

Chicago Letter.

The month of March, 1891, will long be remembered by the people of this city because of the many fatalities from the grippe during that period of time. The death list, over three thousand, was the largest for one month ever known in the history of the city. During the entire month the sun never shone but for two days; this, no doubt, had much to do with the spread and power of the dread disease. But spring has at last come in reality; the birds are singing; the grass is green, and the sun is shining brightly.

THE THEOLOGICAL SEMINARY

at Morgan Park has closed another year of successful work. It has had an attendance of 151 students. The cost of running the school has been \$27,000, and the year closes with these expenses paid, which is a remarkable result considering the large amounts that have been collected for the new university. The commencement exercises have just been held and were as full of interest as ever.

There were 29 graduates; 16 of them having taken the full classical and theological course, received the degree of B. D., four having completed the English course, received the degree of B. Th., and the others the certificate of the institution. The graduating addresses were given by six members of the class, and were fully equal to those delivered on former occasions. The themes treated were: "Every man in his place"; "Pastor or Hermit"; "The Pulpit vs. Rome"; "The blessedness of the Minister's life"; "The Minister and Biblical Criticism"; "The Bulwark of Europe." The first was given by J. R. Baldwin, of Wyoming, Ontario, Canada, and the last by S. J. Shoemaker, of Bulgaria, Europe.

THE UNIVERSITY AND SEMINARY

have been united by the two boards of trustees. The seminary becomes the divinity school of the university, and is to be moved to the university grounds. The Theological Union will still continue its existence, and have, as in the past, full control of the theological department, appointing all professors, etc. It will have its board of trustees, all of whom must be Baptists, while only two-thirds of the university board are required to be of that faith. The president of the university will be president of the divinity school. The theological department will confer no degrees, but degrees will be conferred by the university on such divinity students as are designated by the board of the divinity school. Thus it will be seen that while the two institutions will be one, yet the theological department will be under strict denominational control.

THE SOCIAL UNION

is a prominent institution among Chicago Baptists. It is a lay members' association; ministers never appearing at its gatherings, but as "invited guests." It meets four times a year and always has a good time, consisting of fraternal handshakings, introductions, a good supper, and excellent speaking. The last meeting was held in the Grand Pacific Hotel. The attendance was large. The graduating class of the seminary were among the guests, and one of their number spoke for himself and his companions. The address of the evening was given by the Rev. R. H. Conwell, of Philadelphia, the man who is said to preach to the largest congregation in America; his new house of worship seating over 4,000. He also runs a college for working men, which he expects will shortly have an attendance of 2,000. He spoke on "The relation of the New University to the Laboring Man," and held the attention of his large audience spell-bound from the first sentence to the last. He touched on oratory, music, medicine, science, etc. He said oratory was a mysterious power, hard to define; he thought it was "whistling for a dog and he comes to you." He spoke of degrees, and thought that men should receive them who could pass the required examinations, no matter how the knowledge was acquired, and announced the fact that his Working Man's College had just received power from the State to confer these much coveted titles. Whether this would be a help or a hindrance to his educational work among the working people remains to be seen. It will be a great pity if the school—a night school for working people—degenerates into a machine for manufacturing cheap degrees.

HERE AND THERE.

There is to be a National Convention of Baptist young people in Chicago, July 7 and 8, for the purpose of organizing a Young People's National Union. A note from Dr. S. F. Smith, author of "America," received this morning, says: "You are projecting a great meeting, the results of which I hope will be equal to the conception. I will endeavor to set them singing in due time." May God permit him to write the grandest hymn of his life for this young people's movement.

Dr. D. B. Cheney, one of our strongest ministers, one who has served in the pastorate for forty years, in Boston, San Francisco, and Chicago, is lying at the point of death at his home in this city. To day there is said to be some hopes of his recovery. He has two sons in the ministry.

Dr. G. B. Lorimer returned from

Europe this week, and led the prayer meeting in his own church last evening. He is said to be looking well. The attachment between this pastor and his church is something that fills all our hearts with admiration. He is one of the most hard working and devoted men in our ministry.

Dr. Henson goes to Philadelphia next week to further the young people's movement.

Chicago, April 18th.

Home Missions.

BOARD MEETING.

The regular monthly meeting of the Home Mission Board was held on the 13th inst.

