

Dedication at Sackville, N. B.

The new house of worship erected at Sackville, N. B., was set apart to the use for which it was designed, on Sunday, Jan. 4th. It is finely situated in the village, near the railway station, and the Baptist traveller will hereafter be able to see a building where his brethren worship. It is a handsome, well built structure, and in appearance and appointments does credit to the well known architect, Deacon J. B. Kinney, of Yarmouth. The house is 68x40 feet with two towers eleven feet square, one on each corner of the front. The space between these towers is covered, making the house really seventy-nine feet long. There is also a recess for the choir behind the pulpit, 8x20 feet. The audience room has eighty pews that afford seating room for 400 adults. The pews are ash with walnut trimmings. The room is neat and commodious, and its acoustic properties are excellent. The vestry in the basement is 54x40 feet. There are also class rooms and all the conveniences of the modern church building. The baptistry is conveniently arranged. The electric light is used. The furnace is one of the latest style, cast by Fawcett's.

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Religious Intelligence.

NEWS FROM THE CHURCHES.

TURKEY.—We entered the waters again this morning. The air was cold and bright, and the large company gathered on the snow-covered bank, seemed deeply impressed while beholding the solemn ordinance. Jan. 4. ADDISON F. BROWNE. NEWCASTLE.—I have received and accepted a call from the Newcastle field, and have been laboring there for a short time. The people are kind, but spiritual life is very low; prayer and conference meetings have been abandoned some time ago, but there are hopeful indications. Congregations are good and some interest manifested on the part of the unconverted. Our health is not very good at present, but we are permitted to labor in the Master's vineyard once more, which to us is a source of unspeakable joy. W. G. COREY. NORTH RIVER, P. E. I.—We have nothing of special interest to report from this field. The winter has been so very severe, that it has been difficult to keep up even the regular meetings. However, our congregations have been good, and we are sowing in hope of a good harvest. Our people have been very kind to us. Notwithstanding the fact that they only had about a half crop last fall, they have again and again visited us with loads of the produce of their farms. And last night, while at prayer meeting, one of the congregation pressed a five dollar bill into my hand, and on arriving home, I found that some of the sisters had been there and had left Mrs. Davison in possession of \$30.35 cash. We are very grateful for all the tokens of esteem and love, and trust we may prove ourselves worthy. F. D. D. ST. MARY'S, Kent Co., N. B.—This important field of labor is in need of a pastor. Last summer I spent my vacation with the above named church, under the direction of H. M. Board, and found the people earnest and kind, striving together for the faith of the gospel. I also spent Xmas vacation with them. The meetings were of great spiritual power. All hearts were made glad, and some who know not Christ said, pray for us. The harvest is great, but the laborers are few. Pray ye therefore that the Lord of the harvest may send forth laborers into His vineyard. The people spoke very kindly of Bro. Howe, Fillmore, and Normandy, who labored with them a few days gone by. When it came to return to school, they said, we want a pastor. The St. Mary's church is grouped with the Buctouche and Co-caigne churches, making an interesting field. May the Lord bless the people and give them a shepherd. J. L. KINNEY, Lic.

The movement which resulted in securing this house was begun by the sisters, who contributed \$1,000 to the work. Friends of other denominations helped nobly. A debt of \$530 remained when the house was finished, but at the morning service, by the skillful work of the pastor and Dr. Hopper, the people were induced to provide for the whole of it, so that the house was dedicated free from debt, and the collections, which were large, are in hand for further good purposes. It is proper to say that the church is indebted for this house of worship to the wisdom, zeal and business ability of their faithful pastor, Rev. W. E. Hall, who was greatly aided, as our pastors generally are, by the tireless labors of his wife. The opening services were very largely attended, the congregations being much interested in the welfare of the church. Rev. Dr. Hopper preached the opening sermon and offered the prayer of dedication. The pastor, Principal Borden of Sackville, and Rev. J. D. Skinner, assisted in the services. The congregation was addressed in the afternoon by Prof. Keirstead, and in the evening by Rev. D. A. Steele. Rev. A. H. Lavers, and Rev. Mr. Wells (Methodist) also took part in the exercises. It was generally felt that the religious exercises were very profitable, and that the day marked an advance for the cause in Sackville. It would be well if some of the sermons preached should be published in the MESSANGER AND VISITOR. The music was specially prepared for the occasion, and was well rendered by a large choir, with Mrs. F. Ryan as leader and Miss Minnie B. Hall as organist. We congratulate our brethren at Sackville upon their prosperity, and trust that spiritual blessings in large measure may descend upon them.

Foreign Missions.

