

From the Churches.

FIRST CHURCH, HALIFAX.—Two young women were baptized by the pastor at the close of the Service on Sunday evening.

A. C. CHUTE.

Nov. 7th.

NEW GLASGOW.—Last Sunday I was privileged to give the hand of fellowship to Mrs. S. M. Morand, of Waterville, Conn., Mr. Cooper and Mrs. Carr, of Halifax, who, now that they are residing in New Glasgow thought it best to have their membership with us.

G. P. RAYMOND.

PARRISBORO.—Since we last wrote you a number have put on Christ in baptism, and united with the church. Last Sabbath evening we received into our fellowship, Capt. Hayer, and wife. At the same service two men rose for prayers. The Lord is blessing his own word; saints are waking up to duty and sinners are fleeing from the wrath to come.

R. H. HOWE.

HANTPORT.—Our annual conference and business meeting was held afternoon and evening, Nov. 5th. In the social part of the service we sat in a heavenly place. The reports from all departments of work were very encouraging, betokening a most healthy condition of the whole body. Thirty one have been added during the year and financial obligations promptly met. The outlook is unusually bright for a glorious work the coming year.

D. K. HATT.

BRIDGETOWN, N. S.—Yesterday 7th, was a good day with us when it was our privilege to receive 20 into our membership. We have been holding a few special services both in the town and at Centreville with encouraging results. The good work is still going on and we expect to visit the waters again next Lord's Day. We are closing our eighth year in the pastorate here in the midst of a delightful work of grace for which we are thankful to Him who causeth all things to work together for good to His own.

PASTOR.

ROLLING DAM AND BARTLETT.—We conducted revival meetings 2 weeks with the church at Rolling Dam. There seemed to be a lack of the requisite preparation on the part of the church that notwithstanding many were converted. Three were baptized Sunday Oct. 31. We expect other accessions to membership in the near future. We are now in special work with church at Bartlett. The interest is deepening. The church is much alive. The attendance is large, and we expect much good to be done.

W. H. MORGAN, Pastor.

SUMMERSIDE, P. E. I.—Our Pastor, Rev. W. H. Robinson, preached his farewell sermon here to a very large and appreciative audience Oct. 31st. He goes to his new field of labor at Antigonish, N. S., carrying with him the prayers and best wishes of all the members of the church. He will be greatly missed and gratefully remembered by many. He was also highly esteemed by the various denominations here for his work sake. May the blessing of God rest upon him and his dear wife and family in the prayer of us all.

GEO. W. WARREN, Church Clerk.

BEAR RIVER, N. S.—After a pastorate approaching five years, Bro. B. N. Nobles has resigned his charge of the First Hillsburgh Baptist church and accepted a call to Kentville. During his residence here 99 have been added to the church, 81 by baptism. Balance of church debt has been paid, current expenses met, and at this writing a respectable balance remains in treasury. Our relations have been mutually cordial and pleasant. A farewell service was held on Monday evening, Nov. 1st, at which an address was presented to Bro. Nobles together with a purse of \$30. Mrs. Nobles also received from friends several beautiful gifts. Bro. N. and family carry with them the prayers and good wishes of this church and congregation. Our church is now without an under-shepherd, and the Macedonian cry is going out "Come over and help us."

Nov. 8th. W. W. CLARKE, Clerk.

FRENCH VILLAGE.—While we hear of the blessings that have come to other churches and homes, truly we can say, "God has not forgotten us." The grievance in our little church, of which some of

the friends will remember, has at last by much wrestling and prayer to God been removed. God in his own time answered the prayers of his people. "If ye abide in me and my words abide in you, ye shall ask what ye will and it shall be done unto you." Still greater blessings have come to us. God has been quietly working in our midst. Three precious souls have been brought into the kingdom of our Lord Jesus Christ. God works in a mysterious way his wonders to perform. One of these sisters was gently led through her bereavement to lean upon Him who has promised to be the widows' God. Another in her feeble health found peace alone in Jesus. A goodly number gathered at the shore to witness the baptism of these three young sisters.

TOMIQUE VALLEY, N. B.—Monday Nov. 1st, we started from Grand Falls to Denmark, after having visited a few families and taken dinner, we started for the above named place, seven miles through the woods with no roads but a passage cut through. After having been cast out of the wagon twice, once with our head in a peculiar position in the mire, and having pulled the horse out of the mire once we found ourselves at Blason Ridge by 6 o'clock in the evening and proceeded at once to the school house, where only a few were gathered on account of heavy rain and snow, but those present, mostly young people, paid good attention to the word of God. Tuesday and Wednesday meetings were well attended, these friends are hungry for the Gospel and it is our belief that if a man comes among them with a prayerful spirit and good New Testament doctrine, he will be able to draw these people together into one body of communicants. May God bless these Christians who fearlessly have battled for the right and may the Board be guided by the Holy Spirit in sending a man there.

Yours in Christ.

Grand Falls, N. B. N. P. CROSS.