TREASURER'S REPORT

showed the treasury overdrawn \$364.14, and several of the missionaries still unpaid.

MISSION REPORTS

were received from Brethren Wallace and Young, general missionaries; Rees, of Fall River; Crabbe, of Newcastle, North; Cox, of Seneca; Wright, of Baillie; Blackney, of Rockland; Fields, of Brookfield and Upper Stewiack; Webb, of Quinpool Road; and Nowlan, of Greenville.

GRANTS

were made as follows: 1. To the 2nd St. George church, \$100, from Jan. 1, 1891, to Oct. 1, 1891. Rev. C. E. Pines, pastor, assisted by a student during vacation, whose salary is to be made up on the field occupied by Bro. Pines.

2. To the Weldford church, in connection with the 2nd Moncton, at the rate of \$100 per year, during Bro. Milton Addison's mission, half of the time being given to Weldford church.

A. CORSON, Cor. Sec'y.

Hebron, N. S., April 22.

Organization of a Church at Haymarket Square, St. John, N. B.

Pursuant to a requisition from a company of baptized believers, working at the Mission Hall, Haymarket Square, an ecclesiastical council met on the afternoon of the 21st inst.

The following churches were represented: Fairville—Rev. C. H. Martell and Dr. Caldwell; Hampton—Rev. T. A. Blackadar, Bros. Geo. Sharp and A. A. Mabey; Leinster street—Rev. H. G. Mellick, Deacon T. L. Hay and Bro. Geo. Mitchell; Portland—Rev. S. Welton and Deacon N. C. Scott; Germain street—Rev. G. O. Gates, Rev. E. Hickson and Bro. H. Wasson; Brussels street—Deacons N. B. Cottle and J. D. Keirstead; Rotheray—Bro. H. Poole and Deacon T. W. Keirstead.

On motion, Rev. S. McC. Black and Bro. C. F. Clinch were invited to seats with the council. Rev. E. Hickson was chosen moderator, and S. Welton, clerk.

The council being duly organized, the moderator called upon Rev. A. E. Ingram, as representing the brethren and sisters worshipping at Haymarket Square, to place before the council the steps which led to the calling thereof; also, the reasons for organization. This being done, a lengthy discussion followed, at the conclusion of which the following resolution was unanimously carried: Moved by Bro. Geo. Mitchell, and seconded by Bro. C. F. Clinch, that this council approve of the course pursued by the brethren and recommend organization.

On motion, Rev. A. E. Ingram, Bro. Cottle and Clinch were chosen a committee to arrange the details for the organization and recognition service to take place in the evening. This committee reported as follows: Sermon, Rev. C. H. Martell; hand of fellowship, Rev. E. Hickson; reading of articles of faith and covenant, Rev. H. G. Mellick; charge to the church, Rev. S. Welton; address to pastor, Rev. S. McC. Black; prayer of recognition, by Rev. James Spencer; and benediction by the Moderator. The name chosen by the members of the new church, numbering about 40, was St. John Tabernacle.

Rev. A. E. Ingram was unanimously chosen pastor, D. H. Sprague and Chas. Morrell deacons, E. V. Hatt, clerk.

The new interest starts off with the warmest sympathy of the Baptists of St. John, and the outlook for success is full of promise.

The whole service was of a deeply interesting character, the sermon and addresses most timely and appropriate. The hall was well filled.

S. WELTON, EDWARD HICKSON, Clerk. Moderator.

Rev. Wm. F. Stubbert.

From the New York correspondent of the Yarmouth Herald, we learn that the death of Rev. Wm. F. Stubbert occurred in Bloomfield, N. J., on Monday, (probably) the 6th inst. Dr. Stubbert was graduated from Acadia College with the class of '44, of which he was the last surviving member. His classmates were George Armstrong, Richard E. Burpee, Samuel Elder, Abraham S. Hunt and George Robbins Wilby. In early life Mr. Stubbert moved to Massachusetts, where he held several successive pastorates. In 1869 he was called to Bloomfield, and was pastor of the Baptist church there until 1875, when he retired from the active duties of the ministry. One of his sons, Dr. I. E. Stubbert, is chief surgeon of the Nicaragua Canal Company, with headquarters at Greytown. Rev. J. A. Stubbert, of Ohio, Yarmouth, is a brother of deceased.

