

which they are engaged, several of them alternating the duty of conducting their regular services and Sunday-schools with taking to the gum-fields to earn the means of subsistence, having in this the example, it is true, of the earliest founders of the faith, who, in fishing and tent-making, and otherwise, labored with their hands in the intervals of their nobler duties. But the whole thing is such a picture of downright practical devotion that it is impossible to not be impressed by the evident sincerity with which these simple-minded aboriginals have caught on to the faith that is in them. There is an interesting glimpse, also, into the political bearings of this work among the Maoris. For there is an evident abandonment of the old wanderings from Christianity into the Hauhaui faith which had proved so disastrous to the race. The new king, Mahuta, whatever may be the value of his royal rights, has ranged himself on the side of the ancient faith, and his proclamations as to the observance of religion and the Sabbath, and the establishment of schools, savour more of the times when kings were nursing fathers to the church than now—when it is the fashion to eliminate everything of the nature of religion from the ways of state."

The Maori king herein referred to has no political significance, although a section of the Maori people acknowledge his authority, and it is pleasing to note that both the present and the late so-called kings have given their support, so far as it goes, to religion and temperance amongst their people. The drink fiend is a great curse to aboriginal races, indeed to all races, but more especially to the former, and strong efforts are being made to prohibit its sale to Maoris, or in the districts more particularly inhabited by them. It may be as well, also, to explain that in the northern parts of New Zealand a valuable gum is found buried in the earth, called "Kauri gum," the remains of Kauri forests long since gone to destruction from fire or other causes. The digging for this gum is a laborious occupation, yet followed by many persons, many being Maoris.

A. B. Maston, whom I mentioned in my last letter, is now on a visit to New Zealand and gave us a call, preaching here twice on Sunday, the 2nd inst. He is in search of health, and is, I am pleased to say, much improved.

I, in common with a number more, am waiting anxiously the advent of A. McLean, who is now in India.

The church in the Nelson (N. Z.) district has had a very successful mission during the past few months, resulting in sixty additions. This is an excellent record for a New Zealand church.

L. J. BAGNALL.

Turua, N. Z., 21st February, 1896.

HALIFAX BUILDING FUND.

Feb. 23, '96. Previously acknowledged,	\$1,752 62
Mar. 4. Bro. M. B. Ryan, Lord's Cove,	5 00
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Monte Walker, do,	10
Total,	\$1,768 72

HENRY CARSON,

Halifax, N. S., Mar. 22, 1896.

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Married.

POOLE McRAE.—At the residence of L. J. Sentner, Esq., Charlottetown, February 6, 1896, by O. B. Emery, Mr. John Ebenezer Poole and Miss Sophia Jane McRae, eldest daughter of John McRae, Esq. All of Montague Bridge, P. E. I.

STEWART-McGREGOR.—In Charlottetown, at the residence of Capt. Samuel McRae, March 11, 1896, by O. B. Emery, Mr. Alexander McGregor Stewart and Mrs. Euphemia C. McGregor. Both of Southport, Lot 48, P. E. Island.

LAMBERT-STEWART.—At Lord's Cove, N. B., Jan. 9th, 1896, Wm. Henry Lambert and Miss Isabella Stewart, M. B. Ryan officiating.

BARKER-STEWART.—At Lord's Cove, N. B., Feb. 8th, 1896, Thomas Barker and Miss Emma Stewart, M. B. Ryan officiating.

ELDRIDGE-BARTEAU.—At Leonardville, N. B., Feb. 26th, 1896, Melvin Eldridge, of Beaver Harbor, N. B., and Miss Flora L. Barreau of Leonardville, M. B. Ryan officiating.

BLACK-FERRIS.—At Fair Haven, N. B., Feb. 29th, 1896, Lawrence Black, of Leonardville, and Miss Bessie M. Ferris of Fair Haven, M. B. Ryan officiating.

MARSHALL-RUGGLES.—At Tiverton, Digby Co., Feb. 26, 1896, at the home of the bride's father, by E. C. Ford, assisted by H. A. Devoe, Heman A. Marshall, of South Range, Digby Co., and Alicia C., daughter of H. M. Ruggles, Esq., of Tiverton, Digby County, N. S.

FILDEN-ANDERSON.—In St. John, on March 25, 1896, by Henry W. Stewart, William Fielden, of Halifax, N. S., to Louisa Anderson, of St. John, N. B.

Died.

MCDONALD.—John McDonald died at his home, New Perth, March 4th, 1896, leaving a young wife and a dear little boy of two years, besides mother, brothers, and many other relatives and friends in sorrow, because of his early and unexpected death. The deceased was a general favorite. Because of his warm-heartedness, cheerful disposition and good-will to all, he will be greatly missed in the community, where, by care and industry, he was laying the foundation for what he hoped to be a well-provided and permanently happy home; but, "in the midst of life we are in death." He is taken, and those whom he so dearly loved are left in sorrow. But does not hope lighten that sorrow? May we not trust to him, by whom the whole creation was subjected to vanity—"in hope?" Hope lightens the sorrow. "Now we see through a glass, darkly." The shadows, by and by, will be removed. Themists will be cleared away.—O. B. E.

McRAE.—Sister Elizabeth (Stewart) the dearly beloved wife of Bro. Peter McRae, of Bedeque, and sister of Bro. Robert Stewart, of Lot 48, died at Charlottetown, March 16th, 1896, aged 63 years. Sister McRae, while in the enjoyment of good health (mental and physical) was a faithful follower of the loving Saviour, being not only helpful in everything pertaining to the well-being of the church, but always ready to help those (without regard to creed) of whom the blessed Saviour said: "The poor you have always with you, and whosoever you will, you may do them good." Now she rests from all her toil. The shadows and infirmities which bore so heavily upon her during the last few years of her life have been removed. She has passed within the veil. "There is no night there." No candle needed, nor light of the sun. All tears are forever dried. The Lamb in the midst of the throne feeds and leads them to living fountains of waters. To the sorrowing husband, daughter and friends, the gospel brings consolation.—O. B. E.

CARR.—At Leonardville, N. B., on Feb. 4th, 1896, Bro. James Carr, aged 66 years, 7 months. Bro. Carr's illness dated back about a year, and during his last days he was a great sufferer. He bore it all, however, without a murmur, and died peacefully. He had been a member of the Church of Christ at Leonardville for about twenty-six years, and has lived an exemplary Christian life. His life was a conspicuous ensample of peaceable, straightforward Christian virtue, and his death is very sincerely lamented by all who knew him. He leaves a widow in great loneliness, who, however, has her sorrow sweetened by the Christian's hope. May the God of all comfort sustain her in her bereavement.—M. B. RYAN.

CALDER.—At Fair Haven, N. B., on Feb. 17, 1896, Mrs. Elizabeth Calder, widow of the late James A. Calder, aged 66 years, 4 months. Sister Calder was baptized by Bro. Willet Rideout, March 20th, 1858, and had been a member of the Leonardville church nearly thirty-eight years. She was highly esteemed by all who knew her, and has entered into rest only after years of suffering.—M. B. RYAN.

WILSON.—At Lord's Cove, N. B., on March 2nd, 1896 Mrs. Effie Marks Wilson, aged 32 years. Sister Wilson died of pneumonia after an illness of only 11 days. She leaves a husband and eight children to deplore her loss. She had been a member of the Leonardville church about eight years. She lived a quiet, consistent Christian life and will be greatly missed by her family and her large circle of relatives and friends.—M. B. RYAN.

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