THE LUNenburg PARSONAGE AGAIN.—Our many friends will be glad to know that our Harvest Festival Concert was a grand success. The dollars came in from every quarter till we found in our hands over one hundred dollars. The following are some of the names who have thus remembered us: P. McGuire, Isaac Giffon, W. J. Gates, Mrs. R. Sanford, Mrs. Oxner, Mrs. Oxner, Mrs. Gasper Selver, Rev'd's Churchhill, C. W. Corey, J. E. Blakney, E. A. McPhee, Mrs. Sohier, Mrs. W. L. Archibald, John Nalder, Alex. Scott, Wilber McLaren, Joseph Parker, Mrs. R. T. Harris, Mabel R. Archibald, Mrs. F. W. Verge, W. R. Barnes, Nellie Barnes, Elvira Spidell, Annie Spidell, Willis Keddie, Rev. D. Spidell, Capt. Trefry, Rev. J. Brown, Mrs. J. Brown, Mrs. J. W. Dimock, Mrs. McMillen, Amos Levy, Hunter and Crossley and Judge Chesley, all these one dollar each, Mrs. A. S. Parker, \$5; Mrs. Emily Bligh, 50 cts.; Deacon Lantz, and his brother, 50 cts. each. Before acknowledged \$300.50. Total up to Nov. 10th, \$242.00. Now dear friends, we greatly desire to reduce our debt another \$100 before New Years. A number more have promised help. Welcome to as many as can and really wish to aid us, to send along their dollars while the matter is fresh in their mind. If you could but step into our parsonage and view our very neat and comfortable home, you would feel assured that your money will be well invested. Now who will be the next to give us good cheer?

E. N. ARCHIBALD, Pastor.

CHARLOTTETOWN.—On Nov. 7, the right hand of fellowship was extended to Sister Lizzie Mutch, who came by letter from Summerside, and to brother Herbert Clark, baptized as previously reported. Rev. A. A. McLeod was with us at both services of the same day. Bro. McLeod is on furlough as a Missionary of the Ontario board, being detained over time, on account of the illness of his wife. His sermon and address were much appreciated by the church. The Lord has richly blessed his work in India. In 7 years he has been able to organize three churches with a total membership of 400. The church edifices were built and paid for by the native Christians, and he had hoped before he left the field, to have seen the churches self-supporting. The health of his wife failing he was not permitted to remain to see this. Bro. McLeod is a most interesting and informing missionary. Any of our churches,

desiring inspiration in this great work of the Master would do well to have him spend a Sunday with them. He is glad to serve the work in this way.

C. W. CONRY.

OSBORNE, N. S.—The Lord has been blessing us of late. About three weeks ago evangelist Marple and singer McLean came with us, and from the first the Lord was present to bless. Bro. Marple preached the grand old gospel with mighty power, and sinners were constrained to cry to God for pardon, some whose affections had grown cold, were revived. The singing of Bro. McLean added much to the interest and success of the services. Sunday the 7th inst, six happy believers put on Christ by baptism, viz. Miss Philinda Lloyd, Addie Hayden, Alicia Stephenson, Lewis Williams, Harry Hayden, James Brophy. Others have been converted and will in the near future follow the Lord in his appointed ways. We thank the Lord for the coming of Bro. Marple and McLean among us.

N. B. DUNN.

Osborne, Nov. 11

DIGBY, N. S.—We desire to communicate three facts of interest to the MESSENGER AND VISITOR. First: The members and friends of the Digby church, met over a hundred strong, at the parsonage and after spending a pleasant evening, departed leaving our purse heavier by over \$20 in cash, and our pantry and study richer by over \$12 worth, in cash's equivalent. We thank God, we thank our friends, and take courage. Second: We gladly state a growing interest. Our Sunday evening congregations are growing in numbers. We have candidates awaiting baptism in town. Third: The musical and literary concert under the auspices of the young ladies of the Baptist church, held in Odd Fellows Hall on Thursday evening, Nov. 11th, in aid of the fire stricken Baptists of Windsor, resulted in obtaining \$50 for that worthy purpose.

B. H. THOMAS.

Installation Services.

A very interesting installation service was held in the Tabernacle church, St. John, on Wednesday evening of last week. Pastors Carey, Gates, Gordon, White, Schurman and Halse were present, also Rev. A. B. McDonald of Cambridge, Queens County, Dr. Carey presided. After the usual opening exercises, the pastor elect, Rev. W. J. Halse was introduced and, at the request of the chairman, gave a brief account of his religious experience, his entrance into and work in the ministry in the P. C. Baptist denomination and the change in his views which had now led him to identify himself with the Baptists. For some years past his mind had been more or less disturbed in reference to certain doctrines, particularly the relation of baptism to the Lord's supper, and he had become convinced that the Baptist position in this matter was the true one. This conviction, at the sacrifice of many strong ties, he had resolved to follow, and had accordingly sought the fellowship of his Baptist brethren. Before these statements were made, Dr. Carey had read a communication from the P. C. Baptist Conference certifying to Mr. Halse's good standing in that body at the time of his withdrawal therefrom a few weeks ago. Addresses were delivered by Pastors Gates, White and Gordon. Mr. Gates welcomed Pastor Halse on behalf of the denomination and the churches of the city. Mr. White gave a charge to the new pastor as a minister of Christ, and Mr. Gordon charged the church respecting their duty to their pastor. These addresses were all of a very excellent and appropriate character. Bro. McDonald also spoke briefly and was heard with much interest. After the religious exercises, refreshments were served by the ladies and the proceedings of the evening were then brought very pleasantly to a close.