To the Baptists of Maritime Provinces.

Although I have no organic connection with the Baptists of these provinces I have an undying interest in the work you are doing for the extension of the kingdom of Christ on earth.

I have lately been laboring in the interest of the cause of God in the parish of Ludlow, Northumberland county, and have had the privilege of listening to the preaching of D. W. Crandall, who has spent the winter laboring with the churches of the South-west Miramichi.

I consider Bro. Crandall's labors in the gospel calculated to build up gospel churches in the faith, which I consider the principal means in the hand of God of saving sinners. I have long been opposed to dragging people into the church who have no more idea of the nature of the church of Christ than a heathen. Bro. Crandall, I am happy to say, instructs people out of the Bible what a Christian church is, and receives those who are drawn by the power of God to yield themselves to His service, following their own convictions of duty.

On this account I recommend him to your sympathies, prayers and contributions as qualified in a good degree to labor for destitute churches. His labors on the South-west this winter have been the means of increased spiritual power in all this region. So we hope and pray it will be wherever he labors.

A. ESTABROOKS.

Religious Intelligence.

NEWS FROM THE CHURCHES.

ANDOVER.—One was received into the Andover Baptist church on the 19th inst., by baptism. C. HENDERSON.

NICTAUX.—Though death has been thinning our ranks at Nictaux, others have come to fill their places. Two were baptized on the 19th inst.

W. B. B.

BEAVER HARBOR, CHAS. CO., N. B.—The work is still progressing here. I had the pleasure of baptizing four happy converts yesterday; three heads of families. I gave the hand of fellowship to seven last eve. Our new church now numbers 39. We hope the end is not yet.

April 20.

NEW HORTON, N. B.—Three were baptized on the 19th inst. Others are expected to follow in a few days. God is blessing us and the prospect over the whole field is becoming brighter all the time. Our prayer is that the good work may continue, and that all the glory may be to Him who alone can give the increase.

E. C. BAKER.

BERWICK.—Dr. Saunders baptized again on Sabbath evening, 19th; making in all 53 since the revival began; seven others are received for baptism. Extra meetings are continued, with unabated interest. It is expected that some of the candidates will receive the rite of baptism in the river near Berwick next Sabbath morning, and others in the baptism of the church at the close of the evening service.

Cox.

April 22. LOWER STEWACK.—Since the commencement of the year we have enjoyed much of the presence of the Lord in our meetings. New voices have been heard in praise of the dear Saviour, and decisions have been made to serve and obey Christ. We had the privilege yesterday, at Windsor, of baptizing a brother, head of a family, and welcoming him to the fellowship of the church. We hope soon to report others publicly confessing Christ by obeying Him.

April 20. I. R. SKINNER.

ST. JOHN.—The Union Baptist ministers met on Monday last as usual at their room, 30 Germain St. There were present: Revs. Messrs. Hickson, Martell, Mellick, Hartley, Spencer, Ford, Welton and Ingram. Rev. Mr. Ford gave a very interesting report of the condition of the church and Sabbath school at Carleton; Rev. S. Welton reported one baptized and one received by letter. Rev. H. G. Mellick had closed the first and entered upon the second year of his pastorate at Leinster St. Rev. C. H. Martell had commenced the fourth year of his ministry at Fairville. Two had been added to the church since last meeting. An interesting paper on Sanctification was read by Bro. Martell and followed by discussion.

WOODSTOCK, N. B.—As announced last week we have been engaged in special effort under the direction of Evangelist Whittier. The F. C. Baptists and Presbyterian churches have been in full union with us in this movement, and we have had the presence in the services, and sympathy in work, of pastors and ministers and leading Christian workers of other denominations in the town and vicinity.