The regular monthly meeting, and first meeting of the new year, of the Foreign Mission Board was held on Wednesday, the 13th inst. Present: Revs. G. O. Gates, C. H. Martell, F. D. Crawley, J. H. Saunders and W. J. Stewart; Messrs. T. S. Simms, Mont. McDonald, John Marsh and James Estey. Prayer was offered by Bro. Saunders; minutes read and approved. Rev. S. McC. Black, editor MESSANGER AND VISITOR, was presented and invited to a seat. Letters were read from missionaries Sanford, Higgins, Shaw and Archibald. Bro. Higgins is nicely settled at Chicoate, and has had the pleasure of baptizing two converts (Eurasians)—a Mr. Wells and wife—at Kumey. Bro. Sanford's letter was reported in last MESSANGER AND VISITOR. Bro. Shaw, after a very prosperous journey, reached Bimil, and in a few days will proceed to Vizianagram, and hopes soon to be settled at his new quarters. Bro. Archibald, as you are aware, is now in Colorado.

After the home correspondence was read and disposed of, the committee on candidates reported that having made the usual investigations, and having received a medical certificate of health, they most cordially recommend that Bro. H. Y. Corey be appointed to a position on our staff of missionaries, and that he be sent out to the Telugus on the completion of his collegiate and theological studies. This report was unanimously received and adopted.

The committee further reported that having received a request from the Executive Board of the Woman's Baptist Missionary Union, accompanied by medical certificate, requesting the appointment of Miss Matilda Fillmore, of Harvey, Albert Co., to a position on the staff, and having had a very satisfactory interview with Miss Fillmore, they recommend her appointment. This report was received and adopted, and it was further resolved that Miss Fillmore

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NOTICES. District meeting of Gushybro and Antigonish Co.'s will be held with the church at Isaac's Harbor, Jan. 21, 1891. Pastors and delegates please attend. DAVID PRICE. The P. E. I. quarterly meeting will meet with the St. Peter's Road church, on Tuesday, the 20th of January, at 10 a. m. We hope as many of the churches as possible will be represented. F. D. DAVISON, Secy.

The Lunenburg Co. district meeting will hold its next session at Bridgewater, on the third Tuesday in June. We hope for a good attendance. Will pastors and delegates proposing to attend, please notify the undersigned at Bridgewater, so that entertainment may be provided? The programme for the meetings is as follows: Addresses on Home Missions, Foreign Missions, Education, Christian Benevolence, by Pastors Brown, Marsh, Raymond, and McNeil respectively. Also a paper on Close Communion, by Pastor Williams, and a paper of his own choosing, by Pastor Whitman. C. W. COREY, Secy.

Gratefully Acknowledged. Pastor I. E. Bill was recently placed on the sunny side by his people. The pastor's wife was also very kindly remembered. On Christmas Eve, a dainty bonbon box was left at our home, containing ten five dollar gold pieces, the generous gifts of the married ladies of this church and congregation. Besides this were many gifts from individual friends. All these tokens of regard and appreciation meet us here, and we are more than ever made glad, and more than ever grateful to our thoughtful and generous people. W. C. GUTCHER. St. Stephen, N. B.

On Monday evening last, a number of the younger members of the Baptist church congregation called upon their pastor, Rev. J. A. Gordon, at his residence, and presented him with an address expressive of the kindly feelings existing between the pastor and his flock, and trusting that these pleasant relations might lastingly continue. The sisters also presented several substantial tokens of their esteem, among which were a handsome lamp for the study and a silver butter cooler and knife. These, it may be remarked, are but a few of the many expressions of good will received by the pastor and his family at the hands of their people during the year just closed.—Charlotte-town Examiner.

Acknowledgments. The following contributions have been received towards the Noel Baptist church: Deacon L. Dimock, Ashdale, 25c; Mrs. Dimock, 20c; Mrs. Chas. Dimock, South Rawdon, 10c; A. Dimock, South Rawdon, 30c; H. G. Cooney, South Rawdon, 81c; Mrs. L. A. Cooney, 25c; Deacon A. P. Shand, Windsor, 50c; Deacon H. C. Dimock, Windsor, 25c; Deacon E. C. Shand, Windsor, 25c; Rev. Geo. Weathers, Summerville, 25c; L. Smith, Walton, 25c.—total, \$17.85. All contributions will be thankfully received and acknowledged by L. A. Cooney, South Rawdon, Hants Co., N. S. P. S.—Please give to no one that may appear in the field in behalf of the above named church, but send all contributions direct to me. L. A. C. —Mr. R. L. Allan, of Ottawa, writes: "Having been troubled with weakness of the lungs and general debility the past two years, I concluded to give Putner's Emulsion a fair trial. I have taken seven bottles, and find my health much improved, my lungs stronger, my weight increased twelve pounds."

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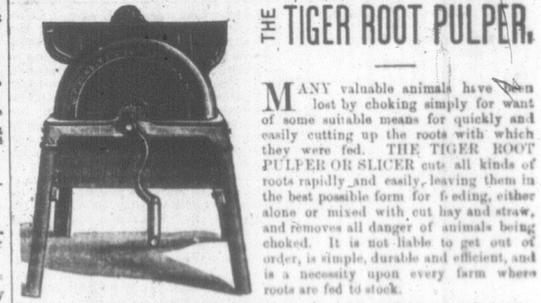
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