The Tabernacle congregation offers large opportunity for hopeful effort and we trust that Bro. Halse may be greatly encouraged and blessed in his work.

Church Edifice Fund.

APPEAL TO THE SUNDAY SCHOOLS.

One of the chief hindrances the Home Mission Board experiences in the prosecution of its work, especially on new ground is the lack of some place in which to hold meetings. Sometimes the use of a school

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house or hall or in a few instances the building of another denomination is obtained. It has often happened, however, that as soon as the work began to develop somewhat, the place has been closed against us and the work had to be abandoned or a place of our own built.

To meet this want the Home Mission Board in 1890 started a department known as the Church Edifice Fund. The income for this fund has been small, but it has rendered good service to a few of our weak churches and in some cases has saved our cause from extinction. With an income of even a few hundred dollars for this fund, the Board could render valuable aid to our Home Mission work. In order to increase our income the Board decided at the meeting in September to ask the Sunday-schools in Nova Scotia and P. E. Island to take collections on the 1st Sunday in December in behalf of the Church Edifice Fund. It is hoped that at least \$500 will be raised in this way. All amounts contributed should be sent to the undersigned and he will see that they are placed to the credit of the churches to which the schools belong, in the report of Denominational Funds.

Will the brother who receives this please bring the matter to the notice of his school and seek to secure the collection asked for.

We are sending the above to Sunday School Superintendents whose addresses we can obtain. As we have been obliged to follow the year book of 1896, some who are not now superintendents will likely receive copies. In such cases we request that they be handed over to those now acting as superintendents.

In doubtful cases we are sending copies to pastors with the request that they bring them to the notice of their schools and seek to have collections whenever possible.

We hope to hear from a very large number of our schools in response to this appeal. Let none fail to respond because they cannot give a large amount. The smallest contribution will be thankfully received.

A. COHOON.

Wolfville, N. S., Cor. Sec'y, H. M. B. Nov. 9.

Tailor Talk

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MILLS—MILLER. Abbey Miller, of R. died at the parsonage.

HARLOW—ALLEN. sonage, Lockport. Addison F. Brown, Ernest Quick, Jan. Lillian Ainsley A.

PERNNELL—SCOTT. age, Yarmouth, N. S., and Leah B. N. S.

WEAVER—SUTHER. of the bride, Blisfield, to Mr. of Blisfield, to Mr.

ANDERSON—SMITH. sonage, Fairville, N. G. R. White, Rev. to Emma Smith, al.

STEPHENSON—C. sonage, M. Rev. E. E. Locke, Brooklyn, to Ben. George.

CONDON—NELLY. the bride's parents. Nov. 10th, by Rev. Condon, of Berwick, S. Nelly.

YOUNG—HUBLY. age, Mahone Bay, Pastor R. A. Allaby, Point, and Olive H. ment, Halifax Co.,

OSINGER—WALK. the groom, Nov. 10th, assisted by Rev. Osinger to Myra, Tiverton, Digby Co.

DEWITT—HAMM. Nov. 15, by Rev. E. assisted by Rev. C. Spurr DeWitt, of Nettie M., daughter, Grand Bay.

RUTLEDGE—BATH. the bride's father, N. 27th ult., at 9 a. m. B. A., assisted by Rev. and A. F. Baker, Rev. ledge, B. A., pastor church, Woodstock, Blanche, only daughter of North Kingston, I.

DEA

CONNERS.—At B. Nov. 5th, Mrs. Nathan 30th year of her age.

RAY.—At Midgie, Ray, aged 64 years, of a part in the first re a large family and a to mourn their loss.

LAWRENCE.—On O. rence in the 81st year he had not made a expressed his hope to ake, had forgiven him him an entrance thro. He has been a resident all his life, living of which he was born.

WALSH.—At Mill Annie Walsh, daughter Walsh, aged 26 years, and to her death w. ing and an entrance remaineth to the peop years of age she w. fellowship of the l church, and her life a follower of Christ. highest esteem by all funeral took place on and was largely atten.

HICKS.—At Midgie 5th ult., Lucinda Hick Nathaniel Hicks, aged 4 was a member of the and fell asleep in Je that she would have resurrection. A very friends and relatives course preached on pastor. Our sister w and a friend in need to help or sympathy amised. The sorrowful heartfelt sympathy of large.

ANDERSON.—At M the 28th ult., Susan daughter of John A. was a beloved memb church and earnest w U. and Sabbath Scho was taken sick she w in the public schools they dropped their littl