in the Convention should have had the privilege of hearing them. On Friday afternoon Sister Churchill came back again and spoke to the ladies, in the interests of the Aid Society in connection with the church. The meeting was most enthusiastic. Officers of the Society were elected for the coming year, and the names were added. I am sure that the missionaries' visit has done as a great deal of good. God bless them in their labor of love. On Friday evening we received two for baptism.  
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**MIDDLEBORO, CUM, CO.**—For the information of those not familiar with the geography of this place, I would say that the gracious revival in progress here is in connection with the Wallace Baptist church on the Wallace River, a magnificent stream that flows through one of the finest portions of Cum. Co. The Baptist meeting house and centre of operation is in Middleboro. The good work is advancing gloriously. Nine more were baptized last Lord's day at the close of the afternoon service, and welcomed into the fellowship of the church in the evening, making 67 received by baptism during my present visit. Seven others have been added by letter and restoration. I am to remain in these parts another week and expect to divide my labour, as was my last week between Wallace River and Pequash. The prospects for a successful week are auspicious. I am planning to close my work here for the present, this week, and proceed westward. It will be hard, however, to tear myself away from this field. It is exceedingly desirable that a good man be sent here in order to carry on the work. There are multitudes now to be brought to Christ. I have held afternoon services at Six Mile Road, Halifax, Wallace Bridge, and Doherty Creek, with gratifying results, and many in every direction are seeking the Lord.  
E. W. WALLACE.

**CUMBERVILLE AND BATHURST, WEST CO., N. B.**—Coteau Village, one of my fields of labour, is located between Midgie and what is known as Big Shenogue. There is no church in that place yet.

Some time ago we commenced special meetings and continued three weeks. As its result, backsliders have been quickened, and precious souls have been born to God. Fourteen have been baptized with Christ by baptism. More are to follow soon. The outlook is encouraging. We expect in the near future to organize a church. We have been holding some meetings this week with good prospects. There is quite an awakening. We expect to visit the baptismal waters to-morrow, the 14th. This church has a new and commodious meeting house well under way. The outside is finished. We expect to furnish and open it the coming summer. The outlook is good.  
D. S. GARSTON.  
March 17, 1886.

**WOLFVILLE.**—The weeks ago Rev. S. T. Band preached for Rev. Dr. Higgins last Sunday Rev. Dr. Day gave the Wolfville congregation one of his able sermons, and made an appeal on behalf of Convention Fund. The Horton churches are to meet in Conference, at Wolfville, on 31st inst., to renew old friendships, and to consider more effective work that may be done for the cause of Christ in this region. The movement is important and timely. On the 19th inst., Prof. Behrman D. S. C., of Halifax, lectured on "Darwinism and its results," before the Acadia Athenaeum. He carefully and clearly explained what is meant by Darwinism as distinguished from Evolution.

He affirmed that this theory is accepted by the rank and file of Scientists, though not by the great scientific world, such as Helmholtz, Huxley and Wallace. In respect to scientific matters, we are bound to accept the verdict of scientific men. If we accept Darwinism, he next inquired, what result would follow in respect to long established religious beliefs? He then proceeded to show that the main arguments for the existence of God, and the immortality of man would remain unaffected though Darwinism were accepted. For clearness of reasoning, clearness of thought, and literary finish, the address was of a very high order.

In responding to the vote of thank tendered him, Dr. Schurman referred to his pleasant associations with Acadia, as a student and as a Professor; he congratulated the students on the advantages they enjoy, advantages they would appreciate more highly a few years hence than they do now. Referring in complimentary terms to the Faculty, he said that President Sargent has no superior as a leader of Philosophy. The College has been greatly shocked and pained to learn of the death of Mr. Theodore H. Porter of the Juris Class. The President will, on Monday afternoon, make the event the subject of an address to the Institution here.

**LESLIE DRYDEN.**—On the 13th Feb. I baptized four happy believers in Christ, all he de of families.  
F. A. KIDSON.

**TRINITY VALLEY.**—For passage: Mrs. Patterson; Mrs. S. Bulmer; "a friend"; Onslow; Clide river School; John Nichol, Chas. Spencer, C. E. Pratt, \$2.00.  
GEO. McDONALD.  
Summerside, March 19, 1886.

**P. S. Reader,** please pray for Summerside, and expect good news next week.

**HARTPORT.**—Rev. G. Churchill's visit to this place did great good. To hear him is to become interested in missions.  
J. A. McI.

**SPENCER ST.—Last Wednesday evening** the audience room of Brunel St. church was well filled with attentive listeners to hear our missionary, the Rev. G. Churchill, tell of his life in India, the manners and customs of the Telugus, their method of living etc. We were led to thank God more than ever that our lives had been cast in this favored land, where we had sought to hinder us serving the Lord, and how many refused. Several of our young people were dressed in costume, and after the collection Mr. and Mrs. Churchill sang in Telugu, the low sweet strains coming to our ears as a message from that far off land, and thus ended one of the most successful missionary meetings I have ever seen in my pilgrimage to witness. It took me back to my childhood's days when Mr. Burpee left these shores for India, and the enthusiasm was at white heat. Oh! I trust the power of the Most High may overshadow us in our mission work, at home and abroad, and we shall see such an outpouring of precious souls to the Shiloh of our God, as will gladden the hearts of the praying ones.  
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**PERSONAL.**  
Bro. J. A. McLean wishes to thank his church and congregation for a very generous donation.  
Bro. Geo. H. Goudey, having accepted a call to the pastorate of the Baptist church of Freeport, Digby Co., N. S., and having entered on this duty, desires all correspondence addressed to him there.

Bro. F. M. Young of Antigonish, has accepted a call to the pastorate of the Dorchester Baptist church, N. B., but does not expect to begin his work at Dorchester until July. May the Lord crown the new relationship with his blessing.  
Dr. Armstrong, who has been unable to preach for some time through illness, and who was living at Bridgetown, where he has been pastor for twenty years, was made the recipient of a donation of \$50.00 from his old friends there. Bro. Warren was chairman when the donation was presented. Miss Jane Tupper, a Methodist young lady, was one of the leading promoters of this kindly act. Dr. Armstrong has fully recovered from his illness, and is ready to enter on his much needed work again. Here is a chance for a doctor to get an experienced and faithful pastor.  
March 17.

**Convention Funds Received.**

Ladies Ex. Committee, Wolfville, Mission in N. W. T.	\$20 00
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Granville St. church, Halifax	5 00
James E. Dunn, Bear River	5 00
Kemp, Hants Co.	7 00
West Brook, Cum. Co.	3 00
Caweddie, P. E. I.	11 00
Mr. E. P. Shaw, Yarmouth	20 00
Carlton & Victoria, Quarterly Meeting	24 65
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G. E. DAY.  
Yarmouth, N. S., March 22nd.

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