Friday evening, 17th inst., closed the series of three weeks, as far as the evangelist is concerned, and the results are most cheering. Any one acquainted with the religious history of the town will understand the peculiar difficulties in prosecuting work of this kind, but despite these obstacles the work has moved on. All the churches have been more or less blessed in the conversion of souls, and much has been accomplished in reviving the unity of spirit among the churches, and a better feeling between individual members. Bro. Whittier has fully sustained the reputation earned at Louisa and Fredericton, of being a devoted and faithful laborer. He does not believe in superficial work, and in all his methods betrays the spirit of one deeply conscious of man's need of salvation and of God's readiness to save. Although almost eight months of incessant toil have just been passed, the work here was pushed with the utmost vigor, and the large and interested congregations that have attended the preaching of the word every afternoon and evening attest Mr. Whittier's power and skill as a worker. On Thursday evening at the closing inquiry meeting there were 77, most of whom are now converted—the largest number of anxious ones that presented themselves at any one time. Altogether, however, taking into account those newly converted,

wanderers restored and those who have in some way expressed desire to be Christians and not yet fully decided, in the vicinity of a hundred have been reached in these three weeks. Only a few men have been brought in, and while our hearts are sad over the fact we can but rejoice that a large number of the Sunday school scholars and others are rejoicing in Christ. The pastors of these churches continue the union services, and we hope to report yet larger results, and also that those who have taken the stand already are being added to the churches. Bro. Whittier, who has come to hold union meetings at Jacksonville is followed by many prayers and kind wishes from Woodstock. Those who have had opportunity of knowing him best, esteem him most. His talents as a preacher, his skill as an organizer, his deep comprehension of human needs, his implicit trust in the old gospel of Calvary, as well as his unassuming, sympathetic, Christ-like spirit, constitute him a laborer that needeth not to be ashamed. Any of our churches that may have thought of entering into engagement with our brother, will do well to keep him in mind for another season, when he will resume work in the autumn. Whatever weight a word of commendation from the writer might have is most heartily and confidently given.

L. A. PALMER.

PERSONAL.

Rev. I. E. Bill has entered upon his pastorate at Liverpool, and wishes all correspondence directed to him there.

Rev. J. D. Skinner has accepted a unanimous call to the pastorate of the First Baptist church of Winooski, Vermont, and desires all correspondence addressed to him as above.

Back Room.

Our new signboard is hanging out in front of our new premises, and is in keeping with our means, yet very handsome; can be seen from either end of Grandville street, towering above all the others. It is impossible now to miss the Baptist Book Room.

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The Canadian Baptist Hymnal is finding its way into our churches, slowly but surely. Hymn books that have been in use before (they hymn and tune or hymn only) are giving place to this finest collection, 18,000 of which have been published up to this date.

Colportage has been attempted at various seasons of the year, with fair results. 462 families were visited last month by our colporteur, who conversed on religious subjects, prayed and left books and tracts, and brought the work of the society before the public at different times. Just think, visiting 462 families with our distinctive principles; think, too, of the many who, in these and other homes, that might encourage this work by sending the society \$5.00 a year that other men might be engaged by the society. The salary of colporteurs must be supplemented ere the society can carry on successfully the work for which exists.

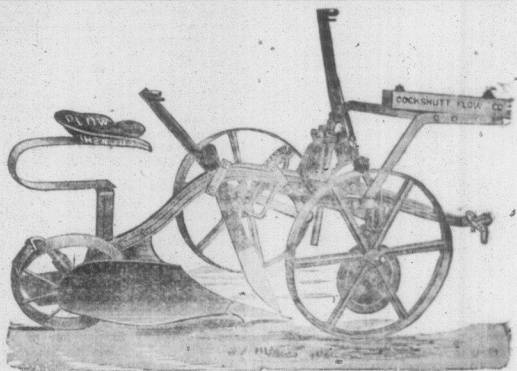
Bro. Geo. A. Filmore, of Lower Turtle Creek, Albert Co., is doing colportage for the society. Let every Baptist Sunday-school, man and woman, pastor and superintendent, see this brother, and get a supply of literature from him and encourage him in the work.

We rejoice that God is blessing so many of our churches, and souls are being added. To such allow a suggestion: take up a collection say, from \$2 to \$5, invest it in tracts—for inquirers, unconverted, young converts, how to do church work, or giving, duty of Baptists and a hundred other subjects. Give these now converts something to read so that they may become active workers, strong to do church work, and be able to save souls. Let all our churches do this and what an amount of Baptist literature would be circulated. Our churches would soon feel the benefit, young people would become specially interested, firm believers in the doctrines, and exceedingly helpful as church workers. The outlay will become a hundred fold of blessings. Begin at once then.

In conclusion I beg to remind the ladies that Christmas worries are over now, and that the special work of carpeting that Committee Room should soon be undertaken.

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Geo. A. McDONALD, Secy-Treas